

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on March 5, 2015 at 7:30PM

Present: Ralph Caruso, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: Frank Palermo, Councilman
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Superintendent of Highways; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board;
Sandra Capriglione, Village Zoning 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 February 19, 2015.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Amended Abstract 1 by voiding check #12974 (\$440.50). This reduces the total of the abstract to be \$400,531.29.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Amended Abstract 3 by voiding check #13153 (\$665.43) and #13182 (\$430.00). This reduces the total of the abstract to be \$138,323.54.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Abstract 4, containing vouchers 20150424 – 20150564 (deleting voucher 20150424) and totaling \$347,041.18.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
NOES 0

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the 2015 budget of the Justice Court by increasing A3021 (State Aid Court Facilities) by \$3000 and increasing A1110.200 (Equipment) by \$3000.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
NOES 0

II. Old Business: *There was no old business to discuss.*

III. New Business:

a. Surplus Equipment/Advertise for Auction:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to declare the following vehicle as surplus equipment and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for its sale at auction: 2000 Chevy Pick-Up (VIN#1GCHK34R6YF499872).

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
NOES 0

IV. Board Member Comments:

Councilwoman Prestia acknowledged the volunteer firemen – noting that they responded to over 400 calls in 2014. She thanked all the volunteers for what they do for the community. Supervisor Caruso recognized the Highway and Buildings/Grounds Departments for the excellent job they do during the inclement weather.

V. Public Comments:

Maria Hunter thanked the Highway Department for their assistance in removing the streetlight holiday decorations for the Beautification Commission. Due to the weather they were up longer than planned. Speaking as Chairperson of Village Planning Board, she noted that several meetings have been held recently that had “hot topic” applications. She feels it is not appropriate for individuals from the public to appear at a Town Board meeting and speak during public comment stating misinformation. There is a lot of erroneous information being distributed, including a letter from the County that contained misinformation, which the attorney for the Planning Board will be addressing. She also does not feel that the volunteer members of the Planning or Zoning Board should be attacked due to their statements/actions made during the application process, which the law requires them to entertain fairly.

Sandra Capriglione commended Mrs. Hunter for her comments about “hot topic” applications currently before the Village Planning and Zoning Board. She was very disappointed in Supervisor Caruso at the last meeting for not correcting the misinformation stated by Donald Siebold during public comment. Supervisor Caruso (and Councilwoman Prestia) was present at the Planning Board meeting that Mr. Siebold had made comments about and could have corrected him. Also, Mr. Siebold addressed his comments directly to the public and video camera, not the Town Board. During one of the comments made Mr. Siebold described the meeting as “slipshod”. She noted that we live in a democratic society and individuals have the right to improve their land pursuant to the zoning law. Applications have to be reviewed fairly when they are received and great care has been given to ensure the public has plenty of opportunity to express their concerns and opinions.

Justin Hunter, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, noted that a petition is being circulated to be sent with a letter to the NYSDOT stressing everyone’s discontent with the condition of Route 32. Complaints that have been made by Town representatives have fallen on deaf ears by the State. He would like permission to have the petition left in the lobby of Town Hall. Supervisor Caruso stated a flyer can be posted but feels that it would be inappropriate to leave the petition. Superintendent Weyant noted he received correspondence from the NYSDOT stating that they will be doing as much repairs as possible subject to the weather cooperating. In the coming weeks they plan to mill and fill patches from Vails Gate to Harriman. There are no plans at this time to repave Route 32 this year. Mr. Hunter stated he appreciates the update but feels it is not enough.

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 7:45PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk