

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on March 2, 2023

Present: Thomas Burke, Supervisor
Brandon Calore, Tyler Etzel, Timothy Finnegan and Kathryn Luciani, Council
Absent: None

5PM Worksession with Library Board of Trustees

A worksession was held with the members of the Library Board to discuss several issues relating to the working relationship between the Library Board and the Town Board. Discussion can be seen/heard at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@woodburyorangecountyny6836>

7:45PM Town Board Meeting

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

The following individual(s) spoke: Maria Hunter spoke about the worksession and the minutes from last meeting. Comments can be seen/heard at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@woodburyorangecountyny6836>

Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Calore, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2023.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Calore, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to approve Abstract 6 containing vouchers 230321 – 230373 totaling \$305,620.48.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

c. Budget Modifications - FY2022:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Councilwoman Luciani, to approve the following modifications to the 2022 budget:

- Attorney bills – increasing A1420.400 (Attorney) by \$4,035 and decreasing A1420.418 (Attorney ELT Nepera) by \$4,035.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 ABSTAIN 1 Calore

d. Budget Modifications - FY2023:

Motion was offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to approve the following modifications to the 2023 budget:

- Ridge Road Bridge – increasing A0599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$25,000, A9950.900 (Transfer to Capital Project) by \$25,000, H5031 (Interfund Transfer) by \$25,000, H5120.400 (Bridges 5+ Feet) by \$25,000;

- Town Board – increasing A1010.430 (Transportation and Travel) by \$1500 and A2775 (Harriman Business Park Lease) by \$1500;
- Town Website - increasing A1010.402 (Web Page) by \$10,000 and A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$10,000.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

Old Business:

EXTRA ITEM – Library Status:

Motion was then offered by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to retain a “status quo” relating to all library issues until May 4, 2023.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Cancel March 16 Worksession with Library Board:

Motion was offered by Councilman Etzel, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to cancel the March 16 worksession with the Library Board.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan
 NOES 1 Luciani

b. Schedule Special Meeting – Interviews for Library Board:

Motion was offered by Councilman Calore, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to schedule interviews for the expired Library Board position to be held on March 16, 2023 at 6PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

New Business:

a. Schedule Public Hearing - FY2024 Community Development Grant Program:

Motion was offered by Councilman Calore, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to schedule a public hearing to entertain public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for funding under the Orange County Community Development Program to be held on March 16, 2023 at 7:30PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
 NOES 0

b. Request for Tax Exemption – Village of Kiryas Joel Various Properties in Woodbury:

Attorney McKay stated the Village of Kiryas Joel has requested an exemption and over the past several years the Town and Village of Kiryas Joel have been litigating over Village of Kiryas Joel’s entitlement or reduction on the assessment of the water properties. He spoke with the Assessor, and she does not agree that they are entitled to this exemption/reduction. Orange County Supreme Court has agreed this is a matter at the discretion of the Town and Village of Kiryas Joel has appealed that decision. He requested an attorney/client session be scheduled to discuss this matter, as well as others, at some point in the near future either in person or virtually.

Public Comment:

The following individual(s) spoke during public comment: Maria Hunter about the Library Board meetings held in February. Comments can be seen/heard at the following link:
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Board Member/Department Comment:

Director Gianzero spoke about the recent inclement weather, the purpose of the draining of the Reservoir, updates on the new playground equipment at Brickley Field, testing of chlorine at the CV Pool, and work that has been done at the Courthouse/being done at the Police Station. Councilman Calore spoke about his recent participation in a polar plunge to raise funds for Special Olympics. Councilman Finnegan spoke about the maintenance of the roads/sidewalks during the recent inclement weather. Councilwoman Luciani also spoke about the maintenance of the roads, upcoming events in the community and a recent structure fire that occurred in Monroe and its impact on the community. Supervisor Burke spoke about the departments that maintain the roads/sidewalks and the investments the Town has been doing with its fund balance. Comments can be seen/heard at the following link:
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Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Calore, seconded by Councilman Finnegan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM.

ADOPTED	AYES	5	Burke, Calore, Etzel, Finnegan, Luciani
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk