

**A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson, County of Wayne and State of New York was held in the Town Complex Court Room located at 6380 Route 21, Suite II, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. The following were**

PRESENT: Supervisor James D. Hoffman  
Councilman Gary Orbaker  
Councilman Michael Bixby  
Councilman G. Elliott Warren

ABSENT: Councilman Anthony Verno

The Board reviewed bills for payment.

**The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson was held in the Town Complex Court Room located at 6380 Route 21, Suite II following the Worksession and was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 by Supervisor Hoffman with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were**

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Phil Dean, Todd Brennessel, Ora Rothfuss; Wayne County Planning Board, Tom & Sherry Watson, Eileen Loveman; Sun & Record, and the undersigned Town Clerk were also present.

Ora Rothfuss gave the Board an update on the progress that has been made regarding the Farmland Protection Project Doug and Paul Mason have agreed to participate in. The Mason's have agreed to sell their land south of Ridge Road, 247 acres to the Town through an easement. The County has prepared a grant for this process to be submitted to the State on Friday, September 12, 2008. Mr. Rothfuss has also put together a project budget summary and map to be submitted with the grant which he gave copies to the Board for their review. The grant if awarded will pay the Masons for their land, legal fees, closing costs, appraisals, surveys and any other costs entailed in this project. The Masons are hoping to get the estimated value of \$500,000 for their land. In return, they and anyone they sell it to gives up the right of development. These acres will have to remain farmland/green space forever. If the amount awarded for the State grant is not enough to cover the project, a grant to the Federal government will need to be submitted. The Town, if awarded the funds, will distribute the money as directed.

Supervisor Hoffman presented Tom & Sherry Watson, owners of the "Moongate Gallery & Antiques" located in the Lederer building in Pultneyville with the "Growing With Us" plaque. They opened their doors on August 8, 2008. Supervisor Hoffman thanked them for choosing Williamson in which to open their business and wished them much success.

Public Comment: Councilman Warren commented he did not want taxes to increase due to the Farmland Protection project.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Warren, to accept the Consent Agenda containing the following items:

- a. previous minutes: August 26, 2008
- b. presentation of Town Clerk's report
- c. accept the Supervisor's report for August, 2008
- d. pay the Library bills as audited by the Library Board of Trustees:  
vouchers 1534-1545, total \$ 4,269.62
- e. approve the budgetary transfers

<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>To</i>
<u>General Fund</u>		
A1620.200 Bldg. Equip	\$ 500.00	A1620.100 Bldg. PS
A1990.400 Contingency	159.88	A7550.400 Celebrations
<u>Water Fund</u>		
F1910.400 Unallocated Ins	\$ 4,000.00	F1990.400 Contingency
F8320.440 SPP/Repr.Mnt	300.00	F8320.200 SPP Equip
F8340.200 T & D Equip.	1400.00	F8340.414 T & D Meters
F8340.200 T & D Equip.	100.00	F8340.440 T & D Vehicle Mnt
F8340.200 T & D Equip.	\$16,000.00	F8340.417 T & D Rehab Lines
<u>Sewer Fund</u>		
SS8120.200 Sewer Lines Equip	\$ 1000.00	SS8120.440 Sewer Lines Veh. Mnt.

The motion was carried.

Councilman Orbaker presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption. It was seconded by Councilman Bixby.

WHEREAS: Paul and Doug Mason have expressed interest in selling an agricultural conservation easement on their farm properties in the Town of Williamson; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Williamson intends to develop a memorandum of agreement with the Genesee Land Trust,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Supervisor Hoffman is authorized to submit on behalf of the Town of Williamson with the Genesee Land Trust an application for funds for the Mason Farm to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Program.

Roll call vote on the Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Hoffman  
Councilman Warren  
Councilman Orbaker  
Councilman Bixby

NAYES: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Supervisor Hoffman noted the Town has no obligation in the expenditures towards this process.

The Town Clerk presented the 2009 Tentative Budget to The Town Board.

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise in the appointed papers the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for nominations for the Diann Roffe award. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, October 31, 2008. The motion was carried.

Councilman Orbaker, made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bixby, to authorize the Town Assessor to attend a continuing education seminar on Valuation of Affordable Housing. The seminar will be held on October 10, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Rochester, New York. The cost of this seminar is \$85.00 with all other necessary and actual expenses being a Town charge. The motion was carried.

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise in the appointed papers the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 a leaf removal program being provided by the Western Finger Lakes Solid Waste Management Authority. Residents may take leaves to the landfill site on Pound Road on Saturdays for the month of October from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The motion was carried.

Supervisor Hoffman explained the only cost to the Town will be the labor for one employee to be on site each Saturday.

Public Comment: No one wished to comment.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to pay the following bills as audited:

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Voucher No.:</u>	<u>Totals:</u>
General Fund	1465 through 1490	\$ 9,367.26
Youth	1491	
Highway Fund	1492 through 1510	\$ 12,011.20
Water Fund	1511 through 1524	\$ 5,447.97
Sewer Fund	1525 through 1532	\$ 2,809.94
<u>Drainage Dist.</u>	<u>1533</u>	<u>\$ 946.52</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 9,367.26</b>

The motion was carried.

Councilman Orbaker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Warren, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 7:46 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to return to Open Session at 8:10 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Warren made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene A. Gulick  
Town Clerk