

**A Special Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson, County of Wayne and State of New York was held in the Town Hall Conference Room and was called to order at 11:00 AM on January 22, 2010 by Supervisor James D. Hoffman. The following were**

PRESENT: Supervisor – James D. Hoffman  
Councilman – Gary Orbaker  
Councilman – Michael Bixby  
Councilman – Anthony Verno  
Councilman – Thomas D. Watson

ABSENT:

The undersigned Town Clerk was also present.

Public Comment: No one wished to comment.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 11:01 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to return to Open Session at 11:07 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Verno presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption. It was seconded by Councilman Watson.

WHEREAS: The Town Board discussed a personnel matter in executive session,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Town Board has determined to retain the services of Mary Katherine Villani, Esq. to act as independent investigator regarding the employee and circumstances discussed in executive session. The rate to retain her services will be \$150.00 per hour.

Roll call vote on the Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Hoffman  
Councilman Orbaker  
Councilman Verno  
Councilman Bixby  
Councilman Watson

NAYES: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

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

WHEREAS: The Williamson Town Code Chapters 140-31 D “Sewer” and 173-49 B “Water” requires that utility bills must be paid within 20 days from the date of billing after which a 10% penalty will be added to said utility bill; and

WHEREAS: From time to time, Town residents have found it difficult to pay utility bills in a timely fashion before the imposition of penalties because of delays in receiving said utility bills through the mail; and

WHEREAS: The Town Board finds that a twenty-day grace period within which to pay said utility bills is too restrictive,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the Town Board of the Town of Williamson as follows:

1. The Town Board requests that the Town Attorney prepare the appropriate amendment to Chapters 140-31 D “Sewers” and 173-49 B “Water” to allow a 30 day grace period for the payment of utility bills prior to the imposition of any penalties.
2. That for utility bills issued during January 2010, the imposition of the 10% penalty shall not be imposed until after 30 days from the date of billing.

Roll call vote on the Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Hoffman  
Councilman Orbaker  
Councilman Verno  
Councilman Bixby  
Councilman Watson

NAYES: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Accepting utility bills with a post date versus the date the bill was actually received was also discussed. Supervisor Hoffman will ask the Town Attorney what is legally accepted.

Councilman Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bixby to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise in the appointed papers the week of January 24, 2010 to hold a Public Hearing to amend Local Laws #140-31 D "Sewers" and 173-49 B "Water". The hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on February 9, 2010. The motion was carried.

Public Comment: No one wished to comment.

Councilman Orbaker made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bixby, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene A. Gulick  
Town Clerk