

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on April 16, 2012 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Frank Palermo, Marilyn Prestia and James Skoufis, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Michael Queenan, Village Mayor

EXTRA ITEM – Senior Citizen Issues:

Councilman Skoufis stated he has been meeting with a group of individuals over the past two months to brainstorm some ideas to improve services for the senior citizen community. One item that resulted from this brainstorm as being a big concern was transportation other than the once a week Dial-A-Bus. Some municipalities utilize Jewish Family Services (JFS), which services all denominations, to assist with these issues. What would be needed are a dedicated telephone line and probably a computer. The cost for the services provided by JFS, which include the background checks and training of the volunteers, would be \$5000 per year. The individual designated as the local coordinator (either a volunteer or a part-time person) would work with JFS and be their “point” person. The Board discussed the program at length and it was decided that more research would be conducted and discussed at the first worksession in May. After that, a representative from JFS will be invited to attend a worksession to answer any additional question that may arise.

1. Discussion – Pine Hill Road Bridge Repairs:

Supervisor Burke stated the Town is ready to proceed with the repairs to Pine Hill Road from Ryan Place to Skyline Drive. What will be done is two-inches of blacktop will be removed and then replaced. Superintendent Weyant noted that all the wood scaffolding is in place under the road to ensure that no debris falls onto traffic traveling on the Thruway. He also noted that there will be a State inspector present during the work as well. Councilman Arone asked if any problems are anticipated during these repairs and Superintendent Weyant stated nothing that would be considered major. He also noted that the road is not anticipated to be closed during the repairs. Originally the State had this bridge as being completely replaced but when they reevaluated their projects, the bridges status was changed to only being refurbished. The work is slated to be done in July/August but exact dates will depend on the contractor and the availability of the reclaiming machine.

2. Discussion – Skyline Drive Emergency Access Road:

Supervisor Burke stated the improvements to the emergency access road from Carpenter Drive to Cedar Road, for access to upper Skyline, needs to be addressed. This is a project that has been on the “to do” list for several years. One of the Planning Board conditions for the Legacy Ridge development was for them to create an access road from upper Skyline into their development off of Smith Clove Road. Since this development has been postponed until an undetermined date, the Town needs to construct this alternate route, which will be in addition to the one the developer is required to construct. A surveyor will be looking at the existing access road that is there to see what type of work will need to be done. Superintendent Weyant stated this alternate route currently is a cut road but there will be additional work needed to make the road wide enough for fire trucks, which could require blasting of shale.

3. Discussion – Bridge at Intersection of Roselawn/Adrienne:

Supervisor Burke stated Engineer Fusco, Superintendent Weyant and he inspected this bridge and it has been determined that it needs major work. One of the supporting walls is gone, possibly due to Hurricane Irene, which was a weight bearing wall which supported part of the road. The plan is to do

a temporary fix so that the road can remain open while Route 105 is closed. Once Route 105 opens, the repairs can be done, which will most likely result in the road being closed. Tomorrow a more detailed inspection will be done and an action plan determined. The hope is that this temporary plan will be sufficient until County Route 105 opens, thus avoiding any further detours. Superintendent Weyant stated that Engineer Fusco is trying to obtain some grant funds to assist with the cost. Councilman Palermo asked if the repairs could be declared an emergency to speed the process along and Supervisor Burke stated he would like to avoid closing the road while Route 105 is still closed. The plan is to have the work done during the summer to avoid rerouting school buses. Councilman Arone asked how long the project is projected to take and Superintendent Weyant stated it would be difficult to predict until all the damage there is fully uncovered.

8:30PM Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss one item relating to employment of an Animal Control Officer.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk