

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on June 3, 2013 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Carol Herb, Tax Collector; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

1. Home Rule Resolution – Hotel/Motel Tax:

Clerk Potvin noted that Assemblyman Skoufis had contacted her and asked that the Board act on the Home Rule Legislation for the Hotel/Motel Tax tonight so he can get it before the legislature as quickly as he can. He indicated that the resolution should specify what the revenue would be used for. The Board discussed the issue and, since the funds will need to be in the General Fund, the revenue would be used to offset the cost of the emergency notification system. Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ENACTMENT OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL #A.7628 AND NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL #S.4648 FOR THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WOODBURY TO IMPOSE A HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX IN THE TOWN OF WOODBURY.

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodbury, Orange County, New York, has made a request for the enactment of certain "Home Rule" Legislation by the New York State Legislature authorizing the imposition of a hotel and motel tax in the Town of Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that "Home Rule" request there has been introduced in the New York State Assembly Bill #A.7628 and New York State Senate Bill #S.4648 which Bill authorize the imposition of a hotel and motel tax in the Town of Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury is requesting the ability to impose such a tax to use the revenue to offset the cost of the emergency communication program that is used to ensure residents are aware of emergency conditions in Town via cellphone, landlines, electronic mail and text messaging; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury wishes to express its support for the passage of Assembly Bill #A.7628 and Senate Bill #S.4648 and to authorize the transmittal of such support to both houses of the New York State Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury requests the enactment of New York State Assembly Bill #A.7628 and New York State Senate Bill #S.4648 authorizing the imposition of a hotel and motel tax in the Town of Woodbury; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to transmit this resolution together with any other necessary documentation to both houses of the New York State Legislature forthwith.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS

Supervisor Burke	AYE
Councilman Arone	AYE
Councilman Palermo	AYE
Councilwoman Prestia	AYE

2. Discussion – Cablevision Audit Results:

The results of the audit of the Cablevision Franchise agreement have been received from the consultants that were hired, Computel Consultants. Their examination found that the revenue exclusions resulted in a reduction in franchise fee revenue to the Town of over \$21,000. They are asking if the Town would like them to proceed with a claim and offered to proceed with amending the

franchise agreement. If the claim is processed successfully, they would receive 40% of the refund as their fee. Regarding the renegotiating of the agreement, they will do this work for free. Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to authorize Computel Consultants to proceed with filing a claim with Cablevision to recover potential underpayments and to authorize them to look into amending the agreement.

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

7:45PM - Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss items relating to contractual negotiations of the Police Chief's contract, UPSEU contract and PBA contract.

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

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk