

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on April 4, 2013 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Richard Vasquez, Police Chief; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held March 21, 2013.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to accept the minutes of the worksession held April 1, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Arone, Prestia
ABSTAIN 1 Palermo

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve Abstract 6 containing Vouchers 20130695 – 20130781 and totaling \$140,462.17.

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

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the Animal Control Officer by increasing A2705 (Gifts & Donations) by \$500 and increasing A3510.200 (Animal Control Equipment) by \$500.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of Buildings/Grounds Department by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$5000 and increasing A1620.462 (Repairs/Materials) by \$5000.

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

II. Old Business:

a. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Utility Bill Audit Agreement:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Computel Consultants for an audit to be conducted of utility bills and the cable franchise agreement.

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

b. Discussion – Cablevision Equipment:

Councilman Palermo stated he has received quotes from Cablevision for the purchase of equipment to upgrade our system. There is a basic program (Nexus) and an upgraded program (Ultra

Nexus). The Ultra Nexus will enable us to stream the meetings live on our website and over the local public access channel. Three quotes were received to be in compliance with our procurement policy and the lowest was from the Lerro Corporation for \$13,780.24. The program comes with one year of free streaming service which will provide a banner on each page showing local news and weather. Our web designer, e-Diner, will be directly involved with the upgrades. The cost includes consultations but not the installation, which will be about \$1000. Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to authorize the purchase of the Ultra Nexus program from Lerro Corporation at the cost of \$13,780.24.

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

III. New Business:

a. Advertise for Bids – Bulk Chlorine:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of bulk chlorine for the 2013 season.

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

b. Schedule Public Hearing – 2014 OCCD Grant Program:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to schedule a public hearing to be held on April 18, 2013 at 7:30PM to entertain public suggestions on project to be submitted for funding through the 2014 Orange County Community Development program.

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

EXTRA ITEM – IT Services:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the purchase form with PC Surgeon for 2013 with 60 hours of block service at a cost of \$5700.

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

EXTRA ITEM – Surplus Equipment to Auction:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to designate the following pieces of equipment as surplus and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise them for auction with Auctions International: 2004 Chevy Tahoe, 2006 Dodge Charger and 2008 Dodge Durango. All three vehicles are from the Police Department.

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

Supervisor Burke noted that the proceeds for the sale of these three vehicles, plus FEMA money, will be used to purchase new vehicles. Councilman Palermo acknowledged the efforts of Chief Vasquez as he is working to get the best possible prices when purchasing these new vehicles.

IV. Public Comment:

Supervisor Burke recognized the efforts of the Highway Department and Superintendent Weyant during the numerous snow and ice storms that were experienced this winter. He also thanked the residents for their support of the Town's budget which gives our employees the ability to be trained to do their jobs most efficiently.

Superintendent Weyant reminded all that Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for April 27 and will begin at 10AM at Smith Clove Elementary School. He also reminded all that the semi-annual electronics pick-up is scheduled for April 12 2PM-5PM for businesses and April 13 8AM-1PM for residents at the Highway Garage. Councilman Palermo added he will be present during the electronic collections event to accept any books to be donated for his book program that is at both parks.

Robin Crouse thanked the Board for their efforts with obtaining upgraded equipment for the recording of the public meetings. She asked what the terms of the contract for this purchase are. Councilman Palermo stated there was no contract but part of the agreement with Cablevision, in which they will give the Town \$15,000 for the purchase of upgraded equipment. Mrs. Crouse then asked if it was legal to use money received from FEMA to purchase new police vehicles. Supervisor Burke stated the FEMA money is a reimbursement to the Town for purchases made during Hurricane Sandy.

Maria Hunter asked if the equipment to be purchased from Cablevision included new audio equipment and she was told it did not. She feels that the audio equipment needs to be upgraded as well, noting that during a recent Planning Board meeting it was difficult to hear the consultants when they spoke because their microphones did not work properly. Councilman Arone stated Cablevision did review the audio equipment about a year ago and it is working properly. The frequency may need to be tweaked from time to time. Mrs. Hunter then asked if the Town was awarded any OCCD grant money for 2013 and Supervisor Burke stated we were awarded \$30,000 to repair the ramp into Town Hall. However, after reviewing the project with the Town Engineer, it was determined that an additional \$20,000 would be needed so the Board declined the grant. Mrs. Hunter stated she was disappointed about this noting that denying a grant could cause future grant applications to be in jeopardy.

Robert Hunter asked for an update on the repairs to the Harriman Common (Wal-Mart) sign. Supervisor Burke stated he spoke with Building Inspector Thomasberger this afternoon and was told it is scheduled to be repaired next week, weather permitting. A letter was also sent by our attorney that also stated we were unhappy with the lack of communication. Mr. Hunter then noted that several windows in Town Hall need to be replaced and the siding in the front should be repaired. Supervisor Burke stated he would look into the repairs.

V. Adjournment:

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

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk