

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on December 1, 2014 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Deputy Town Supervisor  
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Ralph Caruso, Supervisor-Elect; Denice daCunha, Parks Commissioner; Maria Hunter,  
Village Planning Board

**1. Presentation – Zachary Blasko Eagle Scout Project:**

This issue was tabled since the Eagle Scout was unable to attend the meeting. Deputy Supervisor Palermo noted that the project he is proposing to do is reconstructing the bus stop shelter at the corner of Timber Trail and Route 32.

**2. Presentation – Logging of Town Open Space:**

This issue was tabled since the logger was unable to attend this evening.

**EXTRA ITEM – Orange & Rockland Rate Increase before Public Service Commission:**

The Orange County Association of Towns/Cities/Villages is requesting all municipalities to join in and contribute towards the cost to fund a professional to intervene before the Public Service Commission on behalf of the group regarding O&R's request to increase their rates. In 2010 a similar request was made and instead of contributing financially the Board adopted a resolution opposing the rate increase. The current proposed rate increase by O&R is 6% increase on electric delivery and 18% on natural gas delivery. The Board agreed to adopt a resolution to oppose the increase but not contribute financially towards a consultant. This issue will be discussed at the December 4 meeting.

**EXTRA ITEM - Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Village of Woodbury:**

The public present discussed some concerns they have with the proposed IMA, specifically the Highway Department responsibilities being transferred from the Town to the Village. Some issues raised were whether or not former Supervisor John Burke would have been in favor of such a transfer, whether the public was made fully aware of the negotiations, and whether the issue should be held over to January when the new Supervisor assumes office. The Board explained that negotiations were held for the past several months and Deputy Supervisor Palermo stated the issue would be put to a vote on December 4.

**8PM - Executive Session:**

Motion was offered by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss two items of personnel.

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

**Adjournment:**

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

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk