

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on September 6, 2012 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Frank Palermo, Marilyn Prestia and James Skoufis, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Richard Vasquez, Chief of Police; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held August 16, 2012.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve Abstract 18 containing vouchers 20121809 – 20121953 totaling \$442,188.51.

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

c. Approval of Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Assessor's Office by increasing A599 (Appropriate Fund Balance) by \$10,000 and increasing A1355.462 (Article 7 Appraisals) by \$10,000.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Highway Department by increasing DB599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$110,000 and increasing DB5120.401 (Roselawn Road/Adrienne Drive Bridge Repairs) by \$110,000.

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

d. Resolution - Standard Workday:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to establish a standard work day for Marilyn Prestia, elected Councilwoman, to be reported to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by her and on file on the Town Clerk's Office, as being 3.34 average days per month.

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

II. Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

III. New Business:

a. FY2012-2013 Snow & Ice Agreement:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Arone, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement for Snow & Ice Control on certain County Roads (Gregory Lane and

Dunderberg Road) for the 2012-2013 season. The Town will be paid \$4,700 per mile (which equates to \$5,781) which is the same amount received for the 2011-2012 season.

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

b. Signing of Tax Collector Bond:

The Board members present signed the bond for the Tax Collector/Deputy Tax Collector for the collection of property taxes in 2013. This is required to be filed with the County Clerk in order for the collection warrant to be issued.

c. Garage Sale Permit Waiver:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to waive the \$5 garage sale permit fee for Better Homes & Gardens for the annual fundraising evening scheduled for October 6, 2012 at their property located at 229 Route 32 in Central Valley. This year they will be raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

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

d. Resolution – Payment of Compensation Claims Prior to Abstract:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to permit that claims audited and submitted by the Workers Compensation Carrier be processed and paid in compliance with their court decision in the event that the payment due date does not coincide with an Abstract. Such claims will be included on the next abstract but payment may be made prior to approving said abstract at a meeting.

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

EXTRA ITEM – Cancellation of Worksession:

Supervisor Burke announced that the September 17, 2012 worksession will not be held due to the Rosh Hashanah observance.

IV. Public Comment:

Councilman Skoufis gave his condolences to the family of Nancy Simpson, a valued community member who served on the Library Board and also the Parks Commission. Councilman Palermo also extended his condolences to the family of Charles (Chuck) Benson a fine man and family whom he has known for many years.

John Smith asked if there was a schedule for the Budget Meetings. Supervisor Burke answered that department heads had just handed in their budgets. They were due today and he received them all. This is the beginning of the budget process. In October, they will hold Budget Workshop Sessions up at the Highway Department. No dates have been chosen yet but we will let the public know on Channel 22 and the Town Website.

Maria Hunter wanted to let everyone know that on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 PM there will be a Memorial Service at the Highland Mills Fire House. Also, the Village of Woodbury Planning Board is holding a Public Hearing for the Woodbury Common renovations. The meeting is being held on September 19, 2012 at the IBEW Building in Harriman at 7:00 PM.

7:50PM - Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to discuss one matter of personal relating to the employment history of an individual in the Police Department.

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

No minutes of the executive session were recorded.

The Board entered into a closed executive session with Attorney McKay to seek legal advice regarding the petition for annexation received from Zigmond Brach and the Village of Kiryas Joel.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to end the closed executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

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

Frances Huang, Deputy Town Clerk