

May 4th, 2010 Special Meeting

The Special Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on May 4th, 2010. Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Councilman Dale Aldrich
Councilman Stanley Ross
Councilman William Liebl
Councilman Harry Paul Gill

The purpose of the meeting:

Supervisor Thomas stated as the last Board meeting he handed out a proposal from LA Group for a study of the hamlet area and wanted the Board to have some time to look it over, get back together and see what the Board thought about it.

The hamlet part of it is \$25,000.00. It's a Smart Growth Grant from Department of Environmental Conservation and was put together by the Group from Saratoga.

Councilman Aldrich stated this was a grant we applied for and got. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Councilman Aldrich stated this is the only response we had.

Supervisor Thomas stated we really didn't put out an RFP. She contacted him, he told her to go ahead and put together a proposal. He wanted the Board to review it and see what they thought about it. See if we want to seek other proposals or what you wanted to do.

Councilman Aldrich stated he read it over and he thinks it's good but would like to see the industrial park in it also without the \$5000.00. Supervisor Thomas stated that isn't going to happen because that isn't in the hamlet. The hamlet runs on this side of the main creek from Lanfear to Waite Road, and it goes back up a quarter of a mile. Councilman Ross stated he read and was wondering what it was going to do for the town other than gives us a couple ideas. He isn't against it or anything like that. If we could attract some business or something he is all for it. Supervisor Thomas stated one thing she said to him was if the town was to invest money into the hamlet area for example, on the four-corners improve the appearance of the four-corners that intends to attract private monies. People that is going to invest that kind of money into your town sees what the town cares about and make private dollars more attractive. He thinks it's an opportunity for us. The \$25,000.00 is a 100% grant.

Councilman Aldrich stated he thinks it's a step in the right direction. It's a step where we've never been.

Supervisor Thomas stated he would think one of the main things are at the end of it we actually have a half dozen things that we can actually do and accomplish rather than just some plan sitting on the shelf that nobody really has any money to do things with, never gets pursued.

Councilman Ross stated the park is in the hamlet and that would be a nice place to invest some money because that's a nice thing there and it's used quite a bit. No one goes swimming because of the leaches but they have parties there and stuff.

Supervisor Thomas asked if the town would like to pursue a couple more engineering or landscape architects engineering firms, see what they might propose. Councilman Ross stated it wouldn't hurt. Councilman Aldrich stated to put it up to bid or whatever, what is the best route to go and get other ideas of what they would do for this kind of money.

Supervisor Thomas stated they proposed \$5000.00 for they call it an industrial park, Supervisor Thomas would call it a business park. Is that something the Board wants to pursue? He thinks it is something to pursue. He doesn't feel qualified to sit here and say it's feasible to develop an area down there for a business park, how many would be there or what would be best to locate there. He thinks that is a worthy expense of money even if it is Stony Creek Taxpayer money. He does think it will work he thinks it would have good potential. If we could create four or five jobs that would be a lot or make the place for someone else to create. At least this would be answered. Councilman Aldrich and Supervisor Thomas agreed to incorporate this into one. Councilman Aldrich stated when we ask for bids on the total deal. It's a good idea to put this all into one. He understands now that the grant can't pay for it but now would be the time to see what we have there. Supervisor Thomas stated there is a good chunk of property there on the right hand side. Supervisor Thomas will put together an RFP and will send it out and put it in the paper.

Supervisor Thomas stated Councilman Gill asked about garbage pickup. This was looked at in 2000 and will look at it again, he thinks we should look at it for a while because the county is in the process of next fall they will be out of the garbage business. There could be other opportunities for the county and towns. We might not have to take the garbage to the burn plant they might be a cheaper option, it wouldn't hurt for the town to start looking. Councilman Gill has four companies putting up quotes. Supervisor Thomas stated the Town of Hague lease their landfill to Casella Waste and Casella runs there recycling transfer center. The County hired R.S. Lynch and they drafted a solid waste management plan. The county has to put together a plan for DEC. DEC wants a countywide plan and it talks about some of the various options. Reducing waste by recycling and various methods. Before we jump to far we should probably wait and see what direction the county is going in. He doesn't see all the towns doing the same thing because they aren't doing the same thing now. There might be options for us to join up with three or four towns or work with Thurman. It is all definitely going to change here in another year or so or we might all be taking it to the trash plant. Depends on what kind of price they offer us. Councilman Aldrich asked if some other company is going to take over the trash plant? Supervisor Thomas stated the company that is running it now has first option on it, Wheel-a-brator. Councilman Gill stated Waste Management is part owner. He works for Harm Hollow which is own by Casella. Supervisor Thomas stated we may take it there. Hague's waste goes to Clinton County. So it's whatever's cheaper. Councilman Gill stated Luzerne, Greenfield, Warrensburg's C&D they get he thinks they take the regular garbage to the trash plant. Supervisor Thomas stated the town can issue a license to one company, get a price form one company and say ok you pick the garbage up in the town. Councilman Gill stated the companies he talked to will pick up every week, recycling and household garbage. Supervisor Thomas stated we also have to look at the money. We spend money on the garbage here but also generate revenue of \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00. We have to see what it is going to cost, see how it is going to work. There are a few options to look at. We should gather as much information as we can and go from there. Councilman Aldrich stated at one time we entered into a grant deal with Luzerne for a container truck. Supervisor Thomas stated we tried twice for it this was though a Shared Service Plan they wanted to eliminate jobs either in Stony Creek or Luzerne and all we wanted was a truck. So it never got funded. Councilman Gill will have the proposals for the next meeting.

Supervisor Thomas stated we received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce seeking a permanent location for the ATM machine. They are talking about attaching it to the left side of the lean-to. It's going to just be big enough to put the ATM machine in where somebody can go in use it and that's about it. That is his understanding of it.

Councilman Ross asked if it is going to be a closed building. He is concerned about vandals.

Supt. Bradley stated he has to be heated too. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Supt. Bradley stated they are paying for electric. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Councilman Aldrich stated he doesn't think it will compliment that little park much. Supervisor Thomas stated probably not.

Councilman Aldrich stated he doesn't see where it is going to do the town or anybody any good other than someone using an ATM. He doesn't think that is the proper place to put it.

Supt. Bradley stated he doesn't think they will get enough money to heat it.

Councilman Liebl stated it is just another way of bringing money into the town.

Councilman Aldrich stated he doesn't think that is the place for it.

Councilman Liebl stated they talked about putting it here but he wouldn't go for that because of the location. You would have to have a watchman on duty 24 hours.

Peter LaGrasse stated the sensible location for something in this nature would be in the building at 1000 Acres Ranch. Councilman Aldrich stated they do have one and it is probably theirs.

Mr. LaGrasse stated sure but the public can use it.

Councilman Aldrich stated they had it for two years in the Mercantile and now they have no place to put it. Councilman Liebl stated Tavern 16 is the only place that's opened year around.

Councilman Aldrich stated the question put to the Board is would we let them put in there in the mini park. Supervisor Thomas stated they try everywhere they can think of he doesn't thin this is their first choice.

Councilman Ross stated if they could add on to that building and have it look like it did she would probably do all right. If they couldn't match it wouldn't look good on the lean-to and you have to have a heat source. Supervisor Thomas stated he doesn't know what they are thinking for heat, other then a heat lamp or something like that.

067-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Liebl
The Town Board doesn't accept the Chamber of Commerce's proposal on placing the ATM by the lean-to in the mini-park on the four-corners.

Discussion: Councilman Aldrich stated he doesn't think that is the place for it.

Roll call vote, Councilman Aldrich-Yes, Councilman Ross-Yes, Councilman Liebl-Yes, Councilman Gill-Yes Supervisor Thomas-Opposed.

A motion was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk