

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on October 2, 2014 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Deputy Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent;
Richard Vasquez, Police Chief; Members of the Police Department

I. Oath of Office Ceremony:

Town Clerk Potvin administered the Oath of Office to newly hired, full-time Police Officers Christopher Correa, Joseph Iorio and Kristen Potter.

II. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 18, 2014.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, to approve Abstract 18 containing vouchers 20142162 – 20142239 totaling \$139,333.12.

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

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Woodbury Common BID fund by decreasing SMB3020.100 (Dispatcher) by \$17,078 and increasing SMB3120.100 (Police Personal Services) by \$17,078.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve a modification to the budget of the Animal Control Officer by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$1940 and increasing A3510.463 (Computer Software) by \$1940.

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

Motion was then offered by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve a modification to the budget of the Police Department by decreasing B3120.454 (Vehicle Gas) by \$10,000 and increasing B3120.416 (Uniforms) by \$5000, B3120.430 (Transportation/Travel) by \$1000, B3120.444 (Schools/Dues) by \$3125, B3120.448 (Miscellaneous) by \$500, B3120.458 (Psych/Medical Evaluation) by \$375.

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

d. Cancellation of Worksession – October 13 and November 3:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Arone, to cancel the October 13 worksession due to the Columbus Day holiday and the November 3 worksession due to Election Day.

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

III. Old Business:

a. Resolution – Amendment to Employee Handbook Regarding Direct Deposit

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to adopt the following resolution establishing direct deposit for elected and non-union employees (except seasonal employees):

WHEREAS, the Town is in the process of updating its payroll procedures; and

WHEREAS, as part of its new payroll process, the Town will require all elected officials and non-union employees, except seasonal employees, to participate in, and the Town will provide at no cost, a direct payroll deposit service to those employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requires all elected officials and non-union employees, except seasonal employees, to participate in, at no cost, the Town’s direct payroll deposit service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be considered an amendment to the Town Handbook.

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

IV. New Business:

a. Dental Insurance Policy Renewal:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, to authorize the Deputy Supervisor to sign the renewal policy for dental insurance coverage provided by Empire Bluecross/Blueshield at a 0% increase over last year’s policy.

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

b. Schedule Public Hearing – Amendment to Towing Law:

Motion was offered by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adopt the following resolution setting a time and place for a public hearing on a proposed Introductory Local Law 4 of 2014 to amend Chapter 283 of the Town Code entitled “Towing”, to improve towing response times and ease of vehicle redemptions for those individuals operating vehicles within the Town:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the need to modify its current towing local law for the purpose of improving response times and ease of vehicle redemption for individuals operating vehicles within the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing to consider the proposed local law to amend Chapter 283 of the Town Code for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby determines that it will be the lead agency with respect to the review of the proposed local law amendment (the “project”) in accord with New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and part 617 of the regulations implementing SEQRA, since there are no other agencies that have the authority to approve the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby preliminary classifies the action as an unlisted action under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE HEREBY

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board in order to receive comments and suggestions on Introductory Local Law 4 of 2014 regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 283 of the Town Code and to review any potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed local law,

on October 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the office of the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

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

c. Announcement of Budget Workshop Dates:

Deputy Supervisor Palermo announced that budget workshops will be held at 7:30PM at the Highway Garage on October 7th, 8th, 14th, 20th and if need the 22nd. He noted that funds to be discussed each meeting will be announced on the website.

d. Removal of Electrical on Town Property:

A proposed has been received from Orange & Rockland to turnoff and remove electric currently being supplied to the abandoned buildings located on property recently purchased by the Town located at 367 Route 32 and 42 Roselawn Road (SBL 218-1-22 and 218-1-18.22). Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the following work to be done:

- 1) O&R will drop the secondary service feeding the garage to the south. Pole feeding this service is 55624/48734. Meter number 47736278 to be removed.
- 2) O&R will drop the secondary service fed from pole 55568/48823. No meter exists.
- 3) O&R will drop the secondary service fed from pole 55581/48832. No meter exists.
- 4) O&R will disconnect the three phase primary at pole 55589/48812 and drop the three phase riser. O&R will disconnect and remove transformer 55600/48804 feeding the larger building. O&R will remove meter inside building.

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

e. Receipt of 2015 Tentative Budget:

Town Clerk Potvin stated that, pursuant to Town Law Section 106(3), a copy of the Fiscal Year 2015 Tentative Budget was received by her office on September 29, 2014, and has been distributed to the Board members. The tentative budget consists of the budget summaries submitted by each department without discussion or changes made by the full Board.

V. Board Member Comments/Announcements:

Deputy Supervisor Palermo stated that notification was received on October 1 that Woodbury will be receiving from FEMA \$219,331.91 from claims submitted for Hurricanes Irene/Sandy and Tropical Storm Lee. He recognized the efforts of Superintendent Weyant, Sheila Beadle, Eileen Sutherland and Riddick Associates for compiling all the necessary paperwork to obtain this claim. He then announced the attendance totals at CV Pool and Earl's Reservoir for 2014.

VI. Public Comment:

Chief Vasquez again thanked the Town Board members, Town Clerk Potvin and the Police Department selection committee. He also reiterated his comments that he made at the last meeting by stating that Woodbury hired the best available candidates. The Board members again welcomed the new police officers.

