

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on April 2, 2015 at 7:30PM

Present: Ralph Caruso, Supervisor  
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter and Frank Palermo, Councilmen  
Absent: Marilyn Prestia, Councilwoman  
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Victor Ferrarelli, Village of Woodbury ZBA;  
Sandra Capriglione, Village of Woodbury ZBA; Maria Hunter, Village of Woodbury  
Planning Board

**I. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held March 19, 2015.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept the minutes of the preliminary board meeting held March 30, 2015.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo  
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve Abstract 6 containing vouchers 20150701 – 20150798 and totaling \$109,602.81.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo  
NOES 0

c. Eagle Scout Proclamation:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adopt the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, the rank of Eagle Scout is the pinnacle achievement in Boy Scouting. It is a rank that requires significant effort, dedication and service to one's home, troop and community.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Woodbury, at its meeting held April 2, 2015, recognizes and commends the outstanding achievement of Christian Landers Bouachri.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo  
NOES 0

**II. Old Business:**

a. Resolution of Support A5827:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, an Assembly Bill has been introduced to ensure greater adherence to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and Open Meetings Law (OML); and

**WHEREAS**, this bill would create a state commission vested with the powers to enforce FOIL and OML, such as the authority to compel the release of records that are being unlawfully withheld; and

**WHEREAS**, the justification for the bill states that a large majority of public officials in state and local governments work hard to abide by open government laws but in those instances when FOIL or OML is violated current statute does not provide for an opportunity to compel compliance other than an Article 78 proceedings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury does hereby support Assembly Bill A5827; and  
be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to all state  
representatives of Orange County.

**ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:**

Supervisor Caruso	AYES
Councilman Arone	AYES
Councilman Hunter	AYES
Councilman Palermo	AYES
Councilwoman Prestia	ABSENT

**III. New Business:**

a. Schedule Public Hearing – 2016 OC Community Development Grant:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to schedule a  
public hearing to be held on April 16, 2015 at 7:30PM to solicit suggestions from the public for projects  
to be applied for funding through the 2016 Orange County Community Development Grant program.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo  
                     NOES    0

Under this program a variety of physical improvements are eligible for funding under the following  
categories: Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property; Public Works, Public Facilities or Site  
Improvements; Code Enforcement (Housing and Health Codes); Clearance, Demolition, and  
Rehabilitation for Public Use or Economic Development; Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Grants; Special  
Projects for Elderly and Handicapped; Provision of Public Services (Shelters, Clinics, Senior Nutrition,  
etc.); Payment of Non-Federal Shares of Other Grant Programs and Relocation Payments and Assistance.

b. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Clinical Experience Contractual Agreement:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to authorize the  
Supervisor to sign a “Clinical Experience Contractual Agreement” with Orange-Ulster BOCES. This  
agreement will prepare students to become career and college ready with hands-on experience with our  
Police Department.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo  
                     NOES    0

**IV. Board Member Comments/Announcements:**

Councilman Arone thanked Alice Rodden, a resident of Woodbury, for her generous donations  
to Jewish Family Service for the Family Visitors Program.

Councilman Palermo wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter. He also reminded residents  
that there was going to be an “Easter Egg Hunt” up at the Reservoir on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> between 10  
am and Noon.

**V. Public Comment:**

Robin Crouse from Highland Mills wanted to follow-up on the “Work Order Service Request”  
form. She asked that the Woodbury Historical Library be added to the form. Historical library is badly in  
need of repair or replacement of toilet. Mr. Blair was contacted and parts needed to be replaced. This  
was taken care of; but as of yesterday, the toilet is now leaking.

Also, Mrs. Crouse wanted an update on the Gasho property cleanup. Supervisor Caruso told her  
that the engineer, Al Fusco, was working with a forester.

Lastly Mrs. Crouse noted that on Monday the first "Preliminary Meeting" (formerly known as work sessions) was held and noticed it was videotaped. She asked if the meetings were always going to be taped and added that we can save money and be fiscally responsible by not taping. Supervisor Caruso replied that these meeting will be taped because he wants people to have access to their government and the public should be able to see what goes on at meetings from beginning to end. He also noted that he will be adding the historical society to the work form.

**VI. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo  
                     NOES    0

Frances Huang, Deputy Town Clerk