

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on August 17, 2017 at 7:30PM

Present: David Sutz, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Michael Essig and Robert Hunter, Councilmen
Absent: Frank Palermo, Councilman
Also Present: Kevin Watson, Police Chief; John Smith, Parks Commission; Tracy Maggio, Clerk to the Supervisor; Sandra Capriglione and Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held August 3, 2017.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Abstract 15 containing voucher 20171392 - 20171470 and totaling \$284,180.72.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
NOES 0

c. Acceptance of Resignation:

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept the resignation of Douglas DiBlasi from the position of part-time dispatcher effective August 14, 2017. Mr. DiBlasi has worked for the Police Department since September 2013.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
NOES 0

d. Cancellation of September 7 Meeting - Lack of Quorum:

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Arone, to cancel the September 7 Town Board meeting due to lack of quorum.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
NOES 0

II. Old Business: *There was no old business to discuss.*

III. New Business:

a. Insurance Policy Renewal:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to authorize the Supervisor to sign all documents and agreements concerning the Insurance Policy renewal proposal submitted by Marshall & Sterling/NYMIR totaling \$126,260.20, and adding Cyber Breach and Liability Coverage for \$1567.50 effective September 1, 2017.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
NOES 0

b. Renewal of Electric Supply Rates

The current "lock-in" contract that the Town has for energy rates will expire at the end of this month. Our consultant, M & R Energy, has prepared a bid for the Board to review. The results were as follows:

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| Constellation | 12mth \$0.07648 | 24mth \$0.07616 | 36mth \$0.07682 |
| Direct Energy | 12mth \$0.07531 | 24mth \$0.07549 | 36mth \$0.07664 |
| Engie | 12mth \$0.06940 | 24mth \$0.06980 | 36mth \$0.07078 |

Based on the results provided, they are recommended the Town sign a 36 month contract with Engie. Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a 365 month contract with Engie for the supply of energy at a rate of \$0.07078 per kilowatt hour.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
NOES 0

Councilman Essig added this new contract will be single billing which will save time in the accounting department. Councilman Arone added the rate is lower than what we are currently paying and Supervisor Sutz added the rate includes the government surcharge.

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor's Report - July 2017

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the July 2017 Supervisor's Report with receipts totaling \$597,223.11 and disbursements totaling \$939,211.55.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
NOES 0

b. Town Clerk's Report - July 2017

c. Buildings/Grounds Report - July 2017

d. Animal/Goose Control Report - July 2017

e. Police/Communications Report - July 2017

f. Police Commissioners Minutes - None Received

g. Beautification Committee Minutes - Annual Report

h. Library Minutes - May 30 and July 25, 2017

i. Parks/Recreation Minutes - None Received

j. Budget vs. Actual - July 2017

V. Public Comment:

Supervisor Sutz noted that a public hearing was held recently by the County Legislature regarding the formation of the Town of Palm Tree. He stressed that, on advice of attorney, the Woodbury Town Board has been instructed to not comment on this issue.

John Smith commended the Board for being a party in the lawsuits against Village of Kiryas Joel and agrees we need to continue the fight to protect Woodbury. With regards to the Central Valley Library, an elevator is being installed which he feels is a waste of time and money since he feels nobody uses this library. He also feels the building should be sold since it has outlasted its usefulness. Also he is upset the Library Board has changed the hours, which is detrimental to the residents of this community. He has used the library in the evenings for several years and he does not understand why these hours have been reduced without justification. He understands there may have been polls and studies done but sometimes these can be adjusted show results to favor your position. He has spoken to the staff and they are not in agreement with the change in the hours. He hopes the Town Board did not give authority to the Library Board to do this as they are not elected and the Town Board "holds the purse strings". Supervisor Sutz noted he spoke to Mr. Smith about this issue a few weeks ago and then he

spoke with the Library as well. By the end of September a new Librarian will hopefully be employed and this individual could address this issue.

Maria Hunter asked the Board to consider increasing the membership of the Beautification Committee so that more individuals can volunteer. She feels that there is too much work for seven people to do. It was suggested the Beautification Committee should submit a suggestion to the Board for consideration.

Chief Watson reminded all to expect heavy traffic during the upcoming Labor Day weekend. He also urged all motorists that school will be opening soon and to use caution when driving.

VI. Board Member Comment:

Councilman Hunter thanked all the businesses and residents that made donations to the Animal Control Department this month.

Councilman Essig reminded all September 11 is coming up and asked all to remember those that lost their lives.

Clerk Potvin noted the Primary Election is scheduled for September 12, 2017. Polling places have changed and are now as follows:

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| District 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9 | St. Patrick's Church Gymnasium |
| District 4, 6 | Town Hall |
| District 7, 10 | Senior Center |

Supervisor Sutz noted the Parks Department has had a lot of great events over the past few weeks but attendance is very low. He encouraged the public to come out and participate at these free events.

755. Executive Session (if needed):

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Arone, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 105(1)(f) to discuss one item relating to the appointment of particular individuals within the Police Department.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
 NOES 0

VIII. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Supervisor Sutz, seconded by Councilman Essig, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Sutz, Arone, Essig, Hunter
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk