

STELLA TOWN BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2007

Tuesday 6/5/07

7:00 PM

Town Hall

Meeting called by: **David Brunette, Chair** Type of meeting: **Regular Town Board Meeting**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: DAVE BRUNETTE, CHAIR; DEB POLINSKI, SUPERVISOR; ROBERT GOODIN, SUPERVISOR; KATHY BAKER, TOWN TREASURER, JEAN FISH, CLERK

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: J. ADAMS, S. USCENSKY, C. SPITTLEMEISTER, C. CRUMP, J. HEIN, A. RING, A. FISH, K. GOLDEN, AND OTHER STELLA RESIDENTS

Topic	Presenter	Action/Discussion
✓ Call meeting to order	D. Brunette	Quorum present. Meeting notice posted on the 3 town bulletin board.
✓ Approve minutes of April and May 2007 as distributed	D. Polinski	Motion to approve minutes as distributed made by Suprv. Polinski, seconded by Chair Brunette. Motion carried.
✓ Approve Treasurer's Report	K. Baker	The Treasurer's report was given by K. Baker. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by D. Polinski, seconded by R. Goodin. Motion carried.
✓ New Business	R. Goodin	Suprv. R. Goodin stated that J. Adams, Oneida County Sheriff's Dept. and Stella resident, was willing to serve as a liaison on the newly created subcommittee. Jim gave an overview of the current laws regarding snowmobiles/ATVs on county and town roads. Jim could also help in getting the information needed to apply for a grant to help finance this project. Suprv. Goodin asked for volunteers for the ATV/Snowmobile Subcommittee. Those volunteering were Jim Adams, Steve Usensky, Carl Spittlemeister, John Hein, and Jerry Baker. Bob Goodin will Chair the committee and call members to set up the first meeting.
○ Discussion of Proposed ATV/Snowmobile Subcommittee		
✓ Public Comments	Citizens	Several Stella residents were present to express an interest in the town moving in the direction of approving certain town roads for snowmobile and ATV traffic. Pros and cons were offered by the group. Jim Adams, Deputy, Oneida County Sheriff's Dept. and a Stella resident, has worked with other townships in writing an ordinance for

snowmobiles and ATVs using town roads. Snowmobiles are usually given access to the road to the nearest snowmobile trail, whereas ATVs have totally different issues. The main ones being damage to property, noise, and safety. There needs to be lots of communication with property owners abutting the approved town roads. This item will be placed on the July agenda for further discussion. When an ordinance is adopted by the town, Oneida County will enforce it. Questions on liability issues were brought up. The Town Board will need to address these issues with the Town's attorney.

C. Crump stated that Stella is legally a First Responder unit, working with Three Lakes and Pine Lake. Stella now has 5 First Responders. K. Korten Hof, Oneida Cty. Emergency Management is getting rid of an older ambulance which the Town of Stella could possibly get. This leaves the problem of storage for the ambulance. We currently have only 2 stalls for trucks in the town hall building. The fire department would like to construct a 3-bay pole building to store the tanker, brush truck, and ambulance. They have checked into this through Rural Development and for a loan of approximately \$70,000 at 4.125%, the payment would be around \$5000 annually. The department has just recently acquired 3 new members; bringing the total membership to 21. The fire department would like the Town Board to consider including this pole building in the budget. Chair Brunette stated he would be willing to work with the fire department. The Town Board would have to agree on the location for the 40' x 50' building on the property, and we need to put it out for bids. This item will be put on the July agenda for further discussion and possible action.

- ✓ **New Business continued:**
 - **Fire Dept. Updates**

C. Crump, C.
Spittlemeister, K.
Golden

Vol. Fireman Ken Golden stated he had done a safety inspection on the town hall and noted that the outlets near the sink in the kitchen should have breakers. Also smoke alarms are needed in the kitchen and main hall.

- ✓ **Old Business:**

All

John Hein, Stella resident, said Sowinski Farms' trucks are still having issues with the town roads not being adequately cleared of brush. Suprv. Bob Goodin said he would get the brush cutter and start working on them.

Hein stated it would take a year with that small of a brush cutter and that the town should consider having it done with a bigger unit. Hein will get the names/phone numbers of people that do this work in Sugar Camp and let Bob know.

Supvr. Deb Polinski said Oettinger Excavating, who has been doing the town snow plowing in the past several years, would like a verbal commitment that he still has the contract for this coming year as he is anticipating an equipment purchase. Oettinger Excavating was the only bid received at the time and the bid did not have an ending date. Deb Polinski will call Oettinger to confirm.

Also, Deb Polinski will be ordering eight new tables for the town hall as previously approved.

✓ **Approve monthly bills for payment**

Board

Action- Bills were approved for payment.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Submitted by: Jean Fish, Town Clerk.