

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on June 17, 2013 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph Ingenito, Library Board

1. Discussion – Senior Assistance Program:

Councilman Arone stated a couple of meetings have been held thus far and the proposed title of the program is the “Friendly Visitor Program”. Two brochures have been drafted - one to be handed out to prospective clients and one for publicity. The one for publication in the newspaper captures the basics of the program and how to inquire if you want to volunteer. The other brochure focuses on seniors that may be interested in the program. A discussion was held with regards to listing the areas that would be covered by the program and how to make it clear that only the portion of Harriman that is in Woodbury is eligible. The verbiage and pictures have been approved by Jewish Family Services and the Office of the Aging. Supervisor Burke asked if there is an age restriction for those that need assistance and Councilman Arone stated other towns have not restricted age but we can if the Board chooses to do so. Councilwoman Prestia asked when the fee to Jewish Family Services will be due and Councilman Arone stated when the program goes “live” and all the volunteers have been trained.

2. Discussion – Changes to Uniform Notice of Claim Act:

Town Clerk Potvin stated on June 15 General Municipal Law was amended with regards to how a municipality can be served a notice of claim. Currently the law provides that either the attorney or a person designated by the Town (usually the Town Clerk) must be served. The new law permits that the NYS Secretary of State can now be served on our behalf for a fee to not exceed \$250. The law requires that each municipality adopt a resolution designating who the Secretary of State is required to forward the claim to. In addition, the fee collected by the Secretary of State will split the fee 50/50 with the municipality. The resolution must be adopted and filed with the Secretary of State by July 15. This item will be placed on the June 20 agenda if a resolution is received by our attorney by then, otherwise July 1.

3. 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 one item relating to contractual negotiations (UPSEU).

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

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:25PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk