

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on May 14, 2012 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Frank Palermo, Marilyn Prestia and James Skoufis, Councilpersons
Absent: Timothy Arone, Councilman
Also Present: Dorothy Morris, Library Board

1. Discussion – “Library on the Road”:

Councilman Palermo stated several months ago Library Board Chairperson Dorothy Morris came to him and said they would like to start a program where certain small businesses in town would have bookcases in which a “book swap” can occur. A couple weeks ago he discovered a company that promotes reading by using birdhouses that could be erected in the town parks. The books are completely donated by residents and he would like the board to support this program. It will have no adverse effects to the library and would be a way for residents to give back to the community. He suggested purchasing a few birdhouses to start and perhaps a Boy Scout project could be to building additional ones if needed. Councilman Skoufis stated he thinks it is a great program but has concerns about them being vandalized after hours. Councilman Palermo stated there will most likely be so many books that, if vandalized, the units could be refilled and noted the parks are patrolled after hours. Supervisor Burke stated he feels it is a great message for the board to send and asked where the units would be erected. Councilman Palermo suggested Earl’s Reservoir, Central Valley Pond and Brickley Field. Supervisor Burke suggested the Dog Park as well, which all agreed was a good idea. The cost of the units is approximately \$200 - \$450 each, depending on the style and size. Mrs. Morris stated the Library Board members were notified that this issue was being discussed this evening. She feels that this type of program could be incorporated in the library as well. She stressed that she does not feel that this program is in competition with the public library. Councilwoman Prestia stated she feels that guidelines should be set on the materials being donated – including content and condition of the books. Mrs. Morris stated volunteers can screen the books for their condition but feels that content is a matter of opinion and could be subject to censorship issues.

2. Discussion – Revisions to Procurement Policy:

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the procurement policy and will consider action on its adoption at the May 17 meeting.

3. Discussion – Proposed IT Policy:

The Board reviewed the proposed policy and will consider action on its adoption at the May 17 meeting.

7:55PM – Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss one item of personnel relating to employment of a Police Chief.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

Clerk Potvin attended the executive session and no minutes were recorded.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk