

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, July 8, 2008. The following were

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

ABSENT: None

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, July 8, 2008 by Supervisor Hoffman with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were

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

ABSENT: None

Sharon Lilla and Ora Rothfuss; Wayne County Planning Board, Tom DeMarree, Sharon M. Peters, Gay Mills; Genesee Land Trust, Jim DuBois, Douglas P. Mason, David J. Craft, Jay Peters, Robert Peters, Phil Dean, Eileen Loveman; Sun & Record, and the undersigned Town Clerk were also present.

Ora Rothfuss, from the Wayne County Planning Board gave a presentation regarding the Farmland Protection grant program, which enables the Town or a Land Trust to purchase an easement on a farm to permanently protect farmland by never allowing development on the land. He explained grant money is available from both State (NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets) and Federal (USDA) funds to be applied towards the purchase of an easement from the Landowner by the Town and/or a Land Trust. The grant funds can be applied to the purchase of the easement, closing costs, attorney fees, appraisal, recording fees, and survey. Mr. Rothfuss stated that there is increased interest and funding in the State program and believes there will be grants available for the foreseeable future. Farmland protection easements can be held by a municipality or a land trust, and are filed at the County Clerk's Office. An annual inspection by the Town or a Land Trust is required to ensure the terms of the easement are being followed. In some instances a Land Trust will provide this service for a fee, sometimes the service will be part of an established working relationship between the Town and Land Trust. Mr. Rothfuss stated towns are only allowed to submit two farms for consideration this year. If more than two farms are interested in applying for a grant this year, the Town Board will have to decide between them. Interested landowners should contact Supervisor Hoffman by August 4th. The Wayne County Planning Board can write the grant for a fee of \$1,500.00 to be paid by the Town or applicant landowner.

Public Comment: No one wished to comment.

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

- a. previous minutes: June 24, 2008
- b. presentation of Town Clerk's report
- c. accept the Supervisor's report

d. accept the budgetary transfers

General Fund

<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>From:</u>
A6410.400 Publicity	\$ 2,000.00	A1990.900 Contingency
A8810.400 Cemeteries Cont.	\$ 2,000.00	A1990.900 Contingency

Water Fund

F8320.200 Spply/Pwr/Pmp. Equip	27,000.00	F8320.421 Pwr/Pmp/Elec.
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e. pay the Library bills as audited by the Library Board of Trustees:
vouchers 1177 - 1192, total \$1,872.75

The motion was carried.

Councilman Warren made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a maintenance agreement with Water Wise Inc. for a complete water treatment service program of the Evaporative Cooler and Hot/Cold Water Loop. The cost of this maintenance agreement will be \$1135.26 from July 1st, 2008 to June 30th, 2009. The motion was carried.

FYI – Last year’s contract was for \$1,071.00 – this will be an increase of \$64.26.

Councilman Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Warren , to pay Valarie J. Fowler for the overtime hours spent on preparing the Town Budget for 2009. She is to keep a log of those hours, and the rate of pay will be (26.38) regular pay at time and a half per hour. The motion was carried.

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

WHEREAS: The Town of Williamson is making modifications of the filter backwash Settling Lagoon effluent piping to direct supernatant (clarified water) to the cove on Lake Ontario, to be known as the (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS: In order to aid the Town Board in determining whether such project and other related actions of the Town in connection therewith (the "Action") may have a significant effect on the environment, the Town Board has caused to be prepared the appropriate Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), together with an Engineer's Report, a Map and Plan and other submissions related thereto, and

WHEREAS: The Project has been identified as an Unlisted Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the Town Board has expressed its desire to act as lead agency for SEQRA review purposes, and

WHEREAS: All other potentially involved agencies have been consulted and the Town Board has determined to complete an uncoordinated review,

WHEREAS: The Town Board has duly reviewed the EAF, Engineer's Report, Map and Plan and other documents submitted by the Project Engineers with respect to the above-referenced project, as well as any public comments and has duly considered the impacts that may be expected from the proposed action and compared the same with the criteria set forth in the applicable SEQRA regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: By the Town Board of the Town of Williamson, Wayne County, New York, as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby declares that it is acting as lead agency for the purpose of SEQRA review concerning the Project and all actions related thereto.

2. Based upon its review and consideration of the EAF and other necessary criteria, the Town Board hereby finds that (a) the proposed project does not constitute a "Type I Action" and that (b) the object of the above-referenced action and, therefore, is not an action which "may have a significant effect on the environment" and that since said action will not have a "significant effect on the environment", no "environmental impact statement" need be prepared, as such quoted terms are defined in the applicable SEQRA Regulations.

3. By reason of the foregoing, the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute and file a Negative Declaration in the form attached hereto and to sign the first page of the Short Environmental Assessment Form EAF submitted by the Project Engineers designating that the Project and all actions related thereto will not have a significant impact on the environment.

4. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to forward, upon request copies of this Resolution and the Negative Declaration to all appropriate agencies.

5. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to maintain for public inspection a file containing a copy of this Resolution, the Negative Declaration and all submissions to date concerning the Environmental Review of this project and all actions related thereto.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll call vote on the Resolution was as follows:

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

NAYES: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Councilman Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bixby, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to attend a reasonable suspicion-training seminar sponsored by Northeast Testing. The seminar will be held in Wayne County with a cost of \$45.00. The motion was carried.

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	1097 through 1130, 1075, 1193	\$ 15,813.14
Highway Fund	1131 through 1148	\$ 8,675.48
Water Fund	1149 through 1167	\$ 25,328.18
Sewer Fund	1168 through 1172	\$ 469.03
Bus. Imprv. Dist.	1176	\$ 14.63
Capital H-16	1173	\$ 359.75
<u>Drainage Dist.</u>	<u>1174</u>	<u>\$ 308.00</u>
Total:		\$ 132,814.12

The motion was carried.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to enter into Executive Session to review union negotiations at 8:17 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to return to Open Session at 8:21 PM. The motion was carried.

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Verno, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene A. Gulick
Town Clerk