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The regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, March 13th, 2008 with the following members present: Richard Rowland, Supervisor; Daniel Pemrick, Peter Coseo, Thomas Kinsella and Daniel Cochran, Councilman. Also present were Town Counsel Mark Schachner, Highway Supt. Walter Barss, one reporter and approximately 25 residents.

At 7:15 PM Opening of Bids was held for a New 2006 Diesel Powered Tandem Cab & Chasis in accordance with Bid Specification No. 1-2008. Clerk presented proof of legal publication. The following bid was received:

Albany Truck Sales	\$84,100.
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Bid was turned over to the Highway Supt. for his review

At 7:15 PM Opening of Bids was held for a Multi-Purpose Dump Body and Plow Equipment in accordance with Bid Specification No. 2-2008. Clerk presented proof of legal publication. The following bids were received:

T & T Body King Inc.	\$69,989.00
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Arrowhead Equipment	\$76,029.00
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Bids were turned over to the Highway Supt. for his review.

At 7:20 PM Opening of Bids was held for Surplus Highway Department Equipment. Clerk presented proof of legal publication. The following bids were received:

2004 8' Sander

Bacigalupo Trucking & Excavating	\$1,501.00
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Eddy Liddell	1,055.00
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10' Dump Body

Michael Chandler	768.00
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2004 Ford F350 Crew Cab

Kevin Grupe	18,500.00
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The regular meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:30 PM and opened with the pledge to the flag. On motion of Kinsella, C. and seconded by Pemrick, C., the minutes of 2/14/2008 were approved as submitted by all members present.

Check from Michael Thrailkill in the amount of \$1,000. for Open Space Fees.

Check from B & J Ray in the amount of \$500. for Open Space Fees.

Check from David Murray in the amount of \$500. for Open Space Fees.

Saratoga Hospital will be holding discussion groups regarding their Community Health Care Needs on April 4th, 2008 from Noon to 1PM and has invited the Town to participate.

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is forming a committee to celebrate 400. They are looking for the Town Board to pass a resolution in support of.

Letter from Stanley Weeks regarding real estate assessments. Board members all received a copy. Supervisor to forward a copy to the Town Assessor for his review as well.

At this time, Supervisor Rowland asked if there was any public comment regarding any items listed under Old Business.

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Francine Grinnell, Route 9N – Ms. Grinnell had submitted a letter to all Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board members. Coseo, C. explained to Ms. Grinnell that the suggestion that she has made was brought up at the October Town Board meeting. The request for notification of proposed subdivisions should be in the Zoning updates that the Town Board is currently talking about adopting. Ms. Grinnell felt that the public might want to hear her comments and concerns and read aloud her letter to the Board. Ms. Grinnell stated that she appreciated that the Town was looking into making this change. She felt that it could help to prevent future conflicts. She believed that in this case other people were notified of the proposed subdivision but that she was not.

RESOLUTION # 56 – Award Bid – Diesel Powered Tandem
Cab & Chasis

Motion: Coseo, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby awards the bid for a Diesel Powered Tandem Cab & Chasis as per Bid Specification #1-2008 to Albany Truck Sales for the amount of \$84,100.00, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment shall be made from the current year Equipment budget.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 57 – Award Bid – Multi Purpose Dump Body &
Plow Equipment

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Coseo, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby awards the bid for a Multi Purpose Dump Body and Plow Equipment as per Bid Specification #2-2008 to T & T Sales for the amount of \$69,989.00, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment shall be made from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 58 – Award Bids Surplus Highway Equipment

Motion: Coseo, C.

Seconded: Kinsella, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby awards the bids to the high bidder for the following pieces of surplus equipment:

8' Sander	to	Bacigalupo Trucking	for	\$ 1,501.00
Dump Box	to	Michael Chandler	for	768.00
2004 F350 Crew Cab	to	Kevin Grupe	for	18,500.00

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION # 59 – Surplus Equipment Money to be Applied
To Equipment Budget

Motion: Coseo, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby authorizes that the money received from the sale of surplus equipment shall be put back into the Highway Equipment Budget.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 60 – Appointment of Alternate Planning Board Member

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby appoints Nathan Duffney as Alternate Member of the Planning Board, with said term to expire 6/20/2011.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

Pemrick, C. thanked everyone who applied and participated in the interviews. He appreciates the number of people who were willing to step up and become involved and do volunteer work on behalf of the Town. He added that it was unfortunate that they could not find a place for everybody that did apply, but hoped that they would continue to show the support for the Town that they did by applying for this position. Supervisor Rowland hoped that the Board would be able to find other opportunities for these people to work with the Town.

Porter Corners Town Park – Supervisor Rowland stated that he spoke with the Inspector from the Department of Health. He had some suggestions that the Town may be able to put a filter on the water line which would reduce the turbidity and then we may be able to use a UV Filter on the system. The Health Inspector is going to discuss that possibility with his engineer and get back to him. In the meantime Supervisor is to find out what they intend to sell at the concession stand. He believed that it was mostly packaged products, bottled water, etc. There should be more information for the next meeting.

Highway Garage – Highway Supt. Barss stated that all the Board members should have received a copy of recommendations from the Town Engineer. He suggested that the Town have a company work up a price on a building so that they can get a closer idea as to the cost before the Town goes ahead and hires a Mechanical Engineer to layout the heating, lighting, etc. Kinsella, C. questioned why the Town would need to hire an engineer if they were going to go with design/build, which would be his preference. He explained that if you go with design/bid/build you would pay an engineer to design the building, send it out for bid and typically award it to the lowest qualified builder. If there are mistakes in the design, then the Town would end up paying an engineer to fix the design and builder would charge the Town extra for the change. If you do a design/build, you tell the builder what you want and it would be his responsibility to design a building that meets your specifications. Once the building is constructed, the Town would determine if it meets all specifications. If it doesn't, they would have to fix any problems

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at no cost to the Town. Coseo, C. felt that there was some expense that would be required on the front end to be able to tell people what we are looking for. Kinsella, C. stated that the Town would have to write a performance spec. to tell them what we wanted, but the engineering costs for designing the building would be part of the bid. Cochran, C. stated that he was able to read through a lot of the information submitted by the Town Engineer and it was pretty sound and fairly detailed. He felt that it would be a good building block to start from and that it had a lot of good specifications for a design/build approach. Coseo, C. felt that we should see if we could get a better estimate from a builder to see if we are ready to get started now or if we have to wait another couple years. Cochran, C. asked which option would give the Town the best price. Kinsella, C. stated that from his experience at work, a design/build will get the best price. Duane Wright, Highway Clerk, felt that what the Town Engineer was suggesting was that we could get a free estimate based on the specifications that he provided. That would give us a better idea as to whether or not we could move forward at this time. He did not feel that there would be any cost to the Town to do this. Highway Supt. Barss to see what he can do about getting an estimate and perhaps having the contractor come to a workshop to be held after the April agenda meeting.

Dog Van – Highway Supt. Barss stated that he was having a very difficult time finding something. He has talked to many dealers and has not been able to come up with anything. Coseo, C. asked what the cost would be for the pickup truck off of State Contract. Supervisor Rowland believed that it was \$14,800. He added that they would also have to get a cap and get some sort of ramp. Supervisor Rowland checked with the County to see what other Towns were using. Some are using vans, however a greater majority are using pickup trucks with caps. Coseo, C. asked if we would be looking at a cap where the tailgate comes right off and there is a swing door. Cochran, C. felt that the cost of the cap would probably be somewhere around \$2,000 to \$3,000. Supervisor Rowland stated that they are having a real problem trying to find a van that is all wheel drive or 4 wheel drive. Supervisor Rowland noted that if the Board decided on the Ranger Pickup, they could purchase it under State Contract. Pemrick, C. asked how long it would take to get this pickup off of State Contract. Highway Supt. advised that if it was still available they should be able to get it within a week. Coseo, C. asked if the current van was going to last another week. Supervisor Rowland added that the Dog Control Officer recently had to borrow someone's private vehicle to handle a case. Coseo, C. stated that he would have preferred to get something used and a little cheaper that fit the bill, however it did not appear that they were going to be able to find anything.

RESOLUTION # 61 – Authorize Purchase of Pick Up Truck for
Dog Control Officer

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Coseo, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a Ford Ranger Pickup Truck off of State Contract, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional funds shall be allocated for the purchase of a cap and ramp.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

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Update to Zoning & Subdivisions Regulations – Cochran, C. stated that he did not have the information ready to present to the Board. Supervisor Rowland stated that Board members received an additional change request from the Code Enforcement Officer today regarding Section 105-58 Time Limitation Extensions. Coseo, C. stated that he would really like to get moving on this and volunteered his assistance. Supervisor Rowland stated that the Board has been working on this process and what they were trying to do is address all the issues brought up at one time. Ms. Grinnell asked when the Board thought they might be able to act on this and in what form that would be done. Supervisor Rowland felt that by the next meeting the information should be together so that a public hearing can be scheduled.

Tri-Town Pit Agreement – Highway Supt. Barss stated that he had nothing new to report. He was waiting to hear back from the other Towns regarding the proposed new agreement. He hoped to have further information for next month. Highway Supt. Barss added that they were working on obtaining a mining permit from the State to continue operating the mine.

At this time the Supervisor asked if there were any public comments on any item listed as New Business or any other matter that the public wished to bring before the Board.

Lauren Rowland, Saratoga County Reality Check Coordinator – She stated that Reality Check is the New York State Youth Action Program against the tobacco industry's marketing techniques to use on young children. She asked that the Town Board consider adopting the proposed resolution that was submitted to them. The resolution is for a voluntary removal or reduction of tobacco ads in the convenience stores in the Town. It is not a legally binding document and there is no enforcement behind it. Reality Check is not against smokers or against any specific stores. It is against the tobacco industry and is a commitment to public health to young people.

Judy Ekman, Executive Director Prevention Council – Mrs. Ekman also spoke on behalf of the proposed resolution on public health. She stated that over 80% of young smokers, kids between the ages of 12 and 17, buy Marlboro, Camel and Newport which are the heavily advertised brands. Only 54% of the adult smokers over that age buy those specific brands. Most adults do not notice tobacco advertising due to the fact that they are either non-smokers or if they are smokers, have a preferred brand. She added that much of the interior tobacco advertising is below the level of the counter, which puts it right at the level of young children. Mrs. Ekman stated that the proposed resolution was not about adults or standing in the way of people purchasing tobacco or stores selling tobacco. It was about the health of kids and helping to keep kids from starting to smoke.

Albert Janik, King Road – Mr. Janik commented on the public comments portion of the meeting. He stated that he now has a new perspective on public involvement and their ability to comment on issues before the Board. He knows that the Board has tried a number of different ways by allowing comments before issues, after issues and sometimes, during an issue. He felt that it was difficult for the public to comment on an issue prior to the development of the issue by the Board. He suggested

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that in certain instances, perhaps the public should be able to comment on an issue after the Board has discussed it and prior to voting on it.

Update on Reval – Assessor, John Bonanno, stated that in 2006 the Town did not do a reval, however the market was still climbing. In 2007 a town wide revaluation was conducted. Impact Notices were sent out to all property owners, which is something that the State requires every three years under the annual reassessment program. The overall increase in the Town was approximately 35%, which is pretty significant. Approximately 358 taxpayers signed up for an informal meeting with the assessor. Those meetings were followed by Grievance Day and then Small Claims Hearings. He stated that this year he was doing another reassessment, however it was not going to be at the magnitude it was last year. The main focus this year is to compare neighborhoods and building styles to check for people who are below the curve. He was also revisiting the land schedules, checking for any necessary adjustments for wetlands, etc. Mr. Bonanno stated that there is a tool in the RPS computer software system where you can measure assessed values compared to the sales price. Based on 84 sales, he was around 98%, which means the assessments are pretty much right on target. However, the State uses a mathematical formula and they are coming up with around 90%. He is currently in negotiations with the State to review their analysis as compared to his analysis. The State feels that the sales are not necessarily indicative of the total population in the Town. Mr. Bonanno stated that the main function of the Assessor is to make sure that all the property in the Town is at a uniform percent. The State is responsible to set the State Equalization Rate. When you have a school district that covers several municipalities, the level of assessment that the State determines for each of those municipalities will impact a shift in taxes. He did some analysis last year and felt that in the State equalization process last year, they shifted some of the burden from the City of Saratoga Springs to the surrounding Towns. Officials from Greenfield and Wilton had a meeting with the State regarding this matter last year, which was not very successful. Kinsella, C. asked if you took his formula and applied 84 sales in the City, how would it compare to the State's analysis? Mr. Bonanno stated that he did that analysis and believed that the area that has caused the shift were the Commercial assessments in the City of Saratoga Springs. At the time, the level of assessment for the City was 84%, but the analysis he did showed that the commercial properties were at about 55%. The State would not accept his analysis and stated that he did not have the right to challenge the equalization rate for another municipality. Coseo, C. asked if the State doesn't react to that analysis and the other jurisdictions refuse to do a reval, how does the Town make it equitable for our citizens. Mr. Bonanno stated that he followed up with an additional letter to the State this year, pointing out several discrepancies and asking the State for a response as to what they are doing about them. Kinsella, C. asked if anyone else could challenge the State. Mr. Bonanno stated that in one of his letters to the State he indicated that if he did not receive some action he would bring this matter before the State Board. There is a Board appointed by the Governor's Office that oversees the activities of the Agency. Pemrick, C. was glad to see that he was challenging the State and hoped that some other Towns would join him and find a way to continue to look into this matter. He added that the Town needed to find a way to have

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this make sense to our residents. He added that the tax bill they receive is a sum total of all the taxes that we collect, not just Town. When the residents are told that the change in assessment is not going to raise their taxes and then they get a bill and it has gone up, it creates a lack of confidence and/or creditability. We need to find a way to get the message out to the residents as to what is happening. Especially this year when everyone is hearing on the news how housing values have gone down. Mr. Bonanno stated that taxes go up due to the budgets, not the assessment. He could lower all the assessments in the Town by 50% and the taxpayers would still pay more money next year in taxes based on the amount of money that needs to be raised due to budget increases. Coseo, C. stated that if you look at the Town & County tax bill for the last couple of years, you will see that your Town tax bill itself did not go up. The biggest increase is with the County portion of the bill, and more importantly, the school tax bill. Kinsella, C. felt that the Town should do whatever we need to do to bring this matter before the State Board. Supervisor Rowland agreed that the Town Board has to be able to explain the situation to the taxpayers and it has to be done in a way that they can understand it. Mr. Bonanno stated that he would be more than happy to meet with any group in Town to try to explain this to them and he would also put together something for the Town newsletter. Lorna Dupouy, South Greenfield Road, stated that she would like to see the Assessor go to the State and fight for the Town. Frederick McNeary, Prestwick Chase, understands that the Town can be somewhat frustrated since they have gone the one step and have been denied and asked that they keep on going. They should take it to the next step and take the fight further. Kinsella, C. asked if it would help if the Town started a letter writing campaign where any Town residents that were interested could send a letter to the State Real Property Services. Mr. Bonanno felt that if you were going to send letters to anyone it should be the Executive Director of the Office of Real Property Services. He had thought that his letter would have drawn a response, however he has not heard anything. John Bokus stated that he believed that what was causing the high taxes was the amount of the budget and not the assessment. Mr. Bonanno agreed and stated that the amount of taxes is directly related to budgets. School budgets have been going up tremendously over the past several years. Sixty five to seventy percent of the taxes being paid is going to the school district. Albert Janik felt that one solution would be to get the residential property owners in the City of Saratoga Springs involved in this process. They are paying a disproportionate amount, much larger than what the residents of Greenfield are paying. There is a disparity of at least 30% between the overall assessment rate and the valuation placed on commercial properties in the City of Saratoga. Mr. Janik did not believe that the Town would get any results from the Office of Real Property Services. He felt that they already had their mind made up and that they made a decision in this matter several years ago when they accepted flawed information for commercial properties when establishing the equalization rate for the City. Every year, because of the formula that they use, those rates continue to change ever so slightly, using the same low evaluation for commercial. He felt that that was what needed to change.

Upgrade of Positions – John Bonanno stated that in the past he has spoken to the Supervisor and some of the Board members regarding upgrading some of the positions in staffing. Currently there are 2 part-time staff members in the Assessor's

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Office. There are 4,000 parcels in this Town and a lot of new construction going on. He would like to try to help the Town in planning for the future. He would like to upgrade the Assessor Clerk position to Assistant Assessor. He will provide documentation to Board members for their review. He felt that it was important for the Town to plan for the future.

Senior Exemptions – Coseo, C. stated that he had asked for this to be put on the agenda, however he has not had an opportunity to review the situation. He stated that in the Town Code it talks about exemptions for incomes up to \$15,624. and he thought that that may need some adjustment. He just found out this evening that the income limit was actually up to \$20,699. He questioned why that was not updated in the Code Book and stated that he would look into further for the next meeting.

Spring Clean Up - Highway Supt. Barss stated that we normally hold it mid to end of April and it usually includes 2 weekends. In the Spring, we have accepted tires in the past. He asked if the Board still wanted to go with 2 weekends or just include 1. Coseo, C. asked what the labor cost was for a weekend. Highway Supt. Barss estimated the cost to be approximately \$1,200. Kinsella, C. would like to see it stay 2 weekends to make it a little easier for people to be able schedule their time around work, vacations, etc. It was decided to have it start April 19th and run through April 27th. The Board also decided to accept tires, with a limit of 4 per household.

RESOLUTION # 62 – Advertise for Spring Clean Up

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Coseo, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise the dates for the Annual Spring Clean Up Week to be held from April 19th through April 27th, 2008.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 63 – Release of Letter of Credit – Maddy Grove Road

Motion: Coseo, C.

Seconded Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That Town Board hereby releases the letter of credit for Wild Maids Meadow – Maddy Grove Road.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

PUD Application – Lorna Dupouy – Mrs. Dupouy stated that her husband and her own 61.44 acres at 21 South Greenfield Road. She currently has a Special Use Permit to operate an etiquette school, which does not allow them to engage in the variety of businesses that they wish to pursue. She discussed this matter with her attorney prior to putting together the application for PUD and he suggested that she should include everything that she ever thought that she might want to do on the property. The main thing that they would really like to do is hold weddings, bridal showers and other celebrations to go along with a Bed & Breakfast. The proposed mercantile part of the plan would be set up in the old white barn that is currently on the property. This would be a co-op for artists, crafters, farmers, etc. from Greenfield. She would like to see this become a destination location where people would come and there would be a variety of

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different things going on. Eventually she would also like to build some small cabins, less than 1,000 sq. ft. to be used for the special events. Kinsella, C. stated that it seemed to him that mixing child care and adult care would be complete opposites. Mrs. Dupouy stated that they would be housed in 2 different buildings. She added that studies have been done that show that they were two things that were best to put together. The young children are a stimulant to the Senior Citizens and the Seniors have a lot of patience with the younger children. She also stated that these would be things that would be way down the list of proposed uses and that was something she would hire someone to do and not do herself. Kinsella, C. asked if Mrs. Dupouy would look to do this in phases and get approval for the things she would like to do right away and then come back for amendments to the PUD at a later time. Coseo, C. asked if the main thing that she wanted to start with was the Bed & Breakfast? He asked if a Bed & Breakfast was allowed in her area without having to get a PUD. She stated that she could not because she already had a Special Use for the Etiquette School and she could only have one Special Use Permit. Coseo, C. stated that under the expanded Bed & Breakfast it would allow you to serve food, have weddings, have a kitchen on premises, etc. He felt that it would take care of about 75% of what Mrs. Dupouy really wanted to do. If she wanted to go ahead with the PUD application, he felt that she was going to have to prepare drawings, etc. Cochran, C. agreed and added that as part of the PUD process this application would have to go before the Planning Board and they would require plans, layouts, maps, etc. Town Counsel Schachner suggested that the applicant may want to speak with her attorney and reconsider her strategy. He added that for the Town Board to conduct a SEQRA Review for this long of a list of uses, he believes that there is going to be an enormous amount of difficulty and a full Environmental Impact Statement may be required. Mrs. Dupouy stated that the first thing that she would like to do is the Bed & Breakfast, which she agreed would take care of most of the things that she wanted to do. The next thing she would like to do is renovate the old barn. Supervisor Rowland asked what size weddings she anticipated. Mrs. Dupouy stated they would be 150 people or less. Mrs. Dupouy stated that her driveway is located right at the crest of the hill. She added that there were 2 other driveways that will be opened back up and brought back into use again. Coseo, C. felt that the site distance issue was very important. The Zoning Board of Appeals recently struggled with an application where there was limited site distance. Town Counsel Schachner stated that the Board would have to decide if the PUD application was complete. He did not believe that an Environmental Assessment Report was submitted. Once the application was deemed complete, it must be referred to the Town Planning Board and the County Planning Board if the proposed project is located within 500' of a County road, etc. Those recommendations would then come back to the Town Board. He again stated that he believed that this application would require a very substantial SEQRA Review. Kinsella, C. stated that in order for the application to be complete, the Board was also going to need a more detailed Site Plan. Kinsella, C. stated that he did not have a real problem with the application, however he felt that the applicant would be better suited to start small and amend the PUD as she decided to grow. He suggested that she pick the Bed & Breakfast and perhaps the Old Barn as her initial application and build the Site Plan etc. around that so that there is a

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defined application that can be reviewed. Coseo, C. felt that there were too many things. He stated that ultimately down the road maybe you can amend the PUD as you go, however if she wanted to get approval for everything now it was going to take an awful long time. He suggested that if she really wanted to do her Bed & Breakfast she should do that for now. Mrs. Dupouy asked if there was anything short of a PUD, such as an amendment to what she has now to allow her to operate a 2nd business on her property. Kinsella, C. suggested that perhaps she could apply for a new Special Use Permit to incorporate both uses and give up the old permit if the new one is approved.

Summer Recreation Program – Supervisor Rowland stated that the Town was not going to be able to hold the Summer Program at the Greenfield School this year due to construction. If they were to use Middle Grove Park, the program would have to be canceled any time there was inclement weather. The Recreation Director has asked for permission to move the program to Geyser Road School. There would be a cost of \$2,000. She would be willing to adjust items in her budget to cover that cost. Coseo, C. stated that in looking at the financial statement that covers through February, it appears as if the revenues are right about where they are supposed to be, however expenses were up over where they were last year. In Playgrounds and Youth Services, expenses were up about \$7,000. over last year at this time. Supervisor Rowland is to check to see why these accounts are ahead of last year. It was believed that one account was over due to the emergency replacement of a furnace. For Youth Services, it was most likely due to the fact that tickets for the Yankee game were just purchased and paid for a month ahead of last year. Coseo, C. felt that it was good program and the Town needed to continue to have it. If the only alternative was to go to Geyser Road, then the Board should approve it. Supervisor Rowland stated that next year the program could return to Greenfield School, however we would now have to pay to use the facilities there as well.

RESOLUTION # 64 – Contract for Summer Program

Motion: Coseo, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby authorizes the Recreation Director, Karyn Zanetti, to enter into a contract with Saratoga Springs City School District for the use of Geyser Road School for the Summer Program.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

RESOLUTION # 65 – In Support of Commitment to Public Health

Motion: Coseo, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

WHEREAS, tobacco use kills over 25,000 New Yorkers every year, yet is the leading preventable cause of death in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in New York State alone, the tobacco industry spends \$516 million annually to market its deadly products; and

WHEREAS, every day, another 4,000 American children start to smoke, and another 2,000 become regular, daily smokers; and

WHEREAS, in New York State the average age at which smokers try their first cigarette is 14½; and

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WHEREAS, tobacco advertising in retail stores has a powerful influence on teens, who are significantly more likely to smoke due to advertising than they are due to peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, research shows that kids are more than twice as likely as adults to recall tobacco advertising after two weeks than adults; and

WHEREAS, outdoor and exterior-facing tobacco ads at retail stores are often seen by students walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, retail stores are an integral part of our community;

THEREFORE, Supervisor Rowland and the Town Board of Greenfield hereby proclaim May 31st, 2008 (also known as World No Tobacco Day) to be No Tobacco Ads Day in the Town of Greenfield; and

Furthermore, from this day forth, for the health of all youth residing in the Town of Greenfield, request that all retail stores in the Town of Greenfield voluntarily remove all exterior tobacco advertisements; and

Furthermore, from this day forth, request that all retail stores in the Town of Greenfield voluntarily remove all interior tobacco advertisements that are placed at child's eye level or near candy or toys; and

Furthermore, from this day forth, request Greenfield retailers to continue to demonstrate their commitment to the health of the children of the Town of Greenfield by reducing the overall number of tobacco advertisements in their stores.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

Highway Winter Budget – Highway Supt. Barss gave the Board an overview of the expenses this winter. They have just about used up all of the salt budget for the year. They would have approximately 200 tons left to purchase in the Fall of the year. In order to stay within budget, to cover the extra overtime, fuel, etc. they will probably have to take at least 1 mile of road out of their repair schedule. Highway Supt. Barss stated that he would like to know around June or so if he was going to have to stay within his budget or not. Coseo, C. asked if paving costs were going to go up as well since diesel and petroleum costs continue to rise. Highway Supt. Barss stated that everything was going up and they may have to reduce the amount even more. He added that they were looking into some other possibilities, such as recycling the millings. He has a company coming in May to do a demonstration for the Town, County and other municipalities. They are going to do Frasier Road.

Employee E-mails – Town Clerk advised that the Town would be able to add additional email accounts through the Town website. In addition, there may be 1 or 2 more available through our cable contract. At this time, there is one email address for each department. Coseo, C. questioned whether there was a need for every employee in a department to have an email address. He felt that it should go through the head of the department to answer the questions. Supervisor Rowland asked the Recreation Director had a Town email. Town Clerk advised that she did not. Board agreed to provide the Recreation Director with an email address at this time.

Roadside Wood – Supervisor Rowland advised that the Board had received a letter from Philip Gargan asking that the Town look into the feasibility of

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utilizing the wood that the Highway Department cuts every year along the road. Town Counsel Schachner was not sure how Mr. Gargan envisioned coming up with a threshold and determining who was eligible or not. There could be privacy issues regarding data collection in order to determine who was eligible. Highway Supt. Barss stated that he really does not have that much excess wood. Usually the land owner wants the wood left there. Supervisor Rowland stated that there are other programs, such as HEAP, that are available to help people with heating needs.

Unsafe Building – Supervisor Rowland advised that the Code Enforcement Officer provided Board members with a report of a site inspection made at 4000 Route 9N. Coseo, C. stated that he had to recuse himself from this matter since he has represented and currently represents the family in other matters. The property in question is owned by the Chwaz family. The roof of the building has collapsed, as well as the exterior walls. It is the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer that the building is unsafe and constitutes a serious health and safety risk in its present condition. Kinsella, C. felt that the Board should go ahead and begin the notification process.

RESOLUTION # 66 - Unsafe Building Notice

Motion: Pemrick, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to issue an unsafe building notice to the property owners of 4000 Route 9N, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a hearing before the Town Board shall be scheduled for April 10th, 2008 beginning at 7:20 PM.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstained: Coseo

RESOLUTION # 67 – Transfer of Funds

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be authorized to make the following transfer of funds:

\$6,547.42 From DA5110.4 to DA5120.4

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

Monthly reports were submitted by the Building Department (Jan.), Dog Control Officer, Town Justice Hopkins, Highway Supt., Town Clerk, UDAG Revolving Loan Fund and the Town Supervisor.

The Annual Financial Report for the Town of Greenfield has been filed with the State of New York and a copy is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION # 68 – General Bills

Motion: Coseo, C.

Seconded: Pemrick, C.

RESOLVED, That General Bills #105 to # 169 in the amount of \$29,014.09 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION # 69 – Highway Bills

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That Highway Bills # 23 to # 38 in the amount of \$102, 414.43 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Rowland, Pemrick, Coseo, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

On motion of Coseo, C. and seconded by Pemrick, C., the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Town Clerk