

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on November 16, 2017 at 7:30PM

Present: David Sutz, Supervisor  
Timothy Arone, Michael Essig and Robert Hunter, Councilmen  
Absent: Frank Palermo, Councilman  
Also Present: Jacqueline Hernandez, Councilwoman-Elect; Kevin Watson, Police Chief; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board; members of the Police Department

**OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY – POLICE LIEUTENANT and THREE POLICE SERGEANTS**

The Oath of Office was administered by Town Clerk Potvin to Lieutenant Kevin Phillips, Police Sergeants Michael Bauer, Christopher Caruso and Scott Sheehan. Supervisor Sutz thanked all that participated in the interviews and stated it was his honor to work with all of the Officers.

**I. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held November 2, 2017.

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

b. Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to approve a modification to the budget of the Buildings/Grounds by decreasing A1620.471 (Police Station Repairs) by \$6000 and increasing A1620.200 (Equipment) by \$6000.

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

c. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Essig, to approve Abstract 20 containing vouchers 20171940 - 20171999 and totaling \$1,038,697.82.

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

**II. Old Business:**

a. Adoption of FY2018 Budget:

Supervisor Sutz noted a letter was received from James Freiband containing his comments on the FY2018 budget. In summary, he believes the budget should not exceed \$6,051,881. Supervisor Sutz then noted at the last meeting Councilman Palermo stated he felt a full Board should be present to vote on the budget but tonight one member is absent. If the budget is not adopted by November 20 then the tentative budget becomes the operating budget for 2018. The Board felt it was appropriate for the vote to be held this evening. Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

**ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:**

Supervisor Sutz	AYES
Councilman Arone	AYES
Councilman Essig	AYES
Councilman Hunter	AYES
Councilman Palermo	ABSENT

A full copy of the budget is printed at the beginning of the 2018 minute book.

### III. New Business:

#### a. Presentation - Eagle Scout Presentation - Jacob Osborne:

Jacob Osborne gave a presentation of the project he plans to do to obtain his Eagle Scout status. He would like to build and install two benches by the basketball court at Brickley Field. He believes this improvement will be helpful to the citizens of Woodbury that use the basketball court as there is currently nowhere to sit during breaks in the games. Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve this project.

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

#### b. Discussion - Decision on NY Paid Family Leave:

Supervisor Sutz stated we have been unable to find a municipality that has opted into this program. Since this is an employee deduction that would need to be negotiated when contracts are up for renewal. Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adopt the following resolution opting out of the New York Paid Family Leave:

**WHEREAS**, New York Paid Family Leave is an employee paid benefit that will mandate up to 12 weeks of job-protected paid leave to address family related issues; and

**WHEREAS**, these family related issues include bonding with a newborn, adopted or foster care child during the first twelve months after birth or placement, caring for a seriously ill family member or addressing important needs related to a family member's military service; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for an employee to be eligible for this program they must work at least 20 hours a week for at least 26 consecutive weeks or work less than 20 hours a week for at least 175 days; and

**WHEREAS**, as a public employer the Town of Woodbury has the option to either opt in or opt out of this program; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Town of Woodbury decides to opt into the Paid Family Leave program it is required to submit an application and plan to the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, along with providing notice to its employees at least 90 days before collecting employee contributions through payroll dedications (0.126%); and

**WHEREAS**, any collective bargaining units may negotiate with the Town of Woodbury to offer Paid Family Leave benefits if their membership wishes to participate in this program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Woodbury hereby elects to not participate in the New York Paid Family Leave program at this time; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Workers' Compensation Board and the Disability Insurance Carrier (Wesco Insurance Company); and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor is hereby directed to notify each employee of the Town's decision to not opt into this program at this time.

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

### IV. Department Reports:

#### a. Supervisor's Report - October 2017

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the Supervisor's Report for October 2017 with receipts totaling \$448,292.11 and disbursements totaling \$806,907.46.

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

- b. Town Clerk's Report - October 2017
- c. Buildings/Grounds Report - October 2017
- d. Animal/Goose Control Report - October 2017
- e. Police/Communications Report - October 2017
- f. Police Commissioners Minutes - None Received
- g. Beautification Committee Minutes - October 19, 2017
- h. Library Minutes - None Received
- i. Parks/Recreation Minutes - September 19 and October 9, 2017
- j. Budget vs. Actual - October 2017

**V. Public Comments:**

Chief Watson reminded all Thanksgiving weekend is next week and urged all residents to seek alternate routes to avoid the southern area of Town where all the shopping areas are located. If you do not know alternate routes you should call the Police Department and they can assist. He also thanked the Board for promoting the four individuals that were sworn in this evening and reminded the Board there is still a vacancy in the position of Detective.

Maria Hunter state she was informed by Assemblyman Skoufis that he would be making an announcement with regards to the Route 17/86/32 inter-change by the end of the month. The work should begin in the spring. She also noted the high tension wires from the Orange & Rockland substation that go through Woodbury Common are being buried. Councilman Essig asked how the public will be made aware of the work schedules for the project and she stated Assemblyman Skoufis will be disseminating information as it becomes available.

**VI. Board Member Comments:**

The Board again congratulated the Officer that were promoted and thanked all that applied for the positions. Some also congratulated those that were elected/re-elected and thanked all that ran for election. Voter turnout was discussed and all were urged to exercise their rights to vote. All were wished a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

**VII. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Arone, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk