

Tuesday, 9/11/07

7:00 PM

Town Hall

# STELLA TOWN BOARD MINUTES

## SEPT. 11, 2007

Meeting called by:	Chair Dave Brunette	Type of meeting:	Regular Town Board Meeting
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**OFFICIALS PRESENT: DAVE BRUNETTE, TOWN CHAIR; DEB POLINSKI, SUPERVISOR; BOB GOODIN, SUPERVISOR, JEAN FISH, CLERK, KATHY BAKER, TREASURER**

**OTHERS PRESENT: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.-C. SPITTLEMEISTER, B.TEGEN, PLANNING COMMISSION- M. EADES, E. FRANSON, L. WRITZ, OTHER-J. FINNAN, S. EADES, S. SCHOENECK, S. RING,**

<b>PUBLIC BID OPENING: 7 PM</b>	<b>NO BIDS RECEIVED</b>	<b>Action/Discussion- RE-ADVERTISE</b>
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Call meeting to order D. Brunette

Approve minutes of August, 2007 town board meeting as distributed J.. Fish, Clerk

Action- **Motion made by D. Polinski, seconded by B. Goodin to approve the August, 2007 minutes as distributed. Motion carried.**

Approve Treasurer's Report

K. Baker gave the Treasurer's report with a summary of the August 31<sup>st</sup> balance of the NOW account and the checking account. Action- **Motion made by D. Polinski, seconded by D. Brunette to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.**

- **Old Business:**
  - Fire Dept. Remodeling/Addition Update
  - Steve Ring Request for Rezoning

C. Spittlemeister/  
B. Tegen-Stella Vol. Fire Dept.

Bart explained that progress is being made on the building plans but they are required by the proposed lender (Rural Development) to have an AIA accredited architect draw up the plans. This could add a substantial amount to the cost of the building, but that is unknown at this point. The FD estimates the project to come in at approximately \$200-225,000, including the architect. They need the Board's approval to have an architect draw up the plans so they can proceed. After that is completed, they can start to get tentative prices and can bring more concrete cost estimates back to the Board. After further discussion, **a motion was made by Deb Polinski, seconded by Bob Goodin to approve the Stella Fire Department's request to hire an AIA architect to draw up plans for the proposed remodeling/addition so they can move forward with this project. Motion carried.** The Fire Dept. will arrange for a representative of Rural Development to be present at the October meeting to further explain the process.

Steve Ring, Skip Schoeneck,  
R. Goodin, D. Brunette

R. Goodin and D. Brunette talked with the Oneida County Zoning office regarding Steve Ring's request for rezoning. This was also brought before the Town of Stella's Planning Commission earlier this evening at 6 PM. It was recommended by the Planning Commission that the Town Board approve S. Ring's request to rezone his property from Rural Residential to Forestry 1B. Forestry 1B allows for dwellings. S. Ring stated that all equipment and setup he has on the site at this time is portable so he does not need a conditional use permit until such time as he has a permanent structure on the property in question. He is looking for a more desirable location near the highway, and this is a temporary location for the winter so he wouldn't get robbed blind as in his previous location near Elcho. It was agreed by both S. Ring and the Planning Commission that the hours of operation would be 7 AM-5 PM, Mon.-Fri.; and 9 AM-2 PM on Saturdays, with no operation on Sunday. S. Ring asked if he would be able to put a mobile home on the lot since the other one burned down. Ring already has one primary residence on the 10 acre parcel, and the Board informed him that mobile homes would not be allowed on the property. It was discussed that this rezoning would affect the properties belonging to Dan Matson and Russ Fish also, but D. Brunette informed the board that Forestry 1B would not be any more restrictive than it is now for these property owners. Forestry 1B is less restrictive. Before any formal approval is given to Oneida County Planning and Zoning, this point would need to be clarified for abutting property owners that would be affected. M. Eades said the Planning Commission would also like the option to revisit this in one year to see if there are any complaints to the sawmill operation. **A motion was made by Bob Goodin, seconded by D. Polinski to go forward with recommending the rezoning to Forestry B1 as recommended by the Stella Planning Commission with the stipulation of 7 AM-5 PM, Monday – Friday, 9Am-2PM operation on Saturdays and no operation on Sundays. This will be reviewed in one year to see if there are any complaints. Motion carried.** Dave Brunette will follow up with the county on this issue, since there is no formal request from Steve Ring or the county at this time.

**New Business:**

- ✓ Snowden Lake/UW's approval to pump water

R. Goodin, D. Brunette, J. Finnan

J. Finnan explained his concerns relating to the DNR giving the UW agricultural research station permission to pump water from Snowden Lake, especially during the extended dry spell that we have been experiencing this summer. Bob Goodin said he had talked to Brian Bowen,

Superintendent, UW-Ag. Research Station, and UW only pumped irrigation water one time for 90 minutes. The long-range plans involve the irrigation of an 8-acre field situated north of CT C and East of Snowden Lk. Rd., and in some cases only portions of that field in a given year. B. Bowen indicated they would like to be involved in any public meetings to further address any public concerns that have been expressed. D. Brunette added that UW does not need permission from the town as the request was approved by the DNR. Bob suggested that he set up a meeting with a representative of the DNR, Brian Bowen of the UW research facility, J. Finnan and any other concerned citizens, and the board. Bob will set this up sometime in the next few weeks. This topic will be added to the October board agenda for further discussion.

Dave Brunette, Chair

Dave commented that the proposal to dig out stumps from Camp Bryn Afton Rd. will be placed on hold until he hears from Oettinger Excavating.

Oneida Cty. Planning & Zoning are proposing overlay district changes. Stella is in Overlay Dist. 1 which is proposing to cut home width size standards down to 20 feet wide from 24 feet. The Footprint minimum dwelling size is down to 600 sq. feet from 720 sq. feet. Changes made to 9.73E of the ordinance affects the replacement clause which would affect citizens living in pre-existing non-conforming homes. Dave suggested if citizens want further information on how section 9.73E of the Oneida County Overlay District ordinance may affect your particular property, please call your County Supervisor, Paul Dean, with questions.

**Public Comment**

R. Goodin

Town road cleanup is scheduled for 9/23/07. Signs have been posted.

**Review monthly bills and approve for payment**

Board

Action- Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

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**Adjourn**      There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by: Jean Fish, Town Clerk.