

1     **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, TOWN OF DANUBE, JANUARY 10, 2012**

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3     **An organizational meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Danube, County of**  
4     **Herkimer and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 438 Creek Road,**  
5     **Little Falls, NY on 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.**

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7     **Supervisor Welden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of**  
8     **Allegiance to the flag following the administering of the Oaths of Office.**

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10    **PRESENT:**   Charles Welden       ----   Supervisor  
11               Robert Sekel        ----   Councilman  
12               Lee Ann Stock       ----   Councilwoman  
13               Patricia Jodway      ----   Councilwoman  
14               Alicia Cook         ----   Councilwoman  
15               Mary Herringshaw   ----   Clerk  
16               Corey LaPorta       ----   Highway Superintendent

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18    **ABSENT:**

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20    **RESOLUTION #1**

21    **OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES**

22    **On a motion made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway,**  
23    **the following resolution was**

24    **ADOPTED    Ayes 5           Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
25               **Nays 0**

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27    **Resolved that Bank of America of Little Falls, and M&T of Little Falls, Adirondack**  
28    **Trust of Little Falls and Citizens Bank of Herkimer and NBT be designated official**  
29    **depositories for the Town of Danube for the year 2012.**

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31    **RESOLUTION #2**

32    **OFFICIAL BONDS**

33    **On a motion made by Councilman Stock, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway, the**  
34    **following resolution was**

35    **ADOPTED    Ayes 5           Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
36               **Nays 0**

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38    **Resolved that Town Officials be bonded as listed.**

Supervisor	\$16,000.00
Tax Collector	\$49,000.00
Town Clerk	\$10,000.00
Town Justice	\$10,000.00
Highway Superintendent	\$10,000.00
Justice Clerk	\$10,000.00

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46    **RESOLUTION #3**

47    **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

48    **On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the**  
49    **Following resolution was**

50    **ADOPTED    Ayes 5           Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
51               **Nays 0**

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53 **Resolved that The Little Falls Times be the official newspaper for the year 2012.**  
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55 **RESOLUTION #4**

56 **REGULAR MEETING**

57 **On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the**  
58 **following resolution was**

59 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
60 **Nays 0**  
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62 **Resolved that the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. be designated as**  
63 **the regular meeting date for the Town of Danube Town Board for the year 2012.**  
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65 **RESOLUTION #5**

66 **FIRE WARDENS**

67 **On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the**  
68 **following resolution was**

69 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
70 **Nays 0**  
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72 **Resolved that the following people be appointed as fire wardens for the Town of**  
73 **Danube for the year 2012: Anthony Crews, Richard Kapala, Daniel Downing,**  
74 **Charles Welden, Rick Mosher, Leonard Pross and John Delnero, Corey LaPorta.**  
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76 **RESOLUTION #6**

77 **INVESTMENTS**

78 **On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Cook,**  
79 **the following resolution was**

80 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
81 **Nays 0**  
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83 **Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to invest certain funds in interest**  
84 **bearing certificates of deposit, savings accounts or treasury bills until needed to pay**  
85 **town obligations for the year 2012. Also the Supervisor is authorized to pay utility**  
86 **bills, health insurance and postage upon receipt and show those in the monthly**  
87 **warrants or Supervisor's Report.**  
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89 **RESOLUTION #7**

90 **SALARIES**

91 **On a motion made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the**  
92 **following resolution was**

93 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
94 **Nays 0**  
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97 **Resolved that the following salaries be fixed for the year 2012 – One job description**  
98 **with six steps for full-time, permanent employees ranging in pay from \$10.20 per**  
99 **hour at step 1 to \$15.72 per hour at step 6. Step 3 will be \$11.86 per hour. Step 4**  
100 **will be \$12.19 per hour. Step 5 will be \$13.07 per hour. The board also noted that**  
101 **in order to be a full time highway employee for the township the individual must**  
102 **have a CDL License.**

Also resolved that the following salaries be fixed for the year 2012 - Overtime (only for full-time employees) at 1.5 times the hourly rate.

Also resolved that the dog control officer salary be fixed for the year 2012 - \$1500.00 per year to be paid on a Monthly basis. The Codes Enforcement Official to be \$3000.00 per year to be paid on a Monthly basis. The Labor Rate (General & Highway) \$8.00 per hour (with no overtime available). The RMO = \$600.00 and Reg. Vital Statistics = \$500.00 (part of the town clerk's salary). The Temporary Clerk to the Justice \$7,500.00 per year.

RESOLUTION #8

**ATTORNEY**

On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**

Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved that the position of "Attorney for the Town" continue.

RESOLUTION #9

**APPOINTMENTS**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Supervisor Welden, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**

Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved that the following appointments for the year 2012 for the Town of Danube:

Mary Lou Herringshaw – Registrar of Vital Statistics & RMO  
Linda Welden – Town Historian  
Larry Ortlieb – Dog Control Officer  
Frank Ceneviva – Codes Enforcement Official  
Joyce Petrie – Official Cleaner  
Kerri Congdon – Health Officer

RESOLUTION #10

**APPOINTMENTS**

On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**

Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved to appoint James Lasher to the planning board.

RESOLUTION #11

**RULES of PROCEDURE**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the following resolution was**

**ADOPTED**

**Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
**Nays 0**

**Resolved to adopt the existing agenda for the year 2012 as presented.**

**RESOLUTION #12**

**OFFICIAL FORMS**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Supervisor Welden, the following resolution was**

**ADOPTED    Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
**Nays 0**

**Resolved to adopt the conference/training request form, the DCO report format, Codes, mileage report format for 2012. The mileage reimbursement rate was set at the NYS rate for 2012, as the state rate changes the towns will also. (Currently at .555 cents a mile)**

**RESOLUTION #13**

**CALENDAR FOR PAYROLLS, MEETINGS, BILLS**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway, the following resolution was**

**ADOPTED**

**Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
**Nays 0**

**Resolved to adopt the proposed calendar for payrolls, meetings and bills for 2012.**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Carried unanimously.**

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DANUBE, JANUARY 10, 2012**

**Supervisor Welden called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. following the organizational meeting with all of the board members still present.**

**RESOLUTION # 14**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Supervisor Welden, the following resolution was**

**ADOPTED Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
**Nays 0**

**Resolved to enter into executive session at 7:05 to discuss a personnel issue.**

**RESOLUTION # 15**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved to end executive session with no decisions being made at 7:34.

#### RESOLUTION # 16

##### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved that the agenda for the meeting be approved.

#### RESOLUTION # 17

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Supervisor Welden, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Welden, Stock, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0  
Abstain 1 Jodway

Resolved that the minutes from December 14, 2011 be approved as submitted. Jodway abstained as she wasn't at the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION # 18

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes from December 29, 2011 be approved as submitted.

#### REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

##### CODES REPORT

Code official Frank Ceneviva asked if there were any questions on his report. Ceneviva stated that he issued two permits and had two more in the works. Jodway asked if he stopped and inspected the Bed and Breakfast. Ceneviva said he stopped but didn't inspect it as they didn't have a permit, it was pretty much cosmetics. Ceneviva asked if the town was a member of the NYS Retirement System.

##### ASSESSOR REPORT

Supervisor Welden said he wasn't sure what was going on with the billing in the county for the assessor. Welden reminded everyone that the deadline for the exemptions for star is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### DOG CONTROL OFFICER

The dog control officer wasn't present.

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254 **TOWN CLERK**

255 Supervisor Welden accepted the monthly report submitted from Clerk Herringshaw  
256 for the month of December 2012.

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258 **CEMETERY BOARD**

259 Mosher was present to go over his report. Mosher reported that the annual meeting  
260 would be on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mosher also reported that 4 lots were  
261 sold in the Ostrander Cemetery.

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263 **PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

264 Welden reported that there is a full board now.

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266 **TOWN JUSTICE**

267 Welden did not get a report from the justice for the month.

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269 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

270 LaPorta asked if there were any questions about his report. LaPorta mentioned they  
271 have had it pretty easy so far. Jodway asked what the men were working on with  
272 not any snow. LaPorta said maintenance on vehicles. Jodway mentioned that she  
273 noticed that the CHIPS check came in for \$48,688.93.

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275 LaPorta said he needed approval to order 1 load of salt. LaPorta said he would also  
276 like to have pre approval for 2 more loads as needed.

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278 **RESOLUTION # 19**

279 **APPROVAL FOR SALT**

280 On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the  
281 following resolution was

282 **ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
283 Nays 0

284  
285 Resolved to pre approve the purchase of 3 loads of salt. One load will fit right now  
286 and the other two will be ordered as needed.

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288 Jodway asked LaPorta if he had a bid for fuel. Welden stated that it was up to the  
289 board to request bids and he would get working on that.

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291 **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

292 **RESOLUTION # 20**

293 **SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

294 On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the  
295 following resolution was

296 **ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Welden, Stock, Cook, Sekel  
297 Nays 0  
298 Abstain 1 Jodway

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300 Resolved to approve the corrected November 2011 and the December 2011 monthly  
301 report as submitted. Jodway wasn't present at last month's meeting.

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Welden mentioned the Hydraulic Fracturing Moratorium meeting that he went to in the Town of Manheim in December.

**OLD BUSINESS**

15g. Welden will try and set up a meeting with the fire chiefs to discuss the fire contracts. Jodway said she thought the fire wardens should be invited.

**NEW BUSINESS**

16a. Welden again spoke about the Hydraulic Fracturing Moratorium and said he would mail everyone the copy that he got from the meeting in Manheim.

16b. Highway Superintendent Salary was discussed. Welden explained that a local law would have to be put up for a referendum and then there would be a vote of the residents being counted and the outcome either way would be accepted. Welden explained there would have to be a hearing first. Welden will talk to Norman to get the specifics to get this moving forward.

At 8:52 p.m. Supervisor Welden opened the floor to public comment.

Michael Weiner asked if there was a decision about his property/road that he gave the board paperwork on over 8 months ago. Welden said no.

Weiner then asked Ceneviva if he was ever going to go up the road and check on the hill. Ceneviva said he could not legally go onto property that was posted.

Weiner then asked LaPorta if he was going to continue to be a part time Highway Superintendent. LaPorta said yes it was a part time position.

Public Comment was closed at 8:59.

**RESOLUTION # 21**

**PAY ABSTRACTS FOR MONTH**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the following resolution was

<b>ADOPTED</b>	<b>Ayes 5</b>	<b>Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel</b>
	<b>Nays 0</b>	

Be it hereby resolved that the town board members audit both the general and highway warrants and abstracts for the month and approve for payment #'s 0101 through 0114 (\$6776.62) for general warrants and #'s 0101 through 0104 (\$4174.96) for highway warrants.

On a motion made by Councilman Sekel, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Mary Herringshaw, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING, TOWN OF DANUBE, January 24, 2012**

**A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Danube, County of Herkimer and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 438 Creek Road, Little Falls, NY on the 24th day of January 2012.**

**PRESENT:** Charles M. Welden ---- Supervisor  
Patricia Jodway ---- Councilwoman  
Alicia B. Cook ---- Councilwoman  
Robert Sekel ---- Councilman

**ABSENT:** Lee Ann Stock ---- Councilwoman  
Corey LaPorta ---- Highway Superintendent

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
Norman Mastromoro, Attorney for Town, Guy Barton Mayor of Ft. Plain, and Bernie Barnes Mayor of St. Johnsville.

**Supervisor Welden called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**There was a discussion with the Mayors and the board about fire protection in the entire township. The town board requested a feasibility study to be done by both Ft. Plain and St. Johnsville in regards to covering the township with fire protection. The attorney wanted to make sure that both municipalities had talked to their insurance companies to make sure there wouldn't be any issues in that regard. The Mayors both had already checked and said they were okay. Both Mayors agreed and said they would be back in touch with the town with study results by the board meeting set for Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM. Carried unanimously.**

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**Mary Lou Herringshaw, Town Clerk**



**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DANUBE, FEBRUARY 8, 2012**

**A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Danube, County of Herkimer and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 438 Creek Road, Little Falls, NY on 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012.**

**Supervisor Welden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Charles Welden</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
	<b>Robert Sekel</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>Councilman</b>
	<b>Lee Ann Stock</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>Councilwoman</b>
	<b>Patricia Jodway</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>Councilwoman</b>
	<b>Alicia Cook</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>Councilwoman</b>
	<b>Mary Herringshaw</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Corey LaPorta</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>Highway Superintendent</b>

**ABSENT:**

**RESOLUTION # 22**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the following resolution was**

<b>ADOPTED Ayes 5</b>	<b>Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel</b>
<b>Nays 0</b>	

**Resolved to enter into executive session at 7:01 to discuss a personnel issue.**

**RESOLUTION # 23**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the following resolution was**

<b>ADOPTED Ayes 5</b>	<b>Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel</b>
<b>Nays 0</b>	

**Resolved to end executive session with no decisions being made at 7:24.**

**RESOLUTION # 24**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilman Sekel, the following resolution was**

<b>ADOPTED Ayes 5</b>	<b>Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel</b>
<b>Nays 0</b>	

**Resolved that the agenda for the meeting be approved.**

**RESOLUTION # 25**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the following resolution was**

<b>ADOPTED Ayes 5</b>	<b>Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel</b>
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Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes from January 10, and January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be approved as submitted.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS  
CODES REPORT**

Code official Frank Ceneviva was not present.

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

Supervisor Welden mentioned that the contract with Real Property Tax Service Agency had to be renewed. Welden also reminded everyone that all exemptions had to be turned in by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

**RESOLUTION # 26**

**REAL PROPERTY SERVICE CONTRACT**

On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved to sign the contact with Herkimer County for the next year.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER**

The dog control officer wasn't present but did report that he picked up a dog over on Bellinger Road. Herringshaw also mentioned that there was an amended contract from the Herkimer County Humane Society that needed to be signed.

**RESOLUTION # 27**

**AMENDED HCHS AGREEMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilman Sekel, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel  
Nays 0

Resolved to have Supervisor Welden sign the amended contract with HCHS.

**TOWN CLERK**

Supervisor Welden accepted the monthly report submitted from Clerk Herringshaw for the month of January 2012.

**CEMETERY BOARD**

Mosher was present to go over his report. Mosher reported that the annual meeting would be on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mosher asked Herringshaw to put the notice in the paper two times (two weeks before and one week before).

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

Welden reported that there is a full board now. Welden talked about the Hydraulic Fracturing Moratorium.

**TOWN JUSTICE**

Welden did not get a report from the justice for the month.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

LaPorta asked if there were any questions about his report. Jodway asked what the men are doing when they aren't out plowing. LaPorta said they are in the back playing cards. Jodway said that was sarcastic and she didn't appreciate that. Jodway said tax payers want to know what the men are doing since we haven't had a lot of snow this winter. LaPorta said that they are working on equipment. Jodway said 3 men for 8 hours every day is 24 hours every day and wondered how much working on the equipment they could be doing. LaPorta said to have the people who are concerned call him. Jodway said they can't because he is never over here and reminded LaPorta that he said that last meeting. Jodway said LaPorta told everyone that he is part time and only over here 5 hours a week. LaPorta said he is at the garage about 2 hours a day and tells the men what they have to do for the day. LaPorta said he needed permission to order 3 more loads of salt. There is room for 1 load and he wanted pre approval for the other 2 loads in case he needs them before the next meeting. Jodway mentioned the board approved 3 loads last month. LaPorta said they have gone through a lot over the last month. The trucks have been out almost every day.

LaPorta said he needed approval to order 1 load of salt. LaPorta said he would also like to have pre approval for 2 more loads as needed.

**RESOLUTION # 28**

**APPROVAL FOR SALT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Supervisor Welden, the following resolution was

<b>ADOPTED Ayes 4</b>	<b>Welden, Stock, Cook, Sekel</b>
<b>Nays 0</b>	
<b>Abstain 1</b>	<b>Jodway</b>

Resolved to pre approve the purchase of 3 loads of salt. One load will fit right now and the other two will be ordered as needed.

Jodway then asked when the tires would be picked up from the trash days last October. LaPorta said he hadn't heard anything. Jodway asked about how many there were out back. LaPorta said between 75 and 100.

LaPorta then mentioned that he needed 49 brushes (25 poly and 24 wire) for the road sweeper. The cost would be \$391.25 from Utica Mack. LaPorta mentioned that they needed them last year but it never got approved. LaPorta said they are on sale now and the regular price would be \$434.84.

**RESOLUTION # 29**

**APPROVAL OF BRUSHES FOR SWEEPER**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Supervisor Welden, the following resolution was

<b>ADOPTED Ayes 5</b>	<b>Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel</b>
<b>Nays 0</b>	

558 Resolved that LaPorta should order 49 brushes (25 poly, 24 wire) for the sweeper  
559 from Utica Mack for \$391.25.  
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561 LaPorta then mentioned that he spoke with someone at Little Falls Fuel and asked  
562 what the price would have been last month from them for 1450 gallons of diesel fuel.  
563 They checked the price on the same dates as our deliveries and the town would have  
564 saved at least \$500 for the cash customer price. LaPorta said it would have been  
565 cheaper for the town because the town would have gotten it a little cheaper than  
566 that. Jodway said she has been in contact with the state and Rose Destito about  
567 state contracts for fuel.  
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569 **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

570 **RESOLUTION # 30**

571 **SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

572 On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway,  
573 the following resolution was

574 **ADOPTED Ayes 5                      Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel**  
575 **Nays 0**  
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577 Resolved to approve the January 2012 monthly report as submitted.  
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579 Welden reported that the changeover of banks has been completed.  
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581 **OLD BUSINESS**

582 15b. Welden reported that the attorney now had all of the information regarding  
583 the possibility of road abandonment on West End of Lovers' Leap Road.  
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585 Welden then discussed the FOIL and Open Meeting Rules and Guidelines set forth  
586 by the state.  
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588 15g. Welden reported about the meeting we had with the Mayors of Ft. Plain and St.  
589 Johnsville. Welden also reported that the next fire district study meeting with the  
590 Mayors would be on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.  
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592 15h. Welden reported that the lights were all in for the meeting room which was  
593 covered by the grant. Welden said Rick had the eagles in his office for the flag.  
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595 **NEW BUSINESS**  
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597 16b. Highway Superintendent Salary was discussed. Welden said there has to be a  
598 hearing on the law. It will most likely be local law #1 to increase salary of the  
599 highway superintendent. There will have to be a referendum and a vote by town  
600 residents. There will have to be a hearing first. The hearing will probably be set for  
601 the beginning of the next board meeting with a start time of 6:30.  
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603 16c. Welden then discussed the drainage problem on Aloisio's property.  
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605 **RESOLUTION # 31**

606 **LETTER TO JAY EWAYNKE re: ALOISIO PROPERTY**

607 On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Stock,  
608 the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5  
Nays 0

Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel

Resolved that Welden and LaPorta write a letter to Herkimer County Highway Superintendent requesting him to look at the Alosio's property and provide a written report on water damage issues regarding the rear of the property abutting Lovers' Leap Road.

16. Welden then went over the Little Falls CARE letter regarding bird watching.

Welden then went over letter about workers comp from Rossi and Murnane.

At 8:58 p.m. Supervisor Welden opened the floor to public comment.

Eileen Warner reported that there would be a presidential primary April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Weiner spoke next asking why the board hasn't explained to the people why LaPorta's salary was cut. Weiner then mentioned a meeting that Lasher, Stock, Jodway, Welden and Weiner all attended last year about the highway superintendent's responsibilities and all board members present said LaPorta wasn't doing his job. Weiner said LaPorta refused to go to the meeting.

Leonard LaPorta then said he doesn't agree with the board going into executive session to discuss things behind closed doors. LaPorta said it should all be discussed in public. Herringshaw tried to explain that when the board discusses personnel issues it has to be behind closed doors for privacy reasons. LaPorta still said he disagrees and thinks everything should be talked about in front of everyone.

Public Comment was closed at 9:16.

**RESOLUTION # 32  
PAY ABSTRACTS FOR MONTH**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilwoman Cook, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5  
Nays 0

Welden, Stock, Jodway, Cook, Sekel

Be it hereby resolved that the town board members audit both the general and highway warrants and abstracts for the month and approve for payment #'s 0201 through 0216 (\$7,901.52) for general warrants and #'s 0201 through 0210 (\$15,674.88) for highway warrants.

A negotiation workshop was scheduled for February 23 at 7 pm. It will be a closed meeting.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Mary Herringshaw, Town Clerk

