

SUBJECT: SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 18, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Assembly Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Zagurski, Councilman Sekorski, Councilwoman Murawski, Councilwoman Scoville

1. Call Meeting to Order – Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Discuss and take action to schedule a Special Town Meeting – Mayor Krampitz thanked the Town Council for attending the Special Meeting. The Mayor stated that the town is working diligently on the Waterwheel Park Project and we have received bids on the demolition of the Belonick property. Mayor Krampitz indicated that the council had before them the history of the project including the purchase of 262 Main St. for \$36,000. They had the Mayor's report in April that the grant approval of \$350,000 was with the help of State Senator Colapietro. She reminded the council it was on their agenda on November of 2006 to adopt the resolution that was required by the State and the minutes from that meeting show the "restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization and/or construction" was approved for that project. Mayor Krampitz then stated that she had received a letter from Representative Hamzy and an e-mail from OPM that confirmed that the State Bond Commission approved the allocation of \$350,000. on March 31, 2006 . Due to the fact that this is a grant and it is for this project, we have to appropriate the money because it was not in the budget. Mayor Krampitz pointed out that his would be at no expense to the taxpayer and we need to schedule a special town meeting. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to set a Special Town Meeting Thursday February 1, 2007 in the Community Room at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. to appropriate \$350,000 for the Waterwheel Park . SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Sekorski was concerned about the amount of land that will eventually need to be acquired for the park. He did not want to see the project held up because of future acquisitions and would like to see something done with the property that we already own. Councilman Sekorski's second concern was the flexibility of the grant language. Would the monies be able to take care of all of our needs including the demolition of our present properties? The Mayor stated that we owned the Hart property, the corner of the vacant lot and the Belonick property. The Mayor stated that one of the problems is the Brownfield study for the contamination on the Hart property and we are still waiting for that but this money can be used for the Belonick property. William Kuehn, Town Planner, informed the council that everything on the west side of the waterwheel is contaminated and the EPA has informed the town that we can not clean up the contaminants until we identify the sources. The sources are the Kirkwood and BJ Tool properties. We need to deal with those property owners first. The Mayor also said that we have had conversations with the Kirkwoods. Councilwoman Scoville asked if past owners of those properties could be held accountable. Mr. Kuehn answered that the present owners can not sell the property until it is cleaned. There is also no corporate protection for them. Councilwoman Scoville asked if the monies go into the general fund and the Mayor answered that it goes into a separate Reich and Tang account required by the State. Councilman Zagurski questioned that if it is ground contamination that is the concern, why the buildings above ground can not be taken down. Mr. Kuehn stated that the ground would be disturbed when that work would be done and it is also better to do all this work

under one contract. Mayor Krampitz stated that the Town is still expecting another \$100,000 that was earmarked from Nancy Johnson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comment – No comments were made.
5. Adjournment - MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk