Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held February 19, 2015 at 7:30PM

Present: Ralph Caruso, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter, Frank Palermo, Marilyn Prestia Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent.; Fred Ungerer, Park's Commission; Al Fusco, Engineer for the Town; David Sutz, Village Trustee; Victor Ferrarelli, Village ZBA

1. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 2015.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve Abstract #3 containing Vouchers 20150311-20150423 and totaling $139,418.97.

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

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the2014 budget of the General Fund by increasing A1090 (Interest & Penalties) by $1355, decreasing A1010.405 (Ethics Committee) by $31, A1220.430 (Supervisor Trans/Travel by $100, A1220.444 (School/Dues) by $94 and increasing A1220.401 (Supervisor Telephone) by $194, A1950.400 (Taxes on Town Property) by $1,355, and A4980.400 (Health/Drug Testing) by $31.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve a modification to the budget of 2014 General Highway Services by decreasing DB5110.444 (School & Dues) by $330, decreasing DB5110.454 (Advertising) by $255 and increasing DB5110.448 (Miscellaneous) by $555 and increasing DB9030.800 (FICA) by $30.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of 2014 Building and Grounds by decreasing A1620.100 (Personal Services) by $11,700, decreasing A1620.200 (Equipment) by $2,200, decreasing A1620.401 (Telephone) by $3,300, decreasing A1620.403 (Heating Oil/Gas) by $1,300, decreasing A1620.408 (Fire Extinguisher) by $1,274, decreasing A1620.409 (Plumbing) by $5,900 and increasing A1620.406 (Paint) by $881, increasing A1620.410 (Bldg. Materials) by $1,791, increasing A1620.414 (Architect/Engineer) by $4,623, increasing A1620.423 (Safety Equipment) by $678, increasing A1620.434 (Licenses/Permits) by $362, increasing A1620.452 (Vehicle Maintenance) by $1,166, increasing A1620.462 (Repairs/Materials by $2,033, increasing A1620.463 (Tools) by $2,760, increasing A1620.465 (Blacktopping) by $150, increasing A1620.467 (Animal Shelter Maintenance) by $1,720, and increasing A1620.495 (Senior Center/OCCD Roof Grant) by $9510.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia

NOES 0

2. Old Business:

a. Timber Harvesting – Town Property:

Al Fusco explained that he was asked to see what can be done to clean up the 14 acres of property that was recently purchased by the Town. Look at the deficiencies in the buildings and bid for cleanup, also taking down dangerous trees but in addition to clean up property brush, identify marketable trees & tag the trees. Clean up the property for possible use in the future.
After discussion with the board, Al said he'll talk with Orange and Rockland Utilities – have them come and look at the property and seeing how much money we can save by having them do some of the work. Al Fusco then said that he'd go up to the property and look around to see if there is a lot or not so many trees. We can look at it with Orange & Rockland. Always a possibility of melding all of this together where we have a local contractor come in, someone looking to help out the Town. Al's always willing to help out the Town – he's on a small retainer. We can mark it out jointly – everybody agreeable to it and negotiate a quick pro quo. Rob (referring to the Highway Supt.) is as good a forester as I am and knows what he is doing – make a cooperative effort out of this. Supervisor Caruso suggested a motion be made to go ahead with Al's plan.

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to go ahead with Al Fusco's plan.

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

b. Central Valley (Cornell) Library Roof Repairs:

Supervisor Caruso stated that the Library Board met and gave their approval to go ahead with the repairs. Al Fusco explained about the Central Valley Library Roof Repairs and improvements needed upon inspection of the site. The following work went out to bid: repairs for the roof (similar to the old one), new siding (carpenter ants and weather have deteriorated it), new deck in front of library (it's shredding possibly from power washing), and replace soffits under overhangs (remediate and replace asbestos in soffits). A local bidder came in with a bid of $138,485. He spoke with the contractor about reducing price somewhat. No final number has been determined and the contractor is in Florida now. We have an extension for another 45 days and we still have his bid bond.

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to authorize Cornell (Central Valley) Library roof repairs to not exceed $138,485.

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

3. New Business:

a. Presentation - Eagle Scout Project:

Dylan Osborne, Life Scout with Woodbury Boy Scout Troop 4 made a presentation for his Eagle Scout Project, a "Library Garden" at the Central Valley Library. He hopes to begin his project in the spring behind the Ida Cornell Library in Central Valley using mostly stones in the garden along with three benches. He believes it will be approximately a couple of months to complete his project. This idea for the "library garden" came to him because the town that his grandparents live in has one. He will have help from other scouts and will put something in the local paper telling people where they can send donations. He has received approvals from the Woodbury Library Board, Gary Thomasberger, Village Building Inspector, and Bob Blair, Building & Grounds Dept.

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve

Dylan Osborne's Eagle Scout Project.

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

4. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor's Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the January 2015 Supervisor's Report with receipts totaling $8,014,590.10 and disbursements totaling $1,025,748.81

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

b. Town Clerk's Report – January 2015
c. Parks/Recreation Minutes – January 20, 2015
d. Animal/Goose Control Report – January 2015
e. Police/Communication's Report- January 2015
f. Beautification Commission Minutes-February 12, 2015
g. Library Minutes-None Received
h. Budget vs Actual-January 2015

5. Board Member Comments:

Councilman Hunter told the Board that he attended the Beautification Meeting and they spoke about sprucing up Town Hall by painting the meeting room and replacing ceiling tiles. The work will probably begin in the spring and he'll be there to help them.

Councilwoman Prestia reminded drivers to please obey the crosswalk signs and it is really important to make a complete stop and wait until the individual crosses over unto the other side before proceeding.

Supervisor Caruso mentioned that at the last Board meeting the Motel/Hotel Occupancy Tax request was passed. As of yesterday, Assembly Bill A5157 has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee and Senate Bill S3819 has been referred to Investigative and Government Operations Committee.

6. Public Comments:

John Smith from Highland Mills commended the Highway Dept. for taking down the holiday decoration in this extremely cold weather.

Ben Meyers from Highland Mills asked about for details concerning the sprucing up of Town Hall. Councilman Hunter answered Mr. Meyers that they are still considering the colors on the walls, ceiling tiles will be white, and this is still in the planning stages.

Fred Ungerer from the Parks' Commission asked the board when they are considering tree harvesting to please look at the parks' facilities also. He also mentioned that Orange & Rockland has been accommodating in taking down trees.

Justin Hunter from Highland Mills asked the Board to please put something on the Town's website letting people know the phone number at the DOT regarding complaints about pot holes. After discussion by the Board, it was decided to have the Supervisor's Office receive the complaints directly and Supervisor Caruso will contact the DOT directly. This information will be put on public access Channel 22 and the Town website.

Don Seibold from Highland Mills suggested that the Town reach out to the Cornell Cooperative Extension's arborist about the timber harvesting. He added that there is a small fee to consult with the arborist. He went onto speak about the Village's Planning Board meeting last night that both Supervisor

Caruso and Councilwoman Prestia attended. He feels that the applicant (Highland Sand & Gravel) whose project is in front of the planning board will have a negative potential impact and negative quality of life issues on the future of our water. He went onto read the last paragraph of a letter dated February 17th, 2015 from the Orange County Planning Department and signed by David Church, Commissioner of Planning in which he recommends disapproval of the project.

7. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29P.M.

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