

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on February 20, 2014 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: James DiSalvo, District 14 County Legislator; Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Al Fusco, Engineer for the Town; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Dorothy Morris, Library Board; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2014.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve Abstract 3 containing vouchers 20140340 – 20140412 and totaling \$281,502.32.

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

c. Acceptance of Resignation/Retirement:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept, with regrets, the resignation/retirement of John Jones from the position of Foreman with the Highway Department effective February 27, 2014.

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

Supervisor Burke acknowledged Mr. Jones for his 30 years of employment with the Town of Woodbury. He was praised for his knowledge, ability and commitment to the position and the Town. Councilman Palermo noted that Mr. Jones will be sorely missed and Councilman Hunter recognized Mr. Jones dedication to the Town and Fire Department.

d. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the General Fund by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$24,745, decreasing A1420.415 (Attorney/HTP) by \$11,260 and increasing A1420.400 (Attorney) by \$36,005.

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

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the Police Fund by increasing B1120 (Non Property Tax Distribution by County) by \$21,351 and increasing B1985.400 (Distribution of Sales Tax) by \$21,351.

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

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the Animal Control Officer by decreasing A3510.403 (Heating

Oil/Gas) by \$81 and increasing A3510.402 (Electricity) by \$42, A3510.404 (Water Bills) by \$30 and A3510.444 (School/Dues) by \$9.

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

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the Highway Department by decreasing A5010.401 (Telephone) by \$475 and increasing A5010.444 (Schools and Dues) by \$475.

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

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the Parks Department by decreasing A7110.409 (Earl Walking Path) by \$1000, A7110.410 (Roller Hockey Rink) by \$2700, A7110.417 (Field Maintenance) by \$2084 and increasing A7110.402 (Electricity) by \$5784.

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

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the Buildings & Grounds Department by decreasing A1620.100 (Buildings Personal Service) by \$5705, A1620.462 (Repairs/Materials) by \$4300, A1620.465 (Blacktopping) by \$1000 and increasing A1620.401 (Telephone) by \$2834, A1620.404 (Water Bills) by \$390, A1620.406 (Paint) by \$1342, A1620.408 (Fire Extinguisher Maintenance) by \$613, A1620.409 (Plumbing) by \$312, A1620.411 (Office Supplies) by \$22, A1620.414 (Architect/Engineering/Earl) by \$366, A1620.425 (Grounds/Weed Control) by \$1566, A1620.452 (Vehicle Maintenance) by \$3263, A1620.463 (Tools) by \$78, A1620.467 (Animal Shelter) by \$219.

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

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the General Fund by decreasing A1355.100 (Assessor Personal Service) by \$282 and increasing A1610.100 (Central Services Administration Personal Services) by \$282.

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

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2013 budget of the Tax Collector's Department by decreasing A1330.100 (Tax Collector Personal Services) by \$248 and increasing A1330.411 (Office Supplies) by \$43, A1330.443 (Tax Bills) by \$41, A1330.454 (Advertising) by \$164.

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

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the 2014 budget of the General Fund by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$18,000 and increasing A1940.400 (Purchase of Land/Right of Way) by \$18,000.

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

e. Appointment of Highway Department MEO:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Arone, to appoint Anthony Scavera to the position of full-time MEO beginning February 19, 2014 at a Grade IIIB on the UPSEU 2014 Salary Schedule (\$25.09/hour).

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

II. Old Business:

EXTRA ITEM – Authorize Supervisor to Sign Engineering Services Agreement:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Fusco Engineering for their services in 2014.

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

III. New Business:

a. Discussion – Eagle Scout Project:

John Fitzgerald, Life Scout working to achieve his rank of Eagle Scout, presented to the Board his project idea. He is interested in pursuing the installation of four benches at the Bocce Court at Earl Reservoir. The benches will be positioned on the parking lot side of the courts with two benches grouped together on each end. The pair of benches will be attached to each other and will also include two planters and a table in the middle. These items will be made from pressured treated wood to ensure durability. Each bench set will be secured to a concrete slab of approximately 5' by 12'. The court will also be cleaned and refinished. The total budget he expects this project to cost is approximately \$1000, which he plans to raise by fundraising. He has met with and gathered information from Supervisor Burke, Parks Director Joseph Gianzero, Building/Grounds Superintendent Robert Blair, his scoutmaster and parents. The plan is to have the work completed by Memorial weekend. Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve this project.

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

b. Resolution of Support – MWCSO:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to adopt the following resolution showing support of the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District regarding the annexation petition served by the Village of Kiryas Joel unto the Town of Monroe:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury understands that the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District has requested to be Lead Agency in review of the 500 acre Annexation Petition effort from the Town of Monroe into the Village of Kiryas Joel; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the residents of the Town of Woodbury attend the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury supports all lawful efforts to conduct a fair and independent environmental review of this Annexation Petition and all issues, including but not limited to the fiscal impacts of the proposed Annexation, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to transmit a letter reflecting this resolution to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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

c. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Agreement for GASB-34:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, for the preparation of the 2013 GASB-34 report.

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

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor’s Report –

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve the January 2014 Supervisor’s Report with receipts totaling \$9,061,012.50 and disbursements totaling \$840,856.53.

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

b. Town Clerk’s Report – January 2014

c. False Alarm Report – December 2013

d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – January 30, 2014

e. Animal/Goose Control Report – January 2014

f. Police/Communications Report – January 2014

g. Beautification Commission Minutes – No Meeting Held

h. Library Minutes – December 3, 2013

i. Budget vs. Actual – January 2014

V. Public Comment:

Councilman Arone provided an update on the Friendly Visitors Program. So far there are ten residents that have requested assistance and there are twenty volunteers available. A flyer is being worked on that will be distributed into the community shortly.

Superintendent Weyant recognized John Jones’ years of work in the Highway Department. He then thanked all the employees of his department for the extensive work they have done during the last few storms. Supervisor Burke also recognized the Buildings/Grounds Department for their efforts.

Dorothy Morris, President of the Library Board, spoke about some the free offerings available at the Library and on its website including 500+ educational courses, various programs available for all ages, museum memberships and e-books. She then announced that the NYS Board of Regents has adopted a program for 2013 called “20/20 vision” which will be a roadmap for all libraries to expand into the new century. The goal is to reach people that have expanded interest in technologies that may have not even been thought of yet. She noted the library is looking for residents that are willing to help meet this task.

Legislator DiSalvo stated he intends to attend one meeting a month at each of the municipalities he represents noting he wants to be sure that he has good communication with the officials. He announced that the County Executive has requested an independent study be conducted relating to the annexation proposed by Village of Kiryas Joel of land in Monroe.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

The Board entered into a closed session after adjournment with Attorney McKay and Engineer Fusco.