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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, New York was held at the Town Office Building, 2 Academy Street, Greenwich, New York on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Sara Idleman	Supervisor
	Bob Jeffords	Councilman
	Steven Patrick	Councilman 7:15
	Eric Whitehouse	Councilman
ABSENT:	George Perkins	Councilman

Also Present: Town Clerk Elaine Kelly, Clerk to the Supervisor Kellie Blake, Attorney Alan Wrigley, Brian Barbur, Steve Grimes, Stanley Mattison, Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor, Tim Tefft - The Journal Press, Jennifer Waite -Harsha - The Eagle, William Belden, Battenkill Joeys, ZBA Chairman John Fardell, Marilyn Boyd, Marta Ward, Tammara VanRyn, Sue Sloan and Engineer John Hartnett.

Supervisor Idleman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Clerk called the roll.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-11  
App. of Minutes 6/14, 6/30, 7/5/11

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse  
Seconded by Supervisor Idleman

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the minutes of June 14, June 30 & July 5, 2011 be approved and accepted as submitted.

Supervisor Idleman introduced "The Battenkill Joeys Clown Alley" who were in attendance tonight to receive a Proclamation Recognizing International Clown Week. Supervisor Idleman read the Proclamation and presented it to the group.

### **Proclamation Recognizing International Clown Week**

**WHEREAS**, the tradition of the clowning can be traced from ancient Egypt to the Greco-Roman world, to the royal jesters of Europe and finally to Emmet Kelly and Lou Jacobs of America, and

**WHEREAS**, Clowns gladden the heart, lighten the spirit and bring smiles to the faces of children and adults alike, and for a few precious moments remind us of the healing power of humor in our daily lives, and

**WHEREAS**, Clowns can be seen performing at such places as local parades, nursing homes, community celebrations, and public gatherings for no other reason than to help boost the morale of those around them, and

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**WHEREAS**, Clowns have long been known as ambassadors of joy and good will for bringing joy and happiness to both children and adults of all ages, and

**WHEREAS**, “Clowns around Washington County New York” and Clowns of America International have joined together to commemorate Clown Week, originally proclaimed by President Richard Nixon in 1971, and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women who dedicate their lives to this tradition should be recognized for the outstanding and meaningful contributions they make to our great community and state, and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition to the charitable activities of clowns and the wholesome entertainment they provide for all of our citizens: “International Clown Week” has been proclaimed for the week of August 1 thru August 7, 2011, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sara Idleman, Supervisor of the Town of Greenwich, New York, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of August 1, 2011 through August 7, 2011, as “**INTERNATIONAL CLOWN WEEK**” in the Town of Greenwich and urge all citizens to join in sharing their message of joy and laughter.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) A letter was received from “Food For Kids” thanking the Board for their generous contribution to the 2011 “Food For Kids” summer program.

2) A letter was received from the Town of Greenwich Ethics Board stating, “As a result of a thorough investigation of the alleged violation against Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan the Town of Greenwich Ethics Board finds it has been given no indication of reasonable cause to proceed in this matter.

3) A letter was received from Hubbard Hall Projects requesting use of The Commons on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to present a free performance of William Shakespeare’s *As You Like It*. HHP will provide the Town with a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an additional insured and will cleanup after the performance.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-11  
Hubbard Hall Projects

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords  
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Greenwich as an additional insured in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000, Hubbard Hall Projects be granted permission to use The Commons to perform its production of *As You Like It* at 7:00PM on Monday, July 25, 2011.

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**REPORTS:**

1) Planning Board Report: Board members received the minutes of the Planning Board meetings that were held on June 9 & 16, 2011. The following is the 2011 history of Planning Board Activities:

<b>MINOR SUBDIVISION NUMBER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED</b>
490	Sloan	Spraguetown Road	2 lot subdivision	02/17/11
491	Steven Johnson	Christie Road	4 lot subdivision	05/19/11
492	Tymetal Corp	Route 40	Boundary Line Adjust.	06/16/11
493	Lillian Hakala	Sloan Drive	2 lot subdivision	Pending
<b>SITE PLAN REVIEW</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED</b>
2011-01	Greenwich Partners	2551 State Route 40	Tractor Supply	06/16/11
2011-02	Stephen's Chrysler	Route 40	5,000 addition	03/17/11
2011-03	J.C. Carmody	1111 State Route 29	BBQ under a tent	06/16/11
2011-04	Mihai Buretea (Ben Grieco)	109 Fiddlers Elbow Rd	Research & Development Lab	06/16/11
2010-03 – amendment	James Ball	1100 State Route 29	H & R Block additional use in building	Pending
<b>SPECIAL USE PERMIT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED</b>
2011-01	Steve Coffin (Mike Parker)	379 Anthony Road	Motocross	Pending
2011-02	Carol Hopper	102 Hill Street	Additional Apartment	05/19/11
2011-03	Caryn Tindahl	18 Mill Road	Dog Agility Run	06/16/11 1 year approval
<b>INFORMAL REVIEWS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED</b>
04/14/11	Mr. Gilchrist	K-mart plaza	Hot dog stand – found to be part of the “shopping center” no permit required.	

2) ZBA Report: Board members received the minutes of the ZBA meeting that was held on July 7, 2011.

3) Assessor Report: Assessor Colleen Adamec submitted the following report:

This is a recap of my office. The final roll was filed on July 1, 2011. To date I have had one small claim filed with my office. I will be at a state valuation meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. I had put my countywide analysis in your mailboxes. It gives an overall view of the exemptions, the total worth of the county, number of parcels, etc... I gave you a list of tax sale exemptions. This list is properties that came up for tax sale last

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time and never sold. I gave you a list of Real Property Tax Law 1138 exemptions. They are contaminated parcels that have come off the tax roll, but the county will not take due to the contamination. So, these people are getting away with paying no tax at this time. Sometime this month the assessors will do a presentation for all the county supervisors. I will be preparing a spreadsheet of all classes; farms, residential, vacant, commercial, and utilities to give us a better understanding of the total and overall percentage of each group. I should be getting out in the field shortly doing field review. If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to let me know.

4) Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Officer Dan O'Connor's report showed the following activity for the month of June:

- Building Permits – Local Compliance Approved: 6
- Heating Equipment/Chimney Permits – Local Compliance Approved: 1
- Sign Permits Issued: 0
- Driveway Permits: 0
- Referrals to Planning Board and/or ZBA: 3
- Enforcement Inspection Report Served: 0
- Notice of Violation Served: 0

5) Dog Control & Animal Control Report: DCO & ACO Ed Holland & Nancy Quell's report stated that seven calls were documented for the month of June. A full copy of the report is available at the Town Clerk's Office. A report was received from NYS Department of Ag & Markets stating that a follow up inspection at the shelter had been completed on June 10th and was satisfactory.

6) Supervisor Report: Supervisor Idleman's report:

"I have been asked on numerous occasions if I enjoy my role as Supervisor. I invariably answer yes. I find the job both challenging and stimulating. The challenges of the job usually fall into one of two categories, creative planning for the economic well being of our community or problem solving. Many of my monthly reports have focused on the economic development initiatives we have put into place. In those efforts I am grateful for the members of the Town Board, the Town Clerk, the office staff, members of the various committees and community members who have been enormously supportive. Much of my time has been focused on those initiatives.

My focus this past month has shifted from the creative planning that I find so invigorating to problem solving. The Town Board and I have several challenging issues on the table that have demanded extra meetings, much discussion and difficult decisions. This, too, is part of our job.

As public servants our responsibility is to make decisions for the public good. This is true for every elected official at every level of government. Our most recent policy decisions regarding the Highway Department were made with the public good in mind. With the Department in turmoil, both the workers and the summer work program are affected. We cannot jeopardize either. We have work to do and that should be our first priority."

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7) Budget Officer Kellie Blake submitted the June financial report for the Board's review.

8) Youth Report from Kellie Blake :

- Beach opened with Lifeguards on duty on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Few issues with the ropes because of the strong current so beach was closed a couple of days.
- Unsafe trees were removed and George has spoken to Chris Kelly about replacement trees.
- New signs were ordered and put up for No Lifeguard on Duty, Carry-in Carry-out etc.
- New basketball hoop purchased (thanks George) and put up by Steve and George
- Alternative Sentencing has been contacted and they are willing to have someone paint the inside walls and stalls of the restrooms and the guard chair. This will begin next week and the workers will be supervised by Alternative Sentencing staff.
- Youth Program began on June 25<sup>th</sup> and is running smoothly. Trying something new with Food For Kids having all our children eat at the tables then move, as a group, down to the flag pole area to stay together. Easier to keep track of the kids that way, once Lifeguards come they will go to the group and get the Swim Program children in line for the bus.
- Sign up has been halted as we have reached our limit for both the AM and Swim Programs.

Supervisor Idleman stated that a few incidents have occurred with the new hours at the beach. The Town wants to make sure the area is used properly. Several years ago the beach was closed down due to abuse of the property. As a result, when Dan Spigner reports for his daily goose patrol duties he is locking the gates at night and unlocking them in the morning. The Sheriff's Department is also patrolling when they are in the area.

9) Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan is away on vacation but he submitted the following report:

- 1234.50 Gallons of fuel used
  - Working on Hardscrabble Road
  - Storm damage clean up
  - Set up screener at Lewandowskis
  - Finished first round of mowing
  - Cut road side brush
- Tabled from June: Tires. Supervisor Idleman stated that this was tabled from last month's meeting because the tires were purchased without going through the proper policy procedures.

Councilman Jeffords stated that we have the tires and the vendor needs to be paid but questioned if there was a way to pay the voucher under protest. We don't agree with it because it is not in compliance with the procurement policy so we don't want to put our initials on it because then we are saying it is ok to break the procurement policy but yet we have to pay the bill. Supervisor Idleman stated that this was also one of the focuses of our audit just recently. She hates to see a vendor get caught in the middle because somebody didn't follow procedure. Councilman Whitehouse agreed by

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saying that a small businessman doesn't deserve to be caught in the middle and that he would be willing to pay the bill because it's the right thing to do. However, in the future he would like to see the policies followed as they are written, in black and white and have been for years. Clerk to the Supervisor/Budget Officer Kellie Blake suggested that this be in the form of a resolution so that it is formally in the minutes and also may be attached to the voucher.

Councilman Whitehouse stated the whole bid process was bizarre, then we took possession of the tires, started using them, and then were told by Mr. Sullivan that it was an emergency purchase. Councilman Whitehouse continued by saying that there is also policy and procedure to follow for an emergency purchase which wasn't done either and that no explanation given as to what the emergency was.

Supervisor Idleman explained that the Board had decided, from quotes given at a prior board meeting, to purchase tires from a specific vendor and then the next day the Highway Superintendent came back with new quotes which is not the way to be doing things.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-11

Tires

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords

Seconded by Councilman Patrick

Discussion: Councilman Whitehouse stated for the record that there was no wrongdoing by the vendor and that the vendor was a totally innocent person who was involved.

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that to take care of the vendor, the bill for the tires be paid but understanding the fact that the Superintendent of Highways did not follow the procurement policy, and that we are paying it under protest as it did not meet the procurement policy but the Board realizes that the vendor needs to be paid.

- Quotes/Bids for Blacktopping.

*Excerpt from July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting: Councilman Whitehouse stated that next week's agenda would include discussion for going out to bid for this year's paving. The Board is concerned with the quality of the pavement that was put down last year and wants to ensure that they are spending tax money for good products that will last as they should. Councilman Patrick said North Road is in bad shape in less than a year and that if you didn't know that it had been paved last year, that by driving on it one would think that it had been there for ten years. Peckham uses millings in their blacktop. Councilman Whitehouse estimated 15-30% millings. The millings absorb the asphalt oil and then there is no cohesiveness for the material. Councilman Jeffords asked if other companies would allow our crew to be involved and Councilman Whitehouse stated that would be part of the bid process. Discussion followed and Councilman Whitehouse will contact Ken Luskin to discuss the issue and make him aware of our concerns. Supervisor Idleman questioned shouldn't this be a concern of our Highway Superintendent? Councilman Whitehouse said if lay people such as ourselves, that don't know that much about it, notice it and are concerned, then one would think that it should be first and foremost in the Highway Superintendent's mind.*

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Tonight: Supervisor Idleman stated that the Board needed to decide whether they wanted to go out to bid for this year's paving or at the least make sure that the quality of this year's paving is better than last year's.

Councilman Whitehouse stated that he had contacted Ken Luskin and expressed the Town's concerns. Mr. Luskin was surprised as he had not heard of any similar concern from any other town. He stated that he would look at it and get back to Councilman Whitehouse. As of tonight's meeting Councilman Whitehouse had not yet heard from him. In trying to decide why this may have happened, the Board discussed the percentage of millings in the pavement as well as thickness. Councilman Whitehouse continued by saying that he realized that it had been a really tough winter but fresh pavement, less than a year old should stand up better than that and with the amount of money we are spending it should last ten years.

Supervisor Idleman asked if something could be written into the contract that could guarantee the makeup of the blacktop is superior. Stan Mattison said he believes there is something already in place. He stated that the Highway Superintendent has to sign off that he is satisfied with it before we pay for it and that he also has to sign off that it will last ten years before we can receive our CHIPS funding.

Supervisor Idleman asked who are some other paving contractors? D.A.Collins and Galusha were mentioned. Councilman Jeffords asked if we wanted to go out to bid? The Board talked about going with 100% blacktop and that the price of that may cut down on the distance that we pave. Bid specifications may include 100 % blacktop, allowing the town crew to assist, thickness of the blacktop, etc. Councilman Whitehouse stated that the Highway Superintendent should follow up on the Board's request. We have a concern, not just from the Board but from people in the community, which he needs to address and he needs to establish the contacts and come up with the specs for the bids.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-11  
Highway - Paving

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse  
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Highway Superintendent to gather bids for the higher quality pavement so that our roads last longer and that the Highway Superintendent come up with the specifications that include our workers for flagging, driveways, etc. as part of the contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that bid specifications be available beginning Monday, July 25, 2011 and that sealed bids be received by the Town Clerk until 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 4, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 -11  
Rescind Resolution 72-11

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords

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Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby withdraws authorization of Resolution 72-11, 2011 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds pending receipt of bids.

Update on Hardscrabble Lane: Engineer John Hartnett updated the Board and reviewed maps on the status of Hardscrabble Lane.

- Four culverts are in. Not happy with the one nearest Ray Road. Top of culvert is very close to the proposed grade. Needs to be pulled back and put in deeper.
- Cutbacks haven't been done yet.
- Approximately another 5' is needed to get down to grade.
- Brian Barbur stated that the crew is hitting shale and doesn't think they can go much deeper.
- Mr. Hartnett said if that is the case then we may have to go back to original plan of a 10% grade of which we are much closer. He showed some areas that need a little fill and others that need to be cut back some. Mr. Hartnett also said by going with the original plan it brings the proposed clearing and grading much closer to the right-of-way and we wouldn't need to go back as far from the road as we originally thought.
- Councilman Patrick asked if stone would be needed to retain the bank?
- Mr. Hartnett said if we can get vegetation to grow on the 2 on 1 slope then it will stay. If it ends up being steeper you could stabilize the slope with artificial measures such as stone or netting.
- Councilman Patrick asked how deep do the ditches need to be in relation to the road? Mr. Hartnett said 2 feet and that they would be nearly vertical but where the shale stops it will then go to 2 on 1.
- Councilman Whitehouse asked if fabric would be needed. Mr. Hartnett wasn't sure that it would be needed.
- It was stated that there are two days left on the dozer rental.
- Councilman Patrick asked Mr. Hartnett to talk with Rick Sullivan about bringing that one culvert back and putting it deeper.
- Mr. Hartnett will re-stake on Thursday at the original grade of 2 on 1.
- The Board noted the sooner the project can be finished the better for the landowners.

A letter was received from Christie Road resident David Moore concerning the condition of the intersection at North and Christie Roads. Mr. Moore states that concerns about this intersection have been brought up in the past, and with the impending repaving of North Road, he is hoping those concerns will be addressed. The letter states that the center of the "V" intersection was formerly a grassy area. For a very short period of time this was made into a "T" intersection and paved. Once it was reverted back to the "V" intersection the center of it became an eyesore of pavement and weeds. Mr. Moore is requesting that the "V" be restored to its original condition and seeded. It was noted

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that Mr. Moore also sent this letter to the Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan. The Board agreed with Mr. Moore's request and took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 90 -11  
Christie & North Road/Intersection

Resolution by Councilman Patrick  
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees with the concept of Mr. Moore's request for the restoration of the intersection of North and Christie Roads.

10) Greenwich Fire Department Report. An activity report for June was received from the Greenwich Fire Department.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1) Tammara VanRyn stated that a couple of years ago she had walked the Village's reservoir property on North Road and that it was a great piece of property for walks, etc. She recently attended a Village Board meeting and asked what it would take to get a community park there. She was told that it was a great idea and would take some people willing to work on it and that is how the Thunder Mountain Trail Project began. The Thunder Mountain Trail Project is a subcommittee of the Citizen's Committee for Greenwich Youth and is planning to develop a recreational trail on the Village of Greenwich's land on Thunder Mountain. The Village owns 140 acres which would make a great location for hiking, outdoor recreation and youth activities. If anyone is interested in seeing the proposed trail and learning more about the project or how to become involved, there are two Summer Sunday Walks on Thunder Mountain scheduled for Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. The walk is 1.5 – 2.0 miles long and plans are for 1 ½ hours.

Tammara also stated the Town of Greenwich is part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Community and that if the trail is designated as part of the Greenway Trail System then landowners can qualify for an insurance liability plan which is similar to what snowmobilers can get.

Currently there is not a budget for the project as it is in its conceptual stage but there will be a need for signs and possible expenses for a picnic area. She stated that Councilman Jeffords had contacted her to let her know that the Town has a recreation fund which might be able to used towards the project. Councilman Jeffords stated that the property is owned by the Village but it actually located in the Town so if there does come a need for a budget that the Town has a recreation fund which is funded through the subdivision process. He feels this would be an ideal way to use a modest amount of that fund to help with the project. Budget Officer Kellie Blake stated that a permissive referendum would be needed and a time factor would need to be kept in mind when requesting funding. Tammara stated that she will come back to the Town as the project progresses.

2) William Belden: Placement of manufactured home. Mr. Belden stated that he would like to purchase land in Greenwich but before he does he would like to make sure that he will be able to place

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his current manufactured home on the land. The manufactured home does not fall into the guidelines for the Mobile Home Ordinance. Mr. Belden would like to request a waiver under Section 140-20 (C) Exceptions. Lengthy discussion followed and it was noted that the Tracy Subdivision, which is where Mr. Belden would like to locate his home, has deed restrictions which requires stick built on-site constructed dwellings or modular factory built homes. This would not allow Mr. Belden to locate his current home there.

3) Stanley Mattison stated that several people have asked him about the Town putting in a turning lane on Route 29 East to enter onto Meader Road as well as a turning lane to enter the Kmart plaza. Supervisor Idleman stated that she is meeting with a NYS DOT representative to discuss the 29 corridor and will bring these requests to his attention.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Chazen Companies provided the Board with a proposal to assist with updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Chazen's proposal and scope of services was provided to the Board for review. The Planning Board has asked that the Town Board forward the proposal to them for their review as well. ZBA Chairman John Farndell stated that the ZBA also has a few issues that they would like Chazen to review, one specifically being revisions to Section 190-75. Supervisor Idleman will speak to Stu Mesinger regarding this.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1) Landfill Mowing. The 20+ acres at the closed town landfill needs mowing. Councilman Whitehouse will look into this and report back at the August meeting.

2) Supervisor Idleman stated that in light of the turmoil at the highway garage that she has been in contact with Washington County Safety Officer Phil Spiezio. Mr. Spiezio would come and gather the facts and look at the situation from an objective point of view and try to work through whatever is going on. She stated, "I think we are at that point where we need to bring him." She continued that Mr. Spiezio is excellent and he has agreed to do it.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 -11  
Highway – Conflict Resolution

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse  
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that Washington County Safety Officer Phil Spiezio come in and help resolve the issues at the Town highway department.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS con't:

2) Repeater Lease: Excerpt from May 10<sup>th</sup> minutes: *Attorney Wrigley stated that he had drawn up three different draft lease agreements for the Board to choose from for leasing space on the town's*

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*repeater to other entities. The final number of participants has not yet been determined so rates have not been set. Once we have a definitive answer the lease agreements will be finalized.*

*Excerpt from June 14<sup>th</sup> minutes: Councilman Perkins stated that based on our purchase price of the repeater, the rental cost of the tower and the prospect of 52 radios, the tentative pricing would be \$8.00 per radio per month for five years. Kellie Blake has sent letters to the Town of Argyle, Argyle Central School, Town of Salem, Village of Greenwich and Greenwich Central School to see if they were interested in renting space on the repeater.*

Tonight: Kellie Blake stated that she had received one response and that was from the Town of Salem. Tim Tefft stated that the Village had discussed it at their meeting and will continue the discussion at their August meeting.

3) Amendment to Resolution No. 83-11.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-11  
Highway – Leave of Absence

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords  
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 83-11 be amended as follows:

The Town Board grants a leave of absence to Stan Mattison beginning July 7, 2011 and not to exceed the date of December 29, 2011, and that he may return to service at his present job and level of work which is Motor Equipment Operator Foreman without question and that he may return to work sooner if he so chooses, and be it so noted that this is an unpaid leave of absence and that Stan's health insurance coverage will continue to be paid by the Town of Greenwich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tax Certiorari.

Motion by Councilman Patrick  
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords  
and passed unanimously by said Board,  
that the Board enters into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. for the purpose of discussing tax litigation.

Motion by Councilman Patrick  
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords  
and passed unanimously by said Board,  
that the regular meeting be resumed at 8:46 P.M.

Supervisor Idleman stated that the Executive Session was devoted to tax litigation and that instructions have been given to our Attorney.

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Hardscrabble Lane resident Steve Grimes asked the Board what was happening as far as a retaining wall on Hardscrabble. The Board stated that NYS DOT had originally offered to do that part of the project but Supervisor Idleman will check on it.

AUDIT BILLS & AUTHORIZE PAYMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 93-11  
Payt. of Bills 7/12/11

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords  
Seconded by Councilman Patrick

and passed unanimously by said Board

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #1107 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from their respective funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Town-wide (A):	0204-0238	\$12,201.68
General Outside Village (B):	0239-0242	\$40,036.50
Special District Lighting (SL):	0243	\$ 778.56
Highway Town-wide (DA):	5112-5114	\$ 2,2304.30
Highway Outside Village (DB):	5115-5127	\$17,780.77

Discussion followed on how to handle the fact that the Highway Superintendent has made Brian Barbur foreman even though he does not meet the required qualifications. The highway employees are getting mixed messages about who is in charge. Councilman Jeffords, from a personnel committee standpoint, stated that if any write ups are made by Mr. Barbur that the write-ups will not go into anyone’s personnel file as Mr. Barbur has no authority to do so.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-11  
Highway

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords  
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse  
and passed unanimously by said Board

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does not recognize Brian Barbur as MEO foreman.

Motion by Councilman Jeffords  
Seconded by Councilman Patrick  
and passed unanimously by said Board,  
that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC  
Town Clerk