

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on December 18, 2014 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Deputy Town Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter, Marilyn Prestia

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Ralph Caruso, Supervisor-Elect

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2014.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Abstract 23 containing Vouchers 20142787 – 20142987 and totaling \$322,671.19.

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

EXTRA ITEM – Request for Vacation Leave Time “Sell Back”:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve the “selling back” of unused vacation leave time to the following UPSEU employees, as permitted in Section 2, Paragraph E of their contract:

- Richard Hazekamp, Highway Department – Five days
- Maxine Saracino, Supervisor’s Office – Three days, six hours
- Robert Blair, Buildings/Grounds Department – Ten days
- Eileen Sutherland, Supervisor’s Office – Ten days
- Teresa Strong, Library – Six days

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

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund, Highway Fund and Library Fund as follows:

- General Fund totaling \$3302 – decreasing A1220.100 (Supervisor Personal Services) by \$2122, A1620.100 (Building and Grounds Personal Services) by \$1180 and increasing A1220.101 (Compensated Absences) by \$2122, A1620.101 (Compensated Absences) by \$1180.
- Highway Fund totaling \$1160 – decreasing DB5110.100 (Personal Services/General Repairs) by \$1160 and increasing DB5110.101 (Compensated Absences) by \$1160.
- Library Fund totaling \$1076 – decreasing L7410.100 (Personal Services) by \$1076 and increasing L7410.101 (Compensated Absences) by \$1076.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Woodbury Common BID by decreasing SMB3120.100 (Police Personal Services) by \$4885 and increasing SMB3120.403 (Policing-Other Agencies) by \$4885.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Arone, Hunter, Palermo, Prestia

NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve reimbursing the Highway Fund \$54,273 from the Park Avenue Capital Project. This reimbursement is necessary since these funds were loaned until FEMA reimbursement was received.

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 Assessor's Office by decreasing A1355.463 (Consultants) by \$3000, A1355.430 (Transportation & Travel) by \$200, A1355.444 (Schools & Dues) by \$100, A1355.465 (User Fees) by \$200 and increasing A1355.411 (Office Supplies) by \$3500.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve a modification to the budget of the Police Fund by decreasing B3120.454 (Vehicle Gas) by \$5000, B3120.480 (Vaccinations) by \$500, B3120.485 (Truck Scales) by \$1000 and increasing B3120.411 (Office Supplies) by \$1000, B3120.424 (Less Lethal Training) by \$3000, B3120.444 (Schools/Dues) by \$500, B3120.463 (Software Maintenance) by \$1000, B3120.466 (Computer Consultant) by \$1000.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund by decreasing A1010.453 (Ambulance Gas) by \$184 and increasing A1640.400 (Central Garage) by \$184.

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

d. Appointment of Part-Time Principal Library Clerk:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to appoint Catherine Imburgia to the position of part-time Principal Library Clerk starting January 1, 2015. This position is for 25 hours per week and is paid \$21.03 pursuant to the UPSEU 2015 Grade and Step Plan – Exhibit A.

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

Councilwoman Prestia asked if this is a new position. Deputy Supervisor Palermo stated it is and it was discussed during the budget process which all Board members approved.

e. Acceptance of Resignation – Library Clerk:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, to accept the resignation of Gretchen Chandra from the position of Library Clerk effective December 7, 2014.

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

f. Cancellation of January 1 Meeting:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, to cancel the January 1 regular meeting in observance of New Year's Day.

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

II. Old Business:

a. Transfer of Street Lights to Village of Woodbury:

Motion was offered by Deputy Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to, in compliance with NYS Village Law §2-254, and in accord with the terms of the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Woodbury and Village of Woodbury, the Town of Woodbury hereby transfers and relinquishes all authority, governance and responsibility for the former town lighting district to the Village of Woodbury.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Arone, Hunter, Palermo
 NOES 1 Prestia

Councilwoman Prestia did not state a reason for voting against this issue.

III. New Business:

a. Authorize Deputy Supervisor to Sign – PBA Dispatchers MOA:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to authorize Deputy Supervisor Palermo and Councilwoman Prestia to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Woodbury PBA for the Dispatchers Union contract January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2018.

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

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor’s Report:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve the November 2014 Supervisor’s Report with receipts totaling \$316,271.36 and disbursements totaling \$2,091,819.47.

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

- b. Town Clerk’s Report – November 2014
- c. Parks/Recreation Minutes – None Received
- d. Animal/Goose Control Report – November 2014
- e. Police/Communications Report – November 2014
- f. Beautification Commission Minutes – December 16, 2014
- g. Library Minutes – None Received
- h. Budget vs. Actual – November 2014

V. Board Member Comments/Announcements:

Deputy Supervisor Palermo noted that at the December 16 Village Board meeting Water/Sewer Administrator William McClennan announced his retirement and the Village Board had a nice ceremony recognizing his 36.5 years of service. He wished him a healthy and long retirement.

The Board collectively wished all a happy holidays and the Beautification Commission was recognized for all the holiday decorations they erected.

VI. Public Comment:

Town Clerk Potvin announced that former Buildings/Grounds Superintendent Steven Beckley passed away earlier this week.

Attorney McKay stated that Flaum submitted a letter to the Village Planning Board withdrawing their request/application for the casino. All parties involved in the litigation regarding the casino have written to the court requesting the case be dismissed.

John Smith stated one of the items discussed at the Village Planning Board meeting last night was an application of Highland Sand and Gravel for a crushing/demolition/recycling plant. Many individuals spoke against the application and he recognized that Councilwoman Prestia attended the meeting. He noted the applicant did not address any traffic concerns and did not take any of the environmental issues seriously. He was disappointed about the comments made by Richard Golden, Planning Board Attorney. He feels that he should be advising the Planning Board on how to not grant approval to the application. He also feels that the Zoning Board of Appeals did not make a fully informed decision on the application when it was before them. He noted that he has a letter written by the County stating the Planning Board should not approve the application. The next meeting is January 21 and he urged all Board members to attend.

VII. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk