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SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA, 12 SPRING ST.,
SCHUYLERVILLE, NY

Wednesday, September 30, 2009
6:00 P.M.

Supervisor Thomas Wood opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:07 p.m.

Roll call: Ruth Drumm, Town Clerk, called the roll. Supervisor Thomas Wood- present, Councilman Fred Drumm- absent (arrived at 6:18 p.m.), Councilman Charles Hanehan-present, Councilwoman Betty Koval – present, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – present

Also present: JoAnn Hanna and Pat Temple

Old Business: None

New Business:

On a motion by Councilwoman Betty Koval and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan the following **Resolution #09-87 – Fitch Road Maintenance Agreement** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – absent, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilwoman Betty Koval – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 4 – 0.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the replacement of BIN 1-00705-0 on S.H. 8276 and S.H. 8361, NYS Route 9P in the Town of Saratoga and City of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County under contract D261318; and **WHEREAS**, the State is willing to designate Fitch Road via Official Order as a Highway Detour (hospital detour only) during the bridge replacement; and

WHEREAS, the State is willing to make certain improvements and repairs to Fitch Road as part of said bridge replacement contract,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Saratoga, acting by and through the Town Supervisor, agrees to continue to provide for the winter maintenance of Fitch Road while the Route 9P Bridge is closed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga does hereby authorize, empower and direct the Town Supervisor to sign an Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation related to continued maintenance of Fitch Road; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Saratoga is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing signed Agreement to the New York State Department of Transportation, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On a motion by Councilwoman Betty Koval and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan the following **Resolution #09-88 – Liquor License 30 Day Hold Waiver – The Harvest and Hearth Restaurant** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – absent, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilwoman Betty Koval – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 4 – 0.

WHEREAS, the Town of Saratoga acknowledges that a Liquor License Application is being filed by The Harvest and Hearth Restaurant, 251 County Route 67, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, and in order to hasten its approval, therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is authorized to send a written waiver of the Town of Saratoga's rights to the 30 day hold and that the Town of Saratoga Town Board consents to the processing and issuance of the license by the New York State Liquor Authority.

Councilman Fred Drumm arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Supervisor Thomas Wood reported that the bids for the Old Champlain Canal Tow Path were opened on September 28, 2009 as follows:

- ❖ HMA Contracting Corp., - \$64,070.00
- ❖ Chip Kronau Contracting - \$73,590.00
- ❖ Bob Talham Inc. - \$89,563.00
- ❖ Cleveland Bros. Landscaping - \$96,659.40
- ❖ Peter Luizzi Bros. - \$101,607.00
- ❖ Bombard Excavating Corp., - \$127,000.00.

On a motion by Councilwoman Betty Koval and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin the following **Resolution #09-89 Old Champlain Canal Tow Path Trail Bid Acceptance** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilwoman Betty Koval – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Saratoga recognizes the need for recreational trails in the town; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited via advertising and opened on September 28, 2009; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the **lowest proposal from HMA Contracting Corp., P.O. Box 151, Mechanicville, NY 12118 in the amount of \$64,070.00 be accepted** for the completion of the Old Champlain Canal Tow Path Trail at Wilbur Road pending review and approval by Town Attorney William Reynolds and Town Engineer Kenneth Martin that the bid specifications are met.

On a motion by Councilman Charles Hanehan and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin the following **Resolution #09-90 Schuyler Park Irrigation System Bid Acceptance** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilwoman Betty Koval – aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Saratoga recognizes the need for an irrigation system at Schuyler Park; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited via advertising; and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler Park Committee opened all bids on September 24, 2009 as follows: Rainbow Sprinklers - \$80,500.00, Drumm & Ayers - \$93,780.00 minus \$4,000.00 donation, net \$89,780.00, and Cleveland Bros. - \$81,570.58. They met on

September 29th and unanimously recommended to both the Town of Northumberland and the Town of Saratoga town boards that the lowest bidder, Rainbow Sprinklers, 18 Fonda Road, Cohoes, NY, be awarded the contract; therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the lowest proposal from Rainbow Sprinklers in the amount of \$80,500.00 is accepted for the irrigation system at Schuyler Park pending review and approval by Town Attorney William Reynolds and Town Engineer Kenneth Martin that the bid specifications are met.

JoAnn Hanna and Pat Temple presented the General Schuyler Emergency Squad's 2010 Budget of \$628,705.00. They explained increases in the following areas:

- ❖ Electric and Gas due to a larger new building and the possibility of having both buildings until the old one is sold.
- ❖ ALS payroll increases
- ❖ BLS payroll increases

Due to budget increases the tax rate will increase from \$0.727 per thousand in 2009 to \$0.805 per thousand for 2010, a budget increase of 4.86% resulting in a tax rate increase of 10.729%.

They reported that the new Morton Building will cost 1.2 million. The lowest estimates for paving are \$72,000 and landscaping \$30,000. Supervisor Thomas Wood thanked JoAnn and Pat for their presentation.

On a motion by Supervisor Thomas Wood and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan the board went into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm - aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan - aye, Councilwoman Betty Koval - aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin - aye. Carried 5 - 0.

On a motion by Supervisor Thomas Wood and seconded by Councilman Fred Drumm the board came out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm - aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan - aye, Councilwoman Betty Koval - aye, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin - aye. Carried 5 - 0. No board action was taken.

The board discussed line by line the tentative budget and made cuts where they deemed necessary.

Upcoming meetings:

- ❖ **Agenda Meeting - Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Betty Koval and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan. Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm - aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan - aye, Councilwoman Betty Koval - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin - aye. Carried 5 - 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Drumm
Town Clerk