

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on June 2, 2022 at 7:30PM

Present: Thomas Burke, Supervisor
Tyle Etzel, Timothy Finnegan and Kathryn Luciani, Council
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Joseph Gianzero, Parks/Buildings/Grounds;
Brandon Calore, Parks Committee; Cathy Schmidt and Elan Luding, Library Board; Maria
Hunter, Beautification Committee; Andrew Giacomazza, Mayor; Tara Burek and
Christopher Graziano, Trustees

Public Comment on Agenda Items: *There was no comments received.*

Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held May 23, 2022.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to approve Abstract 11 containing vouchers 220868 – 220938 and totaling \$538,471.29.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
NOES 0

c. Modifications to 2022 Budget:

Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to approve the following modification to the 2022 budget:

- Animal Control – increasing A3510.466 (Expenditure of Donations) by \$48, A2706 (Animal Control Donations) by \$48
- General Fund – increasing A1320.401 (GASB) by \$75, A1920.400 (Municipal Dues) by \$200 and decreasing A1930.400 (Judgements and Claims) by \$275
- Tax Collector – increasing A1330.411 (Office Supplies) by \$14 and decreasing A1330.443 (Tax Bills) by \$14.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
NOES 0

Old Business:

a. Acceptance of Bids – Fuel Oil No. 2:

Clerk Potvin stated a bid opening was held on June 1, 2022 at 10AM (notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on May 9, 2022). The following bids were received:

H Reynolds and Sons, Central Valley, NY -

- 1) They will deduct \$0.20 per gallon off the current selling price (which is \$6.499)
- 2) They will offer a capped price lock when details are available
- 3) They will not charge any sales or petroleum tax
- 4) They will supply 24-hour oil/service as per their service agreement at no additional cost

- 5) Pursuant to their contract, no additional charges for service contracts (savings are as follows: Police Station \$464.94 plus \$145.96 for separate hot water heater; CV Library \$464.94; Animal Shelter \$497.38) and an additional deduction of \$0.20 per gallon discount will be given.

Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to accept and award the bid for Fuel Oil No 2 to H Reynolds & Son.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

b. Approval of Auction Results – Sale of Surplus Equipment:

Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to approve the auction results for the sale of equipment discussed at the April 21, 2022 meeting.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

New Business:

a. Schedule Special Meeting – Interview of Engineering Firms:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to schedule a special meeting to be held on June 10, 2022 at 11AM to conduct interviews of various engineering firms that submitted an RFP, which was solicited earlier this year.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

b. Schedule Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law 1 of 2022 – Videoconferencing:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to schedule a public hearing to be held on July 7, 2022 at 7:30PM to entertain public comments on Introductory Local Law 1 of 2022 entitled “Videoconferencing”

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

Public Comment:

Supervisor Burke spoke about an issue that was raised at the Village Board meeting held earlier this week regarding Hadley Farm Road. The matter of the road connection came to his attention just the other day. He immediately made a site visit and informed Attorney McKay and Engineer Fusco about the matter. He also spoke to the Village Building Inspector who advised him that they are aware of the situation and would be taking appropriate enforcement action. The situation will be reviewed by the Town Attorney and Engineer to determine the Town Board’s options concerning the “connection road”. He assured all parties involved that the situation is not being ignored. The Town Board will work with the Village Board and Building Inspector to address the matter. Because this is a potential legal issue, it would not be appropriate to comment any further.

Melissa Jackson raised concerns about the situations she is experiencing on Hadley Farm Road. The past few years her neighbors have been applying for a commercial residency “shul”, which has not yet been approved. Hadley Farm Road is a private road, but it has become very active and dangerous. There are drainage issues there due to 74 Southfield Farms Road which they have going across the green space. Memorial Day weekend an asphalt company was there, trees were cut down in wetland area and fences removed. She has had a good relationship with the individuals involved there and she has

spoken to Supervisor Burke previously, but not recently. There have been no Planning or Zoning Board approvals or permits issued. She was told if they install the access road across the greenspace it will reduce the traffic on Hadley but there are no permits to have the road there. Also, she was told that Supervisor Burke wants Hadley Farm Road condemned, which she was surprised to hear. She invited everyone up to her property to see what is going on. The situation occurring in her neighborhood that she is dealing with is not fair. She spoke with the construction workers and was told the owners obtained permission from the Town to do the work, and that they would continue to use Hadley Farm Road. Supervisor Burke and Councilman Etzel both stressed the Town has no authority to grant permission to do the work and Supervisor Burke suggested Ms. Jackson reach out to the Building Department. He also noted he spoke with the Building Inspector today and asked that he look at the condition of Hadley Farm Road which he thought was poor.

Elan Luding gave an update on upcoming events that are occurring at the library. This month is "Butterfly" month at both branches and there will be a presentation, crafts, a butterfly garden and raising butterflies. She noted all events are listed on their website and social media. Supervisor Burke stated he visited the library yesterday and found the butterfly exhibit was very nice.

Trustee Graziano stated Ms. Jackson attended the Village Board meeting earlier this week and the claims she made were egregious. He thanked the Town Board for partnering with the Village Board because they will be looking into the situation to be sure all laws are following; noting further they will use the full body of the law to enforce. The Village Board has worked hard to preserve the green space in Woodbury, and they are not going to allow this to go to waste. He feels the Boards needs to work together to make sure all laws are followed, and anything cut down or erected will be returned to its natural state. Supervisor Burke stated the reason he started public comment off with his statement was to show that both Board do not need to partner because they already are. He hopes the Building Department reacts accordingly to what has been going on for the past two year and enforces the stop work orders and the violations that were issued.

Brandon Calore noted some upcoming events at the Parks Department - First Responders Day and the first annual Olympics, which will coincide with Kids Day. He thanked the Buildings/Grounds Department and Beautification Committee for all their help. May is "Chalk" month and some great submissions have already been received. The Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at Town Hall.

Maria Hunter thanked the members of the Beautification Committee, Buildings/Grounds and Highway Department for all the decorating that was done in anticipation of the Memorial Day parade. She also recognized the members of the Parade Committee that planned this community event to honor those that served, still serve and gave their lives for our country.

Board Member/Department Comment:

Councilwoman Luciani thanked Phil Morello for doing the Memorial Day parade. She also noted how heartbreaking it is to see all the mass shootings that are occurring in the world now.

Councilman Etzel stated he did do a site visit at Hadley Farm Road, and he agrees it is a disgrace what has happened. He hopes it can be resolved quickly.

Joseph Gianzero stated Earl Reservoir is now open daily Noon – 6pm until school ends, at which time it will be daily Noon – 8PM. The pool work is still on schedule and the planned reopening is still planned for July 4. A new fence is being erected at the Senior Center for their garden, there will be a new awning as well. The pickleball court is done, but the lines drawn have an error that is going to be repaired quickly.

Supervisor Burke stated the courthouse has had tremendous renovations to it and the Town received all the grant money that was allocated for this work. The courthouse is being named after past Town Justice Edward Kellman. Later this month there will be a grand opening ceremony.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM.

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk