

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on July 1, 2013 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held June 20, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve Revised Abstract 10 by voiding voucher 20131124 (check #9496) in the amount of \$140.22. This reduces the total abstract to \$313,863.10.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve Abstract 12 containing vouchers 20131366 – 20131442 and totaling \$150,217.54.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

c. Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve a modification the budget of the General Fund by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$5000 and increasing A1220.405 (CPA) by \$5000.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

d. Acceptance of Resignation – Library Board:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Jane Kinney from the Library Board effective July 1, 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

Councilwoman Prestia thanked Mrs. Kinney for the time she served.

II. Old Business

a. Receipt of 2010 Audit:

Supervisor Burke noted that the audit of the 2010 financial records have been completed and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

III. New Business:

a. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Consulting Services with Chazen:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Chazen Companies for them to conduct and provide a Hydrogeologic Affidavit of the Moodna and Woodbury creeks in relation to the permitted and pending withdrawals. The firm will charge \$170 per hour and they expect the total time to be approximately ten – 15 hours to complete.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
NOES 0

b. Service Proposal - Financial Audit of 2011/2012:

Supervisor Burke stated a proposal was received from Sedore & Company to conduct an audit of the 2011 financial records at a cost of \$22,500 and the 2012 financial records at a cost of \$22,950. Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to accept the proposal received from Sedore & Company for an audit of only the 2011 financial records at a cost of \$22,500.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
 NOES 0

Councilman Palermo stated he would like an explanation for the increase to prepare the audit of the 2012 financials (which is equivalent to 2%). He feels the firm should be familiar enough with our records, having prepared our audits since 2006, that the work should be less for them each year. Supervisor Burke noted that they do spend a lot of time doing the audit and assumes the increased request is due to their increased costs. The Board requested that Supervisor Burke negotiate with Sedore & Company to do the 2012 audit at the same cost quoted for the 2011 audit. Councilman Prestia suggested that an RFP be prepared to see what other companies may quote the work for.

IV. Public Comment:

Robin Crouse asked if the cost for the consulting firm to prepare the hydrogeological assessment will be shared with other communities. Supervisor Burke stated this report is just for Woodbury but believes that Cornwall will be employing the same firm to conduct a similar study in their jurisdiction. Mrs. Crouse asked which fund will pay for this assessment and Supervisor Burke stated it would come from the General Fund.

John Smith asked what the hydrogeological study would involve and Supervisor Burke stated the impacts to the creek beds. The firm’s specialty is to show to the DEC the impact of the draw downs on the creek and to its aquatic life. Our attorneys feel this is important for our case to justify some facts we are presenting. Mr. Smith then asked if there were any notes made on the audit for 2010 and Supervisor Burke stated there were approximately four comments which we have been improving on since the independent audits began in 2006. They are typical, minor comments. Mr. Smith then commended and thanked Supervisor Burke for hosting the informational meeting last week. Supervisor Burke added that the Town Board has worked as one body every step of the way during the entire process.

Robert Hunter stressed some concerns he has about the condition of Route 32 (cracks, potholes, failed drainage basins). Superintendent Weyant stated that pipes at the intersection of Timber Trail were clogged due to the amount of debris and he does not believe the State inspects them frequently enough. His department did clean them out this week to help reduce the flooding. He will contact the State DOT to inform them that we are concerned about the condition of Route 32.

Maria Hunter stated she is concerned about the effects to Route 32 by the heavy equipment that will be used during the construction of the Kiryas Joel pipeline. She added that perhaps Assemblyman Skoufis could assist the Town in getting Route 32 improved. She then noted that the Highway Department does a great job on our roads.

V. 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 7:55PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk