

A special meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, November 27, 2012 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road.

PRESENT: Patricia Southworth ----- Supervisor
Mary Beth Hynes ----- Councilwoman
Timothy Szczepaniak ----- Councilman
William Goslin ----- Councilman
Kelly Stewart ----- Councilwoman
Carol Shemo ----- Clerk
Murry Brower ----- Counsel

Supervisor Southworth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RESOLUTION 12-207

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

A motion was made by Councilman Szczepaniak and seconded by Councilwoman Hynes to approve the payment of bills on the November Abstract in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 487 through 529	\$ 32,471.54
Highway Fund	No. 451 through 497	113,206.56
Gravel Pit Fund	-----	-----
Library	No. 321 through 357	14,716.53
Park Fund	No. 35 through 36	248.80
BH-BL Water District 2	No. 127 through 140	3,394.48
Blue Barnes Rd Dist 2 Ext #13	No. 9 through 21	54.57
Brookline Rte 67 Dist 2 Ext #12	No. 10 through 22	327.35
Goode St Dist 2 Ext #14	No. 8 through 20	163.65
Route 50 Dist 2 Ext #7	No. 127 through 140	1309.32
Chapel Hill Dist 2 Ext #18	No. 9 through 21	272.77

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Supervisor Southworth, Councilwoman Hynes, Councilman Szczepaniak, Councilman Goslin and Councilwoman Stewart
Nays 0

The Town Board reviewed the agenda for the December 4, 2012 Meeting.

Supervisor Southworth added the following item to the December agenda: to set a public hearing concerning the agreement with the Village of Round Lake to provide fire protection services to the Town of Ballston Fire Protection District 1.

Councilman Goslin asked that the December 8, 2012 request for a written plan from the Chief Financial Officer and the bookkeeper as to when the Town's financials will be up to date be added to the December 4th agenda.

Councilwoman Hynes will be asking the bookkeeper for an update on the Parks and Recreation Fund Account.

Discussion was held concerning the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 294 as the Town of Ballston Highway Department employees' sole collective bargaining agent.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Voehringer asked the Town Board to consider establishing a separate Capital Reserve Fund for farmland and open space, instead of combining the two into one capital reserve fund. He suggests there is a difference between the two and farmland is not open space. Open space is land that any person can use. Farmland is land to produce crops and has buildings and other structures. The Town Board needs to recognize that we need to save the farmland in the Town of Ballston.

Mrs. Hicks said that a good solution, when the Town Board comes across good available property for preservation, is to section off as many acres as we can afford. The Town should not purchase land that we need to borrow money and pay off over the next 30 years on the residents' tax bills.

Mr. Smith complained that his backyard and driveway were pulverized by the equipment used to do the job for the cell tower. He received \$1500 for the damages and he would need at least \$3,000 to take care of his property. Mr. Smith was told the Town would take care of this damage and they have not compensated him for these damages.

A motion was made by Councilman Goslin and seconded by Councilwoman Hynes to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk