

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on February 4, 2013 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Marilyn Prestia and Frank Palermo, Councilperson
Absent: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent;

1. Discussion – Association of Towns Resolutions:

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed several resolutions proposed by the Associations of Towns that will be voted upon at its annual business meeting held on February 20, 2013. At the February 7 meeting the Board will direct the designated delegate or alternate how to cast Woodbury’s vote at this annual business meeting.

2. Discussion – Initiative Law:

At a previous meeting a member of the public requested that the Board consider repealing Chapter 43 of the Town Code entitled “Initiatives”. Based upon this request this item was placed on the agenda for discussion this evening. Councilman Palermo stated he has no problem with the law, noting it is there for the public. There are may be future Boards that ignore questions or issues when brought to their attention and he feels this will assist the public to be heard. Councilman Arone stated he believes the Senate has already passed an Initiative Law and it is currently before the Assembly. Councilwoman Prestia asked if this law is contrary to the New York State Constitution, as stated publicly in the past. Attorney Liberth stated if the law would result in a permissive referendum then it would be contrary to the New York State Constitution. The law does not do this, it only requires that the Board discuss and take action on an issue. Also, he feels it would never be needed since Town Boards have been accommodating to all residents and their requests for topics to be discuss. He believes the Board has fulfilled their responsibility on this issue in accordance with the law.

8PM - Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss one item of personnel relating to compensation of employees in the Justice Court.

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

There were no minutes of the executive session recorded. Town Clerk Potvin, Attorney Liberth and Town Justices David Levinson and David Hasin attended the executive session.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

The Board entered into a closed session with Attorney Liberth after adjournment.