

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on November 21, 2013 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor  
Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons  
Absent: Timothy Arone, Councilman  
Also Present: Dan Sullivan, Attorney for the Town; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Dorothy Morris, Library Board; Richard Vasquez, Police Chief; 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 November 7, 2013.

**ADOPTED** AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve Abstract 21 containing Vouchers 20132390 – 20132485 and totaling \$1,215,063.14.

**ADOPTED** AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Buildings & Grounds Department by increasing A2665 (Sale of Equipment) by \$4200 and increasing A1620.200 (Equipment) by \$4200.

**ADOPTED** AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Buildings & Grounds Department by decreasing A1620.100 (Personal Services) by \$250 and increasing A1620.434 (Licenses/Permits) by \$250.

**ADOPTED** AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the Buildings & Grounds Department by decreasing A1620.100 (Personal Services) by \$1150 and increasing A1620.101 (Compensated Absences) by \$1150.

**ADOPTED** AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

d. Acceptance of Resignation:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the resignation of Timothy Ryan from the position of MEO effective November 18, 2013.

**ADOPTED** AYES 3 Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

Supervisor Burke noted that Mr. Ryan has served the Town for the last five years and he is a fine young man. Superintendent Weyant wished Mr. Ryan the best of luck in the next phase of his life, noting he was a great employee and asset that will be missed.

e. Schedule Interviews – Library Board:

It was noted that interviews of individuals interested in serving on the Library Board will be held on December 2, 2013 after the completion of the agenda items for the worksession held that evening.

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

**III. New Business:**

a. Request for Payout of Unused Vacation Time:

A request was received from Robert Blair (Buildings/Grounds) regarding vacation leave time he has that will be lost if not used by the end of the year. Rather than taking the time off and leaving his department understaffed, he is requesting to be paid out for this time, which is permitted in his union contract. A motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to payout to Robert Blair ten vacation leave days.

**ADOPTED**     AYES    3            Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
                  NOES    0

b. Ratification of UPSEU Employee’s Contract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to ratify the “Memorandum of Agreement” between the Town of Woodbury and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

**ADOPTED**     AYES    3            Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
                  NOES    0

Councilman Arone had sent an email asking that it be noted that had he been able to attend the meeting this evening, he would have supported the signing of the contract. Supervisor Burke stated this contract consists of almost all employees other than Police and Dispatchers. He thanked the Board for spending a lot of time reviewing the contract. He also thanked Councilman Palermo for attending all the negotiation meetings and the members of the staff that were part of the bargaining committee. He feels that it was a combined effort and the length of the contract is five years, of which one is almost completed.

**IV. Department Reports:**

a. Supervisor’s Report – October 2013

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve the October 2013 Supervisor’s Report with receipts totaling \$617,771.81 and disbursements totaling \$1,304,075.38.

**ADOPTED**     AYES    3            Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
                  NOES    0

b. Town Clerk’s Report – October 2013

c. False Alarm Report – September 2013

d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – October 21, 2013

e. Animal/Goose Control Report – October 2013

f. Police/Communications Report – October 2013

g. Beautification Commission Minutes – November 14, 2013

h. Library Minutes – August 27 and September 24, 2013

i. Budget vs. Actual – October 2013

**V. Public Comment:**

Councilwoman Prestia stated this past Sunday she attended the Girl Scout's Silver Award Ceremony where 250+ scouts received their Silver Award honor. It was an amazing event and she was glad to attend. She also thanked Supervisor Burke and Councilman Palermo for their work on the contract and she thanked the employees for their hard work. She wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and Hanukkah.

Councilman Palermo wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. He reminded the public that next week is Black Friday and he warned that all should avoided traveling by the shopping centers whenever possible. He asked that the public not come before the Board to complain about the traffic. He then thanked Supervisor Burke for his work on the contract and he thanked the UPSEU representatives for the courteous behavior during the process, as well as the five employee representatives.

Chief Vasquez also reminded the public to expect heavy traffic and volume by the shopping areas next weekend so please travel smartly.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    3            Burke, Palermo, Prestia  
                     NOES    0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

*The Board entered into a closed session after adjournment.*