

Minutes of the Preliminary Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on April 13, 2015 at 7:30PM

Present: Ralph Caruso, Supervisor  
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Richard Vasquez, Police Chief; Kevin Phillips, Police Sergeant; Tom McDonough, Labor Attorney for the Town

**1. Discussion – PD’s Acquisition and Renovation of Tactical Command/Transport Vehicle:**

Chief Vasquez stated the Police Department was offered a vehicle that can be used as a temporary headquarters vehicle during major incidents. Sergeant Phillips has been working on acquiring this vehicle for two years and there will be no cost to the taxpayers to purchase it as it is being donated by the Town of Newburgh. The only cost would be gasoline and insurance. Sergeant Phillips explained the vehicle would be used as a command post for any serious incident that may occur in the Town. It will be able to accommodate representatives from all emergency services in one centralized location. This will help to coordinate when multiple agencies are on a site during a large incident. Inside the mobile command center would be set up as a mobile office to track all personnel. A lot of the modifications will be done by the department (removal of seats, flooring, etc.). Lettering, paint, lights and sirens will need to be added and in the future surveillance cameras as well. Councilman Arone asked if these improvements could be applied for under the Community Development Grant program and Clerk Potvin suggested it be recommended during the hearing being held later this week. Supervisor Caruso stated in the past a legislative grant had been awarded for this type of project so that would be another avenue to explore for funding. Councilwoman Prestia asked if the vehicle had been inspected and Sergeant Phillips stated it will be done so when we take ownership of it. He noted that it is a 2008 diesel vehicle with approximately 140,000 miles and is in very good shape. He did some research to see what it would cost to purchase a similar vehicle and it would be approximately \$27,000. Councilman Arone noted that an event had occurred at Woodbury Common in the past and we had to borrow a command center from the Village of Kiryas Joel. Councilman Palermo commended Sergeant Phillips on his work on this issue. Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to move forward with this acquisition.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    5            Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
                     NOES    0

**7:40PM – Executive Session:**

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to enter into an executive session to discuss the work history of particular employees.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    5            Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
                     NOES    0

*No minutes of the executive session were recorded. Chief Vasquez and Attorney McDonough attended the executive session.*

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    5            Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
                     NOES    0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk