

TOWN OF SOUTHEAST
John J. Dunford Civic Center
1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509
November 12, 2009
Regular Meeting

Notation of Exits
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Rights
Councilman Johnson
Councilman Honeck
Councilman Gross
Councilman Yee

Also Present: Town Clerk Mazzei
Town Attorney Willis Stephens

And: Approximately 90 residents

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Rights made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Gross seconded. All in favor.

2010 TOWN OF SOUTHEAST BUDGET – CONTINUATION

Supervisor Rights and Councilman Honeck reread statements that were first presented at the November 5, 2009 public hearing/

Supervisor Rights read the following:

**PROPOSAL TO FREEZE PROPERTY TAXES IN SOUTHEAST NEXT YEAR
OUR CHALLENGE: TO DO MORE WITH LESS**

HOW THE BUDGET IMPACTS YOUR TAX BILL - I want to report to you that for the second year in a row, I'm proposing a budget that features no tax increase. Last year, keeping a campaign promise, I presented a budget that featured a 10% cut in property taxes. This year, I'm proposing a property tax freeze. By taking sensible and straightforward measures, we can reign in the cost of government.

TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE - If adopted as proposed, the average homeowner would see a decline in their tax bill for the Town outside the Village. My budget proposes \$782,000 in Appropriations and \$791,000 in Revenues. I applied the \$9,000 in savings to aid other portions of the budget.

TOWNWIDE- Town wide, I propose \$9,022,942 in appropriations, and \$4,300,381 in estimated revenues. Partially offset by a \$450,000 use of unexpended fund balance, the amount to be raised by tax is \$4,281,057.

Members of the Town Council and I continue to work hard to reduce the cost of government to you, the taxpayers, while we continue to provide services that we all feel are essential to the quality of life in Southeast. In 2010, we will be asking our departments to operate with less funding. We will look for ways to reinvent the way we operate government, so that we can offer governmental services at the lowest possible cost. We will continue to pursue consolidation, partnerships, outsourcing and other cost cutting measures. In addition, we need to lobby NYS government to enact reforms to enable local government to reduce unnecessary spending.

USE OF FUND BALANCE IN A-LINE FUND - As proposed, my budget applies unexpended fund balance to offset appropriations in three budget lines: \$300,000 to the A Line (Town wide budget line), and two lines in the Highway Department budget of \$75,000 each, for a total of \$450,000. This use is lower than in many prior years, and will leave Southeast -- after we pay ourselves back for money that we expended on Phase One of the Landfill Closure Project, in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority -- in excess of one million dollars. We are, and will remain, a financially strong municipality.

2010 BUDGET SEEKS TO BALANCE SERVICE NEEDS AND TAX CONCERNS - In the face of significant revenue declines and increases in costs outside of the Town's control, we have to make difficult choices. Many of our residents are out of work or concerned about losing their jobs. Retirement savings losses and steep declines in home values compound this financial distress. In light of this, any tax increase is too much. However, many Southeast residents are concerned about possible service declines. Our mandate is to represent our community family. The 2010 budget seeks to balance the need to restrain tax increases with the service needs and expectations of our residents.

MORTGAGE TAX REVENUE TO TOWN DOWN BY 40%, NYS MANDATED PENSION FUND CONTRIBUTIONS UP \$160,000 - Revenues the Town has depended upon in the past have declined, much of which are directly related to the weak economy. In addition to mortgage tax declines, assessed valuations are down, which impact the tax rate.

While revenues are down, some expenses have gone up. For example, the Town is now mandated by NYS to increase contributions to the pension fund. New, additional costs include the infamous MTA Commuter Tax, which will cost the Town about \$23,000 in additional payroll tax.

COST CONTAINMENT - Despite that bad news highlighted above, expenses have been cut to achieve the proposed property tax freeze. These cuts include a ban on travel, sale of the municipal fleet except in the Highway Department, leaving vacant one full item position, and elimination of a couple of part time positions. Every department made difficult cuts to achieve our goal of keeping taxes as low as possible.

REDUCED AUTHORIZED JOBS - As noted, the revised proposed 2010 budget leaves vacant one full-time position to achieve savings through attrition. Later tonight, we'll discuss an RFP for a Property Tax Consultant. Several of our neighboring communities have expressed interest in partnering with Southeast regarding property tax assessment services. Partnering offers an opportunity to achieve significant savings to our residents, while preserving southeast's important Homestead Exemption.

To offset the revenue declines and expense increases we have to make painfully hard and painstakingly considered choices. The across-the-board spending cut shares the economic pain equally, with the minimum impact to any one department or charitable entity. If the Town experiences additional departures in personnel, I anticipate not filling those positions to achieve additional savings during the present recession.

I feel strongly about the need to limit tax increases. Any changes which increase expenses should be fully offset by other expense decreases. If we don't continue to cut expenses, then the Town could face problems in the future.

I want to thank the other members of the Town Board for working in partnership with me to craft the preliminary budget filed, on time, with the Town Clerk on September 30. We had been meeting for a number of weeks reviewing items in every department, principally of course in the larger departments, and we were able to work with department heads and union employees to reach a consensus on savings. I would like to thank the Brewster Fire Department Commissioners for their hard work crafting their budget, and I praise the volunteer firemen for their contributions to the community by keeping us all safer at a cost far lower than a paid corps of firefighters. Finally, I would like to thank each department head for their work on savings in their department budgets, to do more with less funding from Town taxpayers. During this period of fiscal austerity, it's their challenge and ours to do more with less.

I would also like to thank the dedicated town work force for agreeing to the sacrifices they made to help address these difficult budgetary times.

Our Town has many beautiful places and enjoys many blessings. I am proud of our community.

Supervisor mentioned this second preliminary budget and the Town Clerk advised him that there was only one preliminary budget which was submitted to the Town Clerk by September 30, 2009.

Councilman Honeck read the following statement:

Roger Gross, Councilman

Dick Honeck, Councilman

Paul Johnson, Councilman

Town Budget Released

In September, Supervisor Michael Rights presented his 2010 Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk and Town Board.

His budget eliminated the Tax Collection Department, the Tax Assessor's Department, cut the Code Enforcement Department by 50%, cut funding to the Putnam County Humane Society by 50%, funding for the Brewster Library by 5%, funding for the Southeast Museum by 11%, cut funding for Veteran organizations, sold all Town Vehicles for \$32,000 (with the exception of those under the auspices of the Town Highway Department) and cut funding for litigation of quality of life zoning violations (e.g. Dykeman's section of Town). The Supervisor's budget also eliminated all contingency amounts that are used for emergencies. The Rights budget purported to cut taxes by .99% or about \$5 per year for the average Town Tax payer.

Councilmen Gross, Honeck and Johnson have announced a 2010 Preliminary Budget proposal more responsible and realistic budget with the following features:

- Restoration of Tax Collection Department – The Town, which also collects taxes on behalf of the various school districts in Southeast, needs to be able to collect taxes so that local services (e.g. snow plowing) and the education of our children can be provided. Elimination of this department was an irresponsible politically motivated move on the part of the Supervisor.
- Tax Assessor – This department was restored so that Residents are assured quality tax assessments, allow residents continued local access to information and forms (e.g., the STAR program) and ensured that residents do not lose the Homestead Tax provision. Losing the Homestead Option would cost residents \$800 to \$1,200 per year in higher property taxes. Eliminating this Department, without any provision for any assessments costs, was irresponsible and another politically motivated calculation. The Assessors department was reduced by one person, realizing net savings of approximately \$50,000 per annum.
- Maintenance – With the new water park, the 2010 budget combines two part time positions and created an additional full time maintenance worker. This will allow for more proactive maintenance of our expansive facilities.
- Putnam County Humane Society – Funding was restored to 2009 levels. The Town needs access to such a facility and is looking forward to partnering with the PCHS in the future. PCHS is a “no-kill facility,” unlike the facilities that the Supervisor is pushing the Town to utilize.

- Highway – The Budget continues to support the scheduled replacement of aging trucks in the Highway Department. The Town’s 85 miles of roads are a critical maintenance issue for safety of our residents. Highway funding for the Enoch Crosby Road Extension project was also provided for 2010 in order to ensure the health and safety of Residents living off of Enoch Crosby Road and Maple Road.
- Veterans – Restored funding to full legal limit of \$5,000 per year for Veteran organizations.
- Brewster Library – Restored funding to 2009 levels. Libraries are utilized tremendously, especially during tough economic times.
- Southeast Museum – Restored funding to 2009 levels. Like the Brewster Library, the Southeast Museum plays a critical role on the viability of Main Street in the Village of Brewster.
- Code Enforcement – In a time of continued concern about overcrowding and zoning violations, it was critical to maintain 2 Code Enforcement Officers in Southeast. The continued enforcement of the Town’s Rental Registration law and other quality of life measures make this a necessity for the Town.
- North Salem Ambulance – Funding of \$5,000 has been provided to help facilitate a solution for funding the Town’s fair share for the services being provided by the North Salem Ambulance District.
- Town Vehicles – The suggestion that employees would have to use their personnel motor vehicles for Town Business was irresponsible and not well thought out. Employees enter rugged work sites and carry messy materials which put their personnel motor vehicles at risk. The burden of having employees add commercial insurance coverage, which would not be compensated by the Town, was also significant. Lastly, the Town would be exposed for maintenance of personal motor vehicles should there be accidents by employees on Town Business. Maintaining Town vehicles is the responsible and cost effective policy for taxpayers.
- Contingency – This budget has \$40,000 of contingency to cover emergencies or should there be a decline in forecasted revenues. Should it not be needed in 2010, surplus funds would be applied to the 2011 Budget.

In addition to making this budget more responsible and realistic, costs were cut in all departments and overtime regulations were enacted. At the end of the day, this budget resulted in a 4.5% tax increase or about \$23 per year increase for the average homeowner. This is a responsible budget, and not one that was created for political impact.

This \$23 increase per year will be offset from the approximate \$12 per year savings derived from the award of the Town garbage contract to Sanipro.

The Supervisor said in his previous budget he had eliminated 2 tax departments because we were offered a pilot program from the county. He also said that there is a town car that is used less than 100 miles per month. He said that we do not have 2 Zoning enforcement officers, that the town has eight. He said the Vets also received a 10% across the board budget reduction, because they have to share the pain equally. There were shortfalls this year such as \$200,000 in Planning Board Revenues, \$200,000 in mortgage tax, \$23,000 in commuter MTA tax, and \$160,000 in Pension Fund Levy. Resident Lynne Eckardt spoke of the recreation line and felt the revenue seemed high and that was her biggest concern. She said if the Supervisor froze institutions such as library Museum and the Humane Society then he should also freeze his salary. She stated that she thought he did not do a very good job with the budget. Open Space was also mentioned. Fines and Forfeitures will have anticipated revenue increase. Revenues were entered from the tentative budget into the preliminary. Councilman Yee said he supports the Supervisor’s budget.

Councilman Gross felt nothing was wrong with consolidation but it has to be thought out. Councilman Honeck took offense to the statement of reckless spending. He again talked of the pilot program with Putnam County and said that the town voted against it because the town did

not want to be guinea pigs. The Supervisor insisted that the Homestead was not in danger. Councilman Johnson said that Council-elect Hudak did an informal analysis and that the town residents were at risk of losing about \$1,200 per year for Homestead. Councilman Yee agreed to forgo his increase this year.

The total budget was \$4,576,311 stated by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Budget. Councilman Honeck second. All in favor.

STATELINE – SPECIAL PERMIT

Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Stateline Special Permit. Supervisor Rights second. All in favor.

Ashley Ley was present from AKRF – A matrix was included in the resolution. The Planning Board found that the project substantially conforms to the Special Permit criteria. She went over some concerns such as the site design and said that there was no significant habitat. The landscaping was not applicable. Parking lots have no overflow parking proposed and it is proposed that they have impervious surfaces. No other commercial development on that site and some of the plantings are more than the recommended 40 feet generally because of the entrances to the building. The issues of signage and towers are before the zoning Board and the articulation of the building is before the ARB. Not all the building materials are specified and the HVAC layout is not provided.

Supervisor Rights made a motion to leave the Public Hearing open. Councilman Honeck second. All in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Rights made a motion to open the Regular Meeting. Councilman Honeck seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Rights made a motion to waive the reading of the correspondence. Councilman Honeck seconded. All in favor.

Correspondence received

1. Brian Sordelet to Town of Southeast Re: Code Enforcement of fabric storage Covers
2. Sterling Environmental to Supervisor Rights Re: Town of Southeast Landfill Leaf composting
3. Sterling Environmental to NYS DEC Re: Town of Southeast Landfill 4th Quarter 2009 EMP
4. Reed Construction Data to Town of Southeast Re: North Salem Sanitary Sewer Extension
5. NYDEC to Marc Erev Brewster Auto Re: Notice of Violation
6. State Comptroller to Town Supervisor Re: Notification of loss of IDA's ability to provide exemptions from state taxes
7. Southeast Grille House to Town Clerk Re: Liquor License Renewal
8. Chazen to Town Clerk Re: Letters re endangered species delay to Springhouse Water District
9. Eileen McEmery to Town Board Re: Lakeview Manor
10. Keane & Beane to Town Board Re: Crossroads 312 Scoping Session – Transcript of Public Comment
11. Barry Nesson to Town of Southeast Re: Notice of Claim
12. NYSDEC to Town of Southeast Re: Landfill Closure Plan

13. DEP to Highway Superintendent Re: Lead Agency Notification-Enoch Crosby Rd Extension
14. DEP to Planning Department Re: Stateline Retail Center FEIS NYS Route 6
15. Croton Falls Fire District to Town Clerk Re: Adopted 2010 Budget
16. Kevin Palmer to Town Clerk Re: Election Signs
17. DEP to Town of Southeast Re: Peach Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant
18. NYSDEC to Town Clerk Re: Putnam County Community Meeting; FEMA Map Modernization Program
19. Laurie Bell to Town Board Re: Tax Assessor Position
20. ALOS Micrographics Corp to Town Clerk Re: Discontinuation of Micrographics Division
21. PC Legislature to Town of Southeast Re: Proposed Local Law/Historic Road Preservation
22. PC Legislature to Supervisor Rights Re: Reply to Request for support for exemption of Putnam County Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Licensing Law for Peach Lake Sewer Project
23. SCDA Ltd to PC Volunteer Fireman's Association Re: Removal of clothing bin
24. NYMIR to Robert Schoenberg Re: Notice of Claim
25. PC Legislature to Supervisor Rights Re: Cost of Contractors Licenses
26. Robinson, Brog, Leinwand, Greene, Genovese & Gluck PC to Town of Southeast Re: Collection of Refuse, Garbage, Recyclable Materials and Bulk Collection Contract
27. Jacobson to Southeast Planning Board Re: Jonke Residence Site Plan Review
28. Jacobson to Southeast Planning Board Re: Starr Ridge Farm Equestrian Center Release of Performance Bond
29. Jacobson to Southeast Planning Board Re: Metro PCS New York LLC Site Plan Review
30. Jacobson to Southeast Planning Board Re: Heart to Heart Children's Center Site Plan Review
31. Jacobson to Southeast Planning Board Re: Cerlich Re-Subdivision Final Review
32. Erie Liability Insurance Re: Mr. Rooter of Dutchess County Inc
33. Accord Certificate of Ins Re: PJ Exteriors Inc & Lampi Holding Co
34. Accord Certificate of Ins Re: SRI Fire Sprinkler
35. Accord Certificate of Ins Re: Conklin Services & Construction
36. Accord Certificate of Ins Re: Hellas Air Temp Co
37. NYS Workers' Compensation Ins Aqueduct Plumbing & Heating
38. Councilman Johnson, Honeck, & Gross Re: Town Budget News Release
39. Aversano's Restaurant & Pizzeria Re: Liquor License Renewal
40. **Foils:**
 - Major Abstract Corp Re: CO, Survey, Violations for 259 Peaceable Hill Rd
 - Major Abstract Corp Re: CO, Survey, Violations for 37 Blackberry Dr
 - Lawrence Scavone Re: Site Plan Approval for 1559 Route 22
 - Tim Wilson Re: Topo & Survey for file 68.5 2-2
 - Superior Data Re: CO, Violations or Open permits for 283 Starr Ridge Rd
 - Superior Data Re: CO, Violations, Open permits for 299 Starr Ridge Rd
 - Houlihan Lawrence Re: Septic & Property survey for 155 Carriage Hill Rd
 - Houlihan Lawrence Re: Septic & Property survey for 9 Tea House Lane
 - Vails Grove Co-op Re: Survey of 75 Lakeshore Dr
 - Empire State Research Re: CO, Permits, Violations for 51 Guinea Rd
 - Ann Fanizzi Re: EAF, Site Map, Scoping & zoning change for Crossroads 312
 - Clarlisa Gary Re: Southeast contract with Humane Society
 - Superior Data Re: CO, Violations, Permits for 37 Old Doansburg Rd
 - Houlihan Lawrence Re: Survey for 31 Sager Lane
 - Bradley Schwartz Re: Warning letters for fabric covered structures
41. **Emails:**
 - Paul Johnson to Mike Levine Re: Canvas Structures
 - Graham Trelstad to Supervisor Rights Re: Stormwater Retrofit Plan
 - Graham Trelstad to Supervisor Rights Re: Crossroads 312 – draft Final Scope
 - Southeast Recreation to Town Board Re: Overtime
 - Dwight Yee to Town Board Re: Odd Behavior
 - Dwight Yee to Town Board Re: Minutes
 - Graham Trelstad to Ruth Mazzei Re: Public Notice

- John Young to Town Board Re: Recycling Bins
- Sterling Environmental to Town Board Re: Landfill
- Michael Rights to Town Board & others Re: Landfill and impact of municipal revenue shortfalls

42. Memos:

- ARB to Town of Board Re: Positive Referral for Heart to Heart Childcare Center
- Planning Board to Town Board Re: Stateline Retail Center State Environmental Quality Review Findings Statement

Correspondence Sent

1. Special Districts to NYC DEP Re: Blackberry Hill WWTP Upgrade
2. Town Clerk to NYS Office of Real Property Service Re: Resolution appointing Laurie Bell Town of Southeast Assessor
3. Supervisor Rights to Anne Sweet Re: Claim
4. Supervisor Rights to PC Division of Planning & Development Re: Stateline Retail Center

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST

Councilman Honeck made a motion to approve the vouchers for \$536,770.02. Councilman Gross seconded. All in favor.

MEETINGS

Supervisor Rights made a motion to set the following meeting dates and Councilman Honeck seconded. The following will be held at 1360 Route 22, at 7:30 PM. All in favor.

December 3, 2009 - Worksession

December 10, 2009 – Special Meeting

RFP Reassessment – Consultant Contract

December 17, 2009 – 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

Public Hearing – Quest

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Supervisor Rights made a motion to approve the Budget Transfers. Councilman Yee seconded. All in favor.

ADOPTION OF 2010 SOUTHEAST TOWN BUDGET

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt the 2010 Town of Southeast Budget with total appropriations of \$9,375,360, Revenues 4,349,049, expended fund balance of 450,000, a levy of 4,576,311 and all special district and fire department amounts as set forth in the tentative budget.

Councilman Honeck seconded.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Yee	<u>Nay</u>
Councilman Gross	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Honeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Johnson	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Rights	<u>Nay</u>

VOTE: Carried by a vote of 3 in favor, 2 against, 0 abstained.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Councilman Johnson made a motion to Hire Ed Barrett as Full Time to replace 2 part-time positions. Councilman Gross seconded.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Yee Nay
Councilman Gross Aye
Councilman Honeck Aye
Councilman Johnson Aye
Supervisor Rights Nay

VOTE: Carried by a vote of 3 in favor, 2 against, 0 abstained.

**RESOLUTION 61 /09 BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – MILLTOWN SUBSTATION
ARB DETERMINATION**

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the ARB Determination and refer it to the Planning Board. Councilman Honeck seconded.

Whereas, the Town Board is in receipt of a Report of the Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast dated September 16, 2009 in connection with the application of Brewster Southeast Joint Fire District, to construct a fire substation on premises known as 390 Milltown Road, Tax ID 58.5-1-10.2, in the Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Report concludes that the ARB voted to positively recommend this application to the Town Board subject to conditions and recommendations contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that there is no reason to upset the findings and recommendation of the Architectural Review Board in connection with said application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and approves the Report of the Architectural Review Board dated September 16, 2009 a copy of which is annexed hereto and made part hereof, in connection with the proposal of the Brewster Southeast Joint Fire District for premises located at 390 Milltown Road and that such Report shall be incorporated in any amended final Site Plan approval by the Planning Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall forward a Certified Copy of the foregoing resolution to the Planning Board Secretary forthwith.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Yee Aye
Councilman Gross Aye
Councilman Honeck Aye
Councilman Johnson Aye
Supervisor Rights Aye

VOTE: Carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

RESOLUTION # 62 / 09 BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – WETLANDS DETERMINATION

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the Wetlands Determination and refer it to the Planning Board. Councilman Honeck seconded.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southeast Wetlands Consultant, Stephen W. Coleman Environmental Consulting LLC, issued reports dated March 21, 2009, April 24, 2009 and recommendation dated May 11, 2009 in connection with the application of the Brewster Southeast Joint Fire District for property located at 390 Milltown Road, Tax ID 58.5-1-10.2 in the Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Report and Recommendation concludes that the "...proposed mitigation measures will serve to offset the impacts within the regulated buffer area. The application is ... in compliance with the intent of the Town's Wetlands Ordinance" and recommends the grant of a wetlands permit for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that there is no reason to upset the findings and recommendation of the Wetlands Consultant connection with said application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that after reviewing the maps, plans and submissions of the Applicant, together with the Reports and Recommendation of Stephen W. Coleman Environmental Consulting LLC, issued dated March 21, 2009, April 24, 2009 and May 11, 2009 in connection with the application of the Brewster Southeast Joint Fire District and which are incorporated herein by reference, the Town Board of the Town of Southeast hereby GRANTS a permit to the proposed activity to occur within the regulated wetland buffer area as shown on the proposed site plan on file with the Planning Board.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Yee	<u>Abstain</u>
Councilman Gross	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Honeck	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Johnson	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Rights	<u>Abstain</u>

VOTE: Carried by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstained.

STAR RIDGE ROAD – RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND

Councilman Honeck made a motion to release the Performance Bond for the Project known as Ronan & Properties, 199 Starr Ridge Rd from \$610,300.00 to Zero. Councilman Gross second. All in favor.

SCOPE OF REVIEW FOR THE CROSSROADS 312 PROJECT

Councilman Johnson made a motion to accept the draft dated November 11, 2009 of the Scoping Document for Draft Environmental Impact Status for the proposed Crossroads 312 Project. Councilman Honeck seconded. All in favor.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW APPOINTMENT

Councilman Honeck made a motion to appoint Wendy Weiner to the Board of Assessment Review for a term beginning September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2014. Supervisor Rights second. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

SILVER STAR BANNER DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF SOUTHEAST has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star (Service) Banner and Flag and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star(Service) Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this City and Country with Silver Star (Service) Banners, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star (Service) Banner in a window or a Silver Star (Service) Flag flying, that people remember the (sacrificed) for this City, State and Nation and

WHEREAS, the people and TOWN OF SOUTHEAST wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST does hereby proclaim our appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1st "SILVER STAR BANNER DAY" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the City of Town of Southeast.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Southeast in the State of New York November 12m 2009.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PEACH LAKE CONTRACTS

Supervisor Rights made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to duly execute all contracts requisite to the Peach Lake Sewer Plant Contract as approved by the Supervisor and the Town Attorney. Councilman Johnson second. All in favor as modified.

WEBSITE

Councilman Johnson made a motion to give web master responsibility to the Town Clerk and grant every secretary of every board access to their respective page, so they can upload their minutes and their agendas. Councilman Gross second. Vote carried 3 to 2 (Yee & Rights).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Rights made a motion to leave the meeting open and go into executive session, regarding litigation analysis. Councilman Yee second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Argo Mazzei
Southeast Town Clerk