

Minutes of the Town Board Meetings held on July 7, 2022

Present: Thomas Burke, Supervisor
Tyler Etzel, Timothy Finnegan and Kathryn Luciani
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Kevin Watson, Police Chief; Joseph Gianzero, Parks/Buildings/Grounds; Cat Schmidt and Robert Anzalone, Library Board; Maria Hunter, Beautification Committee

Worksession – 6PM

Executive Session – Personnel Relating to Employment:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Luciani, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to enter into an executive session to discuss two items of relating to employment (library and engineer).

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

Return to Open Session:

Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to end the executive session and return to open session.

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

Regular Meeting – 7:30PM

EXTRA ITEM – Reschedule Public Hearing – Videoconferencing Local Law:

A public hearing was supposed to be held this evening but is not since the law is still being drafted. Therefore, a motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to reschedule the public hearing on Introductory Local Law 1 of 2022 to be held at 7:30PM on August 4, 2022.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: *No public comments were received.*

Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes – June 16, 2022:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held June 16, 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 13 containing vouchers 221031 – 221182 and totaling \$1,248,787.02.

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:

- Dog Park – increasing A1620.424 (Dog Park) by \$38,000 and increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$38,000 (*must be from parkland fees per discussion below*);
- Parks - increasing A7110.200 (Parks Equipment) by \$3749 and increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$3749;
- Parks – increasing A7110.436 (JPB Pool Water) by \$42,830 and increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$42,830;
- Buildings/Grounds – increasing A1620.471 (Police Station Repairs) by \$15,428 and decreasing A1620.419 (Earl Reservoir Dam Repair) by \$15,428.

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

Councilman Etzel stated he feels the funds for the work at the dog park should be held off until next year’s budget and that funds for the water to fill the pool should come from the bond. Supervisor Burke stated the cost of the water cannot come from the pool since that is a regular, annual expense so it cannot come from the bond. Normally the water comes from municipal water but since the Village has a moratorium it needed to be purchased and trucked in from outside. Regarding the work at the dog park, he stated the conditions are in disrepair and the work needs to be done immediately. Councilman Etzel stated the work should be paid for from parkland fees then and all agreed.

d. Acceptance of Resignation – K Hecht:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Luciani, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to accept the resignation of Kathleen Hecht from the position of Court Attendant effective June 15, 2022.

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

Supervisor Burke stated Ms. Hecht will be missed and added she did a great job and handled herself very professionally.

Old Business:

a. Discussion/Decision – Security Camera’s at Libraries:

Memorandum of Agreement with Library Board – The attorney representing the Library Board prepared a Draft Memorandum of Agreement that would address the concerns the Library Board had relating to the installation of security cameras at the Central Valley Library. Attorney McKay has reviewed the draft agreement and made amendments. Supervisor Burke noted the Police Department has established and stressed the importance of security cameras, especially due to the violent events that occurred in our country almost weekly. He added that security cameras will help to deter these events in our municipal buildings. Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement, as revised by Attorney McKay, with the Library Board as it relates to security cameras installed at the Central Valley (Ida Cornell) library.

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

Proposal from Stratagem – A proposal has been received from Stratagem to install cameras at both libraries. The proposal for the Central Valley totals \$20,741.86 (includes equipment for the camera connection at the intersection of Route 32/Smith Clove Road) and the one for Highland Mills totals \$8,838.49. Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to approve and authorize the Supervisor sign the proposals.

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

New Business:

a. JPB Pool Change Order 26:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to approve Change Order 26 (which includes change orders 29-40) for the John P Burke Pool totaling \$140,649.91 for numerous additional work item requested at the end of the project (\$11,738.04 for added drain system at zero entry, \$21,485.09 for weel electric redesign, \$8292.50 for showers and hose bibb covers, \$11,128.00 for grading redesign, \$13,887.53 for fencing adder, \$22,498.50 for new access road, \$19,846.93 for life guard shed pad, \$7513.25 for pavilion walkway, \$6533.50 for concrete pie at deck/walkway area, \$9629.50 for topsoil and seed low area, \$2894.11 for additional sod and \$5202.96 for power for lifeguard shed and overflow pump station).

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

Public Comment:

Maria Hunter stated it has come to her attention, as Chairperson of the Beautification Committee, that individuals have stressed concerns/complaints about the condition of the Buena Vista Terrace area. She noted that specific area is owned by the Village, and it is maintained by the Highway Department. She then listed the areas the Beautification Committee is responsible for, adding all members are volunteer. Supervisor Burke stated the work done by the Beautification Committee is fantastic for the community and they should not be disparaged by a small group of individuals that are not knowledgeable about the issues.

Board Member/Department Comment:

Councilman Finnegan thanked all that were involved this year’s First Responder Day, which he felt was an awesome event.

Councilwoman Luciani stated he agrees the First Responder Day was a great event held, adding she was amazed at all the events that were planned for the volunteers in our community. She also noted the ribbon cutting ceremony held for the grand opening of the John P Burke Pool on July 4 was a great experience for the community, especially to see the Village and Town gather as one. She feels that everyone put their hearts and souls into the park renovations, and it was a joint effort to help make this pool come together so it would be open this year. She ended by stating she is very proud of our town.

Councilman Etzel stated all involved in the park renovations have been thanked repeatedly except for Supervisor Burke. He noted Supervisor Burke has done an outstanding job making sure the work stayed on track and conducted site visits daily.

Attorney McKay stated the Town Board has done a fabulous job on getting the pool and the courthouse done, both of which were two huge projects.

Director Gianzero stated First Responder Day was well attended, congratulating the Ambulance Corps on being the big winners this year. He noted Camp Rez has begun so he asked everyone driving at the reservoir to do so slowly. He then announced some upcoming events planned for this month. The grand opening of the pool was a huge success – 1060 people were there opening day. The lifeguards did a great job, which included a few saves. He then updated the Board on the work done by the Buildings/Grounds and thanked them for the hard work they did to ensure the pool opened on time.

Supervisor Burke thanked everyone for the support they have shown with the pools progress. He then thanked the Police Department for participating with the grand opening and giving out ice cream that day. He added the police will have presence at the pool all season to serve the community.

Cat Schmitt stated the summer kick-off program at the library had record breaking attendance this year with over 100 attendees. She then announced some upcoming events at the library. Supervisor Burke stated he was at the library Saturday when they were hosting an escape room event which he said was fun to watch.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Luciani, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk