

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on November 17, 2022 at 7:30PM

Present: Thomas Burke, Supervisor  
Tyler Etzel, Timothy Finnegan and Kathryn Luciani, Council

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph Gianzero, Parks Director; Brandon Calore, Parks Committee; Maria Hunter, Beautification Committee; Cathy Schmidt, Library Board

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

**Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held on November 3, 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 21 containing vouchers 221903 – 221981 and totaling \$1,101,071.48.

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

c. Budget Modification:

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

- Supervisor’s Office – increasing A1220.200 (Equipment) by \$152 and decreasing A1220.430 (Transportation and Travel) by \$152
- Police Department – increasing B3120.421 (Labor Attorney/Employee Matters) by \$5500 and decreasing B3120.415 (Legal/PBA Contract) by \$1136, B9040.800 (Workers Compensation) by \$4364.

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

**Old Business:**

EXTRA ITEM – Reschedule Interviews for Upcoming Expiring Terms on Various Boards/Committees:

Supervisor Burke stated he is unable to attend the executive session that was scheduled for December 8 to conduct interviews for upcoming expiring terms on various boards/committees. Therefore, he is requesting the interviews be rescheduled for December 15 starting at 6PM. Motion was offered by Councilwoman Luciani, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to reschedule the interviews to be held on December 15 beginning at 6PM.

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

**New Business:**

a. Schedule Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law 3 of 2022 – Repeal Tax Cap Override:

Supervisor Burke stated the adopted budget for fiscal year 2023 was under the tax cap requirements set by the State. Therefore, the local law that was previously adopted to permit the Board to override the tax cap needs to be repealed. Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to schedule a public hearing to be held at 7:30PM on December 1, 2022 to entertaining public comment on Introductory Local Law 3 of 2022 which would repeal Local Law 2 of 2022 that was adopted on October 6, 2022.

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

**Department Reports/Committee Minutes:**

- a. Supervisor Report: tabled until a future meeting
- b. Town Clerk’s Report – October 2022
- c. Animal Control Report – October 2022
- d. Police/Communications Report – October 2022
- e. Buildings/Grounds Report – Not Received
- f. Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes – No meeting held
- g. Police Commission Minutes – No meeting held
- h. Library Director Report – October 2022
- i. Library Board Minutes – October 18 and 25, 2022
- j. Beautification Committee Minutes – October 6, 2022
- k. Budget vs. Actual – October 2022

**Public Comment:**

Brandon Calore stated the Parks Committee has been working on planning some winter events, which will include a ball drop on New Year’s Eve with a lighted car parade.

Rachel Bruce noted the food pantry is in dire need for donations.

Maria Hunter stated the Beautification Committee will be working with the We Are Woodbury organization for a tree lighting on December 3. She noted the Winter Wonderland will be held on December 10 at Earl Reservoir. She also noted the Committee will begin putting out the winter decorations this weekend.

Beverly Silvera reminded all there is an ongoing issue with Police coverage in the Highland Lake Estates development. The services are needed, and she plans to keep reminding the Board until something is done. Supervisor Burke thanked her for expressing her continued concern. He noted the issue is something the Board speaks about on a regular basis, and it is looking forward to a resolution.

**Board Member/Department Comment:**

Director Gianzero stated the work on the ADA doors at the Senior Center/Highland Mills Library as begun this week with the pouring of the concrete ramps. Once the back ramp is finished, they will do the front ramp. He also announced some upcoming events the parks will be holding. At a recent Parks Committee meeting, a request was made about creating a temporary ice-skating rink at the Reservoir. The committee felt this was a good idea and hopefully the Town Board will approve the budget for this unplanned expense. A discussion was also held about starting a program for Woodbury teens, like what the not-for-profit Upper Room does in Cornwall. Regarding the pool, the cover will be installed soon and then the winter fertilization can be done.

Councilman Finnegan wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. He urged all to drive safe during inclement weather with the road conditions. Change the battery in your smoke detector.

Councilwoman Luciani urged everyone to consider supporting the “Wreaths Across America” program. Woodbury still needs 150 purchased to ensure all of service people get one on their graves this holiday season. She then reminded all that the Fire Department and Ambulance need volunteers. She stated it is great to see all the programs being offered in our community and she appreciates all that are involved in the planning of these events. She thanked Mrs. Silvera for meeting with Councilman Etzel and her to discuss her concerns and she is hoping that will be resolved. She is also hoping the employment issues in the Library can also be resolved so they are at full staff. She then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Etzel wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. He congratulated all that ran for elected office, and he appreciates that all positions were well representatives. He is hopefully the election will be resolved quickly so it is known who has been successful.

Supervisor Burke wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and urged all to drive cautiously during inclement weather.

**Adjournment:**

With no further comments received or business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

<b>ADOPTED</b>	AYES	4	Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk