

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on June 21, 2012 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Frank Palermo, Marilyn Prestia and James Skoufis, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Arthur Abbott, Lieutenant, Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board; Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town (*arrived for closed session*)

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 2012.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Prestia, Skoufis
ABSTAIN 1 Palermo

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to accept the minutes of the worksession held June 18, 2012.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve Abstract 13 containing vouchers 20121217 – 20121368 and totaling \$308,906.96 (checks 7244 and 7253 were voided due to printing errors).

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
NOES 0

c. Approval of Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund by decreasing A1010.400 (Town Board Contractual Expense) by \$200 and increasing A1010.444 (Town Board Schools & Dues) by \$200.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the budget of the Town Clerk's Department by decreasing A1410.200 (Equipment) by \$500 and increasing A1410.463 (Computer Maintenance Contract) by \$500.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve a modification to the budget of the Buildings & Grounds Department by decreasing A1620.419 (Earl Reservoir Dam Repair) by \$200 and increasing A1620.414 (Architect/Engineering) by \$200.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve a modification to the budget of the Buildings & Grounds Department by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$8982 and increasing A1620.421 (CV Pool Maintenance/Repairs) by \$8982.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
NOES 0

d. Waiver of Garage Sale Permit – St. Patrick’s Church:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to waive the \$5.00 application fee for the Saint Patrick’s Church flea market sale to take place in their parking lot on June 30, 2012, 10AM – 4PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

e. Announce Meeting Changes – July 2 and 5:

Supervisor Burke noted that the July 2 worksession will be a regular meeting and the July 5 meeting will be a public hearing at the IBEW Union Hall on the petition for annexation that was received from Zigmund Brach and the Village of Kiryas Joel.

II. Old Business:

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

The bid notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on June 2, 2012 and the bid opening was held on June 15, 2012. The following bids were received:

H Reynolds and Sons, Central Valley, NY -

- 1) They will deduct \$0.15 per gallon off of the current selling price (\$3.599 currently)
- 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 at no additional charge

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to award the bid for the 2012/13 Fuel Oil No 2 contract to H Reynolds and Sons pursuant to their bid.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

b. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – NYCOMCO Lease Agreement:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a lease with NYCOMCO (Lease #23780SLE03) for a period of 60 months at a cost of \$3,190.00 per month for eleven mobile radios, 28 portable radios and other related equipment for the Police Department.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

III. New Business:

a. Advertise for Bids – Roselawn/Adrienne Bridge Replacement:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the replacement of the Roselawn Road/Adrienne Drive Bridge.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

b. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – 2012 Workers Compensation Runoff Claims Management:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Wright Risk Management to handle the Town’s workers compensation runoff claims for 2012 at rate of \$500 per claim (there are two runoff claims).

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor's Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve the Supervisor's Report for May 2012 with receipts totaling \$452,894.33 and disbursements totaling \$798,435.23.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
 NOES 0

- b. Town Clerk's Report – May 2012
- c. False Alarm Report – April 2012
- d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – June 5, 2012
- e. Animal/Goose Control Report – May 2012
- f. Police/Communications Report – May 2012
- g. Beautification Commission Minutes – None Received
- h. Library Minutes – May 29, 2012
- i. Budget vs. Actual – May 2012

V. Public Comment:

Superintendent Weyant gave an update on the Pine Hill Bridge improvements. The NYS Thruway Authority has completed their work but there is a cement curing time of 15 days beginning from June 15. The blacktop company will be available the week of July 2 and it is planned for the work to be completed by the end of that week.

Richard Holmes presented a petition containing approximately 75 signatures urging the Town Board to develop a solution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and pets from the growing population of coyotes. He stated specific instances where coyotes have been seen. Supervisor Burke stated the Board has hired a new Animal Control Officer and the coyote issue, as well as snakes and other animals, have been addressed with her. She will be given a copy of the petition and hopefully there will be an improvement. Councilman Palermo added that if a person sees a coyote on their property, they should telephone the Police Department.

John Smith asked if the annexation hearing is open to the public and Supervisor Burke stated it was. Regarding the budget modification approved this evening for the CV Pool improvements, he asked what the repairs were specifically. Supervisor Burke stated a small leak was found and a seal needed to be replaced. It was also determined that the pump filters were not lining up properly (they were less than a ¼" off) so a company with a laser mechanism was contacted to ensure they were perfectly aligned.

Robin Crouse asked if the work that was done originally was still under warranty so that the Town could recuperate the repair costs approved this evening. Supervisor Burke stated the warranty has expired. Mrs. Crouse then stated the Board entered into an executive session at its June 18 meeting to discuss the employment of a Police Chief but stated they were not going to be taking action that night. She heard on June 19 that a decision was made and that neither of the two currently employed candidates were offered the position. She was also told that the Board is waiting until its July 2 meeting to formerly make a decision and wanted to know why. Supervisor Burke stated the Board has not completed the process that is required by Civil Service and will follow these procedures completely and accurately. He noted several municipalities that failed to do so when hiring employees and were forced to overturn their decision. Civil Service has been involved since February in this process and their advise has been sought every step of the way. Mrs. Crouse stated she has a full understanding of Civil Service

requirements, noting that she believes that the procedure to follow for existing employees is not as difficult. She is very sorry to hear that a local, existing employee is not being considered for the position.

Ralph Caruso stated an article was printed in the June 8, 2012 Photo News that said Councilman Skoufis uncovered a \$50,000 equipment fund which no one knew about. Mr. Caruso asked Supervisor Burke directly how this could occur. Supervisor Burke stated that since he took office the budget process has been done line-by-line so that every dollar is accounted for. Every voucher that is processed is required to have at least two Board member signatures. He does not believe the statement printed in the paper to be accurate. Councilman Skoufis stated the reporter did misquote him. What he actually stated was that the Town has a \$50,000 dedicated equipment fund which has begun to be used. Mr. Caruso stated he was concerned there was no retraction put in the paper.

Councilwoman Prestia reminded the public that the annual Woodbury Firecracker Festival is scheduled for July 7.

Councilman Palermo noted that school is ending this week and asked motorists to use caution when driving.

Councilman Skoufis noted that there will be a Federal Primary Election held on June 26 for positions on the republican and democratic lines. He urged all eligible residents to vote.

VI. Adjournment:

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

ADOPTED	AYES	5	Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia, Skoufis
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

After adjournment the Board entered into a closed session with Attorney McKay to discuss an attorney/client related issue.