

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on August 20, 2015 at 7:30PM

Present: Ralph Caruso, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Robert Hunter, Frank Palermo and Marilyn Prestia, Councilpersons
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Robert Stubbs, Insurance Agent for the Town (Marshall & Sterling); David Sutz, Village Trustee; Sandy Capriglione, Village Zoning Board; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Arone, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 2015.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Caruso, Arone, Hunter, Prestia
NOES 0
ABSTAIN 1 Palermo
(Councilman Palermo abstained because he was not at the August 6, 2015 meeting.)

With regard to the August 17, 2015 preliminary Town Board Meeting minutes:

Supervisor Caruso, at the recommendation of Attorney McKay, had the following amendments to the minutes: (A) 1st paragraph change Stage 2 to Step 2; and (B) change "No minutes of the executive session were recorded" to "The Board determined to deny the Step 2 Grievance".

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Prestia, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to accept the amended minutes of the preliminary Town Board meeting held August 17, 2015.

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

b. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve a modification to the budget of the Police Department by increasing B599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$3093 and increasing B3120.415 (Legal/PBA Contract) by \$3093.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Caruso, 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 Police Department by decreasing B3120.100 (Police Personal Service) by \$5200 and increasing B3120.101 (Compensated Absences at Retirement) by \$5200.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Caruso, 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 Buildings/Grounds Department by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$550 and increasing A1620.434 (Licenses/Permits) by \$550.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to approve a modification to the budget of the Animal Control Department by decreasing A3510.200 (Equipment) by \$800 and increasing A3510.406 (Building Maintenance) by \$800.

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

c. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Abstract 15 containing vouchers 20151814 - 20151965 and totaling \$274,186.67.

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

d. Correction to Retirement Date – S Arrao:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to change the effective date of retirement for Sergeant Scott Arrao from August 23 to August 25, 2015.

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

II. Old Business:

a. Update – Town Hall Meeting Room Audio Equipment:

Councilman Hunter explained that a specialist met with him and Councilman Arone. The recommendation was getting new microphones suited for a conference room, new mixer, new wiring, and labor. Total cost of this is \$4,930.91. The sound should be improved on both Channel 22 and the internet. Councilman Arone added that this is the same company that just installed the sound system at the senior center. Other companies were contacted for prices but did not call back. This firm will also work with Jeff. Wireless microphones are not needed right now; however, they can be added in the future to this equipment. Councilman Arone explained that the first quote was a little higher but they tried to get the critical equipment and will get more details regarding a warranty. There should not be any annual expenses (maintenance free) and the work should not take long to be completed. Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone to move forward with purchasing the upgrades for the audio system for the town hall meeting room.

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

III. New Business:

a. Waiver of Garage Sale Fee – Lions Club:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to waive the \$5.00 garage sale permit fee for all those that participate in the Annual Lion’s Club Community Yard Sale event scheduled for September 12, 2015. The event will be held in the parking lot of the St. Patrick’s Church.

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

b. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Snow and Ice Agreement:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Prestia, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Orange County for the contract of snow and ice removal on certain County roads for the 2015/2016 season at a rate of \$4,750 per mile. This is an increase from last year of \$50. It was noted that the contract with the Town will run only until December 31, 2015.

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

c. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Insurance Renewal:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve authorize the Supervisor to sign all documents and agreements concerning the Insurance Policy renewal proposal submitted by Marshall & Sterling/NYMIR totaling \$130,442.40 effective September 1, 2015. It was noted that in January there is an expected \$12,000 refund due to the transfer of the Highway equipment to the Village.

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

d. Added agenda item:

Supervisor Caruso stated that after getting a letter from the Police Chief last week, he is going to call for the lists to replace the police officers that recently retired and are retiring. He is going to call the County tomorrow and request the promotional sergeant list and the police officer list.

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor's Report -

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the July 2015 Supervisor's Report with receipts totaling \$623,116.08 and disbursements totaling \$1,026,845.01.

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

b. Town Clerk's Report – July 2015

c. Parks/Recreation Minutes – August 10, 2015

d. Animal/Goose Control Report – July 2015

e. Police/Communications Report – July 2015

f. Beautification Commission Minutes – August 13, 2015

g. Library Minutes – July 28, 2015

h. Budget vs. Actual – July 2015

V. Board Member Comments:

Supervisor Caruso complimented the officers, (Officers Kristen Potter, Officer Scott Sheehan, and Officer Eric Hardin) for a job well done who administered Narcan in two separate incidences and both subjects regained consciousness.

Councilman Hunter was upset that he had to hear about information from a resident regarding the recent breakthrough and arrest in the case regarding theft of property at the Town owned section of "Gasho" and not from the supervisor. He feels there is a lack of communication between the Board and the supervisor's office and this is not the first time that communication was lacking. The Board members all have full-time jobs and needs to be kept updated on everything. Supervisor Caruso explained that he did not notify the Board about the Gasho incident because it was kept as quiet as possible, as it was an on-going case with the Police Department. Supervisor Caruso also went onto clarify information from the last town board meeting regarding the inquiry from a company (Homeland Towers) interested in leasing town property for a cell tower. He just received an e-mail dated August 18, 2015 from Mr. Xavier who understands that the property his company was interested in is "open space" and therefore is restricted from use.

Councilwoman Prestia congratulated Woodbury on being named the number one "Place to Raise your Children" and being on the list for "Best Place to Live" for 2015 by Money Magazine. She also thanked Rebecca Halzack and her family, the girl scouts and boy scouts, the dog park group, Buildings and Grounds Dept. and everyone else who helped spruce up the dog park and the dogs' agility equipment.

VI. Public Comment:

Ben Meyers, Woodbury Gazette congratulated the Board on Woodbury being in the Money Magazine as #1 “Place to Raise Your Children” and #19 overall “Best Place to Live” in 2015. He also mentioned that Woodbury will be hosting the Orange County Firemen’s Parade this year and can expect approximately 5000 people to be attending it. He shared his concern about keeping our highways cleaned. Councilman Hunter said he has spoken with Bob Blair and his department will be weeding by the curbs and sidewalks to get it ready for the parade. The State, hopefully, will clean/sweep the highway.

Sandy Capriglione, Central Valley expressed how upset she is that the Board is not given information in a timely fashion and the lack of communication that the Supervisor has with the rest of the Town Board. She feels that missed opportunities occurred because information regarding the cell towers was not given to the Town Board back in January.

David Sutz, Woodbury, asked a question regarding the span of time in the plowing and salting agreement and how does it work when the Highway Department is turned over to the Village. Attorney McKay explained that the agreement was for one year beginning October 1, 2015; however, his question is a valid point and should be discussed with the County.

VII. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

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

Frances Huang, Deputy Town Clerk