

Minutes of the Town Board held at Community Center on April 1, 2021 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Supervisor
Thomas Burke, Tyler Etzel, Jacqueline Hernandez and Robert Hunter, Council
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town and various members of the public

I. Public Hearings:

a. Orange County Community Grant Development:

A public hearing was held to entertain suggestions for projects to be applied for funding through the FY2022 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program. The public notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on March 23, 2021. The following comments were received:

Maria Hunter suggested repairing sidewalk along the west side of Route 32 from the Methodist Church/Cemetery south to Woodbury Heights since it is broken and unsafe. She suggested adding a sidewalk on the east side of Route 32 from Ridge Road north to Brigadoon Boulevard. She also suggested that the Police Station could use a small sidewalk or a seating area in front of their building.

With no further project suggestions made, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to close the public hearing.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

b. Introductory Local Law #2 of 2021:

A public hearing was held repealing and replacing Chapter 221 of the Town Code entitled "Parades and Motorcade". The public notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on March 23, 2021.

The comments were received. Supervisor Palermo stated the Board will accept written comments until April 15, 2021.

With no further comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Burke, to close this public hearing.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

III. Public Input:

Maria Hunter announced that the Woodbury Parks Department along with Woodbury Connection and Woodbury Beautification Committee will be having a "First Responders' Day" on Saturday, June 12, 2021 (Rain Date: June 19th) from 11AM to 5PM at the Earl Reservoir Park. There will be a barbeque, live music, and family activities, including a 5K benefit run. No Alcohol. All current CDC Guidelines will be adhered to at the time of the event.

IV. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held March 18, 2021.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept receipt of the minutes of the worksession held on March 29, 2021.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Palermo, Burke, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0
 ABSTAINED 1 Etzel

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to approve Abstract 7 which includes vouchers 21- 0384 through 21- 0450 and totals \$69,538.74.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

c. Approval of Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to approve modifications to the 2021 budget as follows:

- General Fund – increasing A1620.471 (Police Station Repairs Only) by \$3,000 and decreasing A0599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$3000.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

V. New Business:

a. Appointment of Officer Steven Roman to Detective:

Motion was offered by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to appoint Officer Steven Roman to Detective effective April 12, 2021.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Supervisor Palermo presented Detective Roman with his new shield. Officer Roman was then sworn in as Detective by Deputy Clerk Huang and signed his Oath of Office.

b. Orange County Sheriff’s Department MOA:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter to authorize supervisor to sign the Orange County Sheriff’s Department Memorandum of Agreement.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Supervisor Palermo explained that the MOA allows the Orange County Sheriff’s Office to come and transport arrestees to the Orange County Jail.

c. Memorial Day Parade:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Burke, to approve the Memorial Day Parade be held by American Legion Post 779 on Sunday, May 30th, 2021.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Supervisor Palermo mentioned that COVID restrictions at the time of the parade will be adhered to.

VI. Old Business:

Councilman Burke spoke about the Police Department just completing the “Woodbury Police Reform Community Presentation” which is required by each police department in New York State. Councilman Burke thanked the Woodbury Highway Department for helping the Town tremendously over at the pool. He also thanked the Buildings and Grounds Department for their work at the pool.

Supervisor Palermo announced that the Pool Bids have been opened and reviewed by Al Fusco our Town Engineer and the job will be awarded to the lowest bid. At the next meeting, April 15th the rendering for the Pool will be available to view. In the meantime, the pool rendering is available to view on the Town's website.

VII. Board Meeting Comments:

Councilwoman Hernandez spoke about April being Autism Awareness month. She mentioned that residents will notice blue ribbons and lights throughout Woodbury to help raise Autism Awareness.

Councilman Hunter congratulated Steve Roman on his promotion to Detective and mentioned that recently a resident from Timber Ridge sent a letter praising Officer Roman's work on a traffic incident.

Supervisor Palermo also wanted to express his gratitude to Sadie Thompson who, in her will bestowed \$10,000 to the Woodbury Animal Shelter. Sadie was our Senior Center Director for many years and recently passed away in 2020.

VIII. Executive Session for Personnel Matter (Time 8:05PM):

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Burke to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the possible demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

In Executive Session, motion was offered by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Etzel to remove Susan Lynch from the Parks and Recreation Committee.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez to come out of Executive Session. The Time was 9:00PM

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Supervisor Palermo made a statement "Town Board made a unanimous decision this evening and they will be informing the person of interest in a letter directly to her."

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Etzel to adjourn the meeting at 9:05PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Frances Huang, Deputy Town Clerk