

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

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: Timothy Arone, Councilperson
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Richard Vasquez, Police Chief; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board; Various Police Personnel

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 February 21, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the minutes of the worksession held March 4, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve Abstract 4 containing Vouchers 20130430 – 20130552 totaling \$150,706.51.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the budget of the Justice Court by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$350 and increasing A1110.416 (Bail Claims/Insufficient Funds) by \$350.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$25,000 and increasing A1420.415 (Attorney/HTP) by \$25,000.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification the 2012 budget of the Highway Fund by decreasing DB5110.408 (Lumber/Carpentry) by \$42 and increasing DB5110.452 (Sand & Gravel) by \$42.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the 2012 budget of the General Fund by decreasing A1620.462 (Repairs/Materials) by \$31, A3510.402 (Electricity) by \$179 and increasing A1620.410 (Building Materials) by \$31 and A3510.200 (Equipment) by \$179.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2012 budget of the Police Fund by decreasing B3120.411 (Office Supplies) by \$79 and increasing B3120.435 (Books/Film) by \$79.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the budget of the Police Fund by increasing B599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$29,565 and increasing B3120.200 (Equipment – Cars) by \$29,565.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

d. Appointment of Detective:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to appoint Michael Bauer to the position of Detective effective March 8, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Chief Vasquez thanked the Board for approving this promotion/appointment this evening. He noted that six capable officers interviewed for the position and they each are an asset and valuable to the department. He then noted that Detective Bauer has over 19 years of law enforcement experience, fourteen with the Woodbury Police Department. He has been an asset to the Department since he was hired and has consistently proven his dedication to the community. He thanked Detective Bauer's family for the sacrifice they will need to make and for the time he will be away from the family. The Oath of Office was then administered by Clerk Potvin. Detective Bauer's wife presented him with his new Detective's pin and his children presented him with his new patrol shield.

e. Acceptance of Resignations:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the resignation of Brian Gorelick from the position of dispatcher effective February 25, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Martha LaVallee from her position with the Library effective March 31, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Supervisor Burke commended Mrs. LaVallee for her 25+ years of service to the community.

f. Appointment of Part-Time Library Clerk:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to appoint Sandra Soto as a part-time Library Clerk, with an UPSEU Grade IIA, Step 1 (\$13.50/hour) effective March 9, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

g. Appointment of Part-Time Clerical:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to appoint Jessica McClennan as a part-time (19 hour) general clerical worker, with an UPSEU Grade VA, Step 1 (\$15.06/hour) effective March 11, 2013. With this appoint Ms. McClennan will no longer serve as Deputy Town Clerk.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
 NOES 0

II. Old Business:

a. Advertise for Proposals – Parks Vending Concession:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to authorize Town Clerk Potvin to advertise for a request for proposals for vending machine services at both municipal parks.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
 NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Dial-A-Bus Agreement:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2013 Dial-A-Bus agreement with the Town of Monroe.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
 NOES 0

III. New Business:

a. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – 2012 GASB Proposal:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with CBIZ Valuation Group for the preparation of the 2012 GASB34 fixed assets report.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
 NOES 0

b. Discussion – Perrone Circle Tree:

Supervisor Burke stated he has been working with the Perrone family to try to save the tree in the Perrone Circle monument for a little over two years. An expert was asked to conduct an evaluation and he has determined that the tree has finished its life. He is now concerned about the safety issues that are faced with the dead tree. He stressed it is not his intention to eliminate the circle monument and has every intention to try to preserve it. The hardest part will be removing the tree, which will be done as soon as possible. He noted the tree is an American Elm and it has the Dutch Elm disease. The arborist says that these types of trees are in a lot of trouble throughout the Country.

IV. Public Participation:

Maria Hunter thanked Supervisor Burke for his work on the tree in the Perrone Circle monument, adding that the Beautification Commission came before him four years ago regarding their concerns. She then noted that last night the Planning Board finalized the plans and findings for the Woodbury Common renovations. In the next two weeks the traffic light timing will be changed to be correct and improve traffic flow.

John Smith asked for an update on the Jewish Family Services program that was discussed at a past meeting. Supervisor Burke stated Councilman Arone is handling that issue and would rather not comment as he would be able to provide a better update. Mr. Smith asked if signing the agreement for the Dial-A-Bus for services in 2013 hinder anything that Councilman Arone is working on and Supervisor Burke stated it would have no effect. Mr. Smith then stated at a recent Democratic Committee meeting Supervisor Burke stated something regarding a 2000+ page appeal he was reading. He asked Supervisor Burke to elaborate further on what the appeal was for. Supervisor Burke stated he was not at liberty to

do so as it is an Attorney/Client issue. At the Democratic Committee meeting he made a general comment about how the Town Board will defend the rights of the residents to every extent possible. If the attorney feels it is appropriate to comment on current litigation then the Board will do so. Mr. Smith asked how he would obtain a copy of this appeal and Supervisor Burke stated he did not know which court it was before.

V. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

The Board entered into a closed session with Special Counsel David Gordon after adjournment.