

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on April 3, 2014 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor  
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Maria Hunter, Planning Board

**I. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2014.

**ADOPTED** AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the minutes of the worksession held March 31, 2014.

**ADOPTED** AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve Revised Abstract 5 by voiding voucher 20140676 (check #11161). The total revised abstract is now \$406,505.53.

**ADOPTED** AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Abstract 6 containing vouchers 20140689 – 20140787 and totaling \$148,444.21.

**ADOPTED** AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

c. Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Police Department by increasing B2680 (Insurance Recoveries) by \$3948 and increasing B3120.453 (Vehicle Repairs) by \$3948.

**ADOPTED** AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

d. Cancel April 14 Worksession – Passover Observance

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to cancel the April 14 worksession in observance of Passover.

**ADOPTED** AYES 5 Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
NOES 0

**II. Old Business:**

a. Authorize Supervisor to Sign Proposal – Parkland Fee Study Update:

Councilman Hunter stated he feels this issue should be postponed since the Central Valley Library is in need of repairs and the money would be better spent there. He noted the building has interior and exterior damage and the roof may be leaking. Supervisor Burke stated he understands the

comments made by Councilman Hunter and then explained the issues that are being experienced at the Central Valley library. It was closed immediately upon learning that we had a mold issue. An air quality test was ordered and work has been done to remedy it. We are now waiting for the results of the most recent test to determine the status. He stressed that no one will be permitted to enter the building until these results are received, which should be tomorrow. Once the “all clear” is received, phase one will begin which is for a contractor to repair the interior of the building. Phase two will be the exterior which he anticipates that the roof and soffits may be an issue. When all is determined Councilman Palermo and himself, as liaisons to the Library Board, will meet with the Library Board Chairperson to discuss how to proceed and where the funds to do so will come from. He anticipates some will come from the Buildings/Grounds budget and some from the Library fund. He feels that there are funds that are available to do these repairs in addition to the parkland fee study. Councilman Arone noted that there could be some financial assistance from the insurance policy as well. Councilman Hunter stressed that he is not against the parks but feels the report is not necessary at this time. Councilman Palermo stated he feels the Board should be proactive to accommodate growth and that this study should move forward. He also understands the concerns raised by Councilman Hunter but does not understand what the library has to do with the parks master plan. Councilwoman Prestia agreed the study should move forward.

Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to accept and authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal received from Tectonic Engineers to provide professional services to update the 1999 Parks Master Plan.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Burke, Arone, Palermo, Prestia  
                      NOES    1            Hunter

**III. New Business:**

a. Schedule Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law #1 of 2014 – Schedule of Fees:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to adopt the following resolution setting a time and place for a public hearing to amend Chapter 143 of the Town Code entitled “Fees” to permit the establishment of fees and escrow deposits by resolution of the Town Board:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has identified the need to amend several sections of Chapter 143 of the Town Code and to establish a mechanism for the occasional adjustment of fees and escrow deposits for certain applications made to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing to consider the proposed local law amending Chapter 143 of the Town Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby determines that it will be the lead agency with respect to the review of the proposed local law amendments (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 let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby preliminary classifies the action as an unlisted action under SEQRA; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board in order to receive comments and suggestions regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 143 of the Town Code, and to review any potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed local law, on April 17, 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 Town Clerk is authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    5            Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia

NOES 0

**IV. Public Comment:**

Town Clerk Potvin announced that Woodbury will be hosting a rabies clinic on May 18 at the Highway Garage, 9AM – 11AM.

Superintendent Weyant announced that the electronic collections event has been scheduled for April 26, 8AM – 1PM, at the Highway Garage.

Councilman Palermo asked Superintendent Weyant the status of the Town's salt supply and he was told him it was good.

John Smith announced that an expo is being held on April 27, 11AM – 3PM, at the High School. He noted the event held last year was very successful and the Board agreed.

**V. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    5      Burke, Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia  
                    NOES    0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk