

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on August 18, 2014 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Deputy Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter, and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: David Gordon, Attorney for the Town; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent;
Robert Stubbs, Marshall & Sterling

1. Continued Discussion – Insurance Renewal Policy Proposals:

Councilman Arone recapped some of the information that was discussed at the August 4th meeting regarding the two insurance proposals (Marshall & Sterling, NYMIR and The McKane Group, Allied Work Assurance). The Marshall & Sterling/NYMIR proposal also provides for Public Official's liability of up to \$10,000 for false claims, police vehicles are insured for their actual cash value, they have a return on capital after five years as it is surplus contribution. He also mentioned that a reciprocal policy is better than a conventional policy. NYMIR has a meeting every year and the policyholders/members get to vote on the direction of the company. Councilman Arone explained that the cost of the policy for NYMIR is \$7900.00 more than the other policy quoted; however, it is less than what we paid last year because of our good loss ratio. Also, we have "Dam" coverage and nothing has been taken away from this policy only added. He recommends that the Board sign with Marshall & Sterling/NYMIR. A decision will be made a Thursday, August 21st.

2. Presentation of Parkland Study by Tectonics:

Deputy Supervisor Palermo stated that because we did not receive the Parkland Study until late Friday afternoon, he wanted the Board to have enough time to review it. Therefore, this item will be postponed until the work session on September 15th.

3. Discussion-Schedule of Fees and Town Towing Law:

Deputy Supervisor Palermo explained that the Chief of Police and Sgt. Watson came to him and asked for an increase in the yearly towing license/permit (which has not been increased in quite some time) from \$1000 to \$1500 annually. He explained the process of obtain a towing license/permit. He added that Chief Vasquez and Sgt. Watson also want one paragraph of the law to go from ½ mile to 1 ½ mile radius that a towing company must be located within to be eligible to apply for a towing license/permit in the Town of Woodbury. Deputy Supervisor Palermo went onto explain, that right now we have four companies ; however, one company (two locations) is moving outside the ½ mile radius and therefore we would be down to two towing companies. If we add the 1 ½ mile radius, we will increase to seven towing companies who can apply for the license. The Police Department has a list of the towing companies and uses them on a rotating schedule or an individual vehicle owner can request their own towing company be called. There is a time limit that the towing company has to respond to a call or else the police department can go to the next towing company on the list for vehicle assistance. Deputy Supervisor Palermo said that we will hold off on voting on this matter and he will talk to Joe McKay, the town's attorney.

Public Comment:

John Smith just wanted to clarify what companies were involved with the insurance proposals. It was explained to him that there were only two companies Marshall & Sterling/NYMIR and The McKane Group/Allied.

Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Arone, to enter into an executive session with their attorney for one item relating to litigation.

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

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 10:05PM.

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

Frances Huang, Deputy Town Clerk