

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at February 15, 2018 at 7:30PM

Present: Jacqueline Hernandez, Deputy Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Michael Essig and Robert Hunter, Councilmen
Absent: Frank Palermo, Supervisor
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Kevin Watson, Police Chief; John Smith, Parks Commissioner; Tracy Maggio, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Public Hearing - Introductory Local Law #2 Tax Exempt Solar Panel:

A public hearing was held to entertain public comments on Introductory Local Law 2 of 2018 to amend Chapter 277 of the Town Code entitled "Taxation" to opt-out of the exemption for solar, wind, farm waste and other energy systems pursuant to §487 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law. The notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on February 6, 2018 and the following comments were received:

Deputy Supervisor Hernandez noted this law is for energy farms and not solar panels that residents install on their homes.

With no further comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Arone, to close the public hearing.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Arone, to adopt the following resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury adopting Local Law 1 of 2018 amending Chapter 277 of the Town Code entitled "Taxation" to opt-out of the exemption for solar, wind, farm waste and other energy systems pursuant to §487 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law:

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board on February 1, 2018, scheduling a public hearing to be held by said Governing Body on February 15, 2018 at 7:30PM, to hear all interested parties on a proposed local law to amend Chapter 277 of the Town Code entitled "Taxation" to opt-out of the exemption for solar, wind, farm waste and other energy systems pursuant to §487 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2018, the Town Board designated itself as Lead Agency with respect to the SEQRA review of the foregoing proposed local law, preliminarily classified the proposed action as an Unlisted action under SEQRA, and scheduled a SEQRA public hearing with respect to the action; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Times Herald-Record, the official newspaper of said Town, on February 6, 2018 according to law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on February 15, 2018, at 7:30PM at the Town of Woodbury Town Hall, located at 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed local law, the short environmental assessment form prepared in connection therewith, and considered the public comment provided at the aforesaid public hearings, and after due deliberation thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WOODBURY THAT:

- 1) the proposed local law constitutes an Unlisted action pursuant to SEQRA;
- 2) the proposed local law has no significant adverse environmental impacts and the Town Board hereby issues a negative declaration thereon;
- 3) the adoption of the proposed local law is in the best interests of the residents of the Town, and the Town Board hereby adopts said Local Law No. 1 of 2018, entitled "Taxation"; and

- 4) the Town Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Woodbury, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:

Supervisor Palermo	ABSENT
Councilman Arone	AYES
Councilman Essig	AYES
Deputy Supervisor Hernandez	AYES
Councilman Hunter	AYES

2. Public Input (Agenda Items only): *None were received.*

3. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes - 02/1/2018:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Essig, to accept receipt of the minutes of the Town Board meeting held February 1, 2018.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to approve Revised Abstract 2 by voiding voucher 20180128, check 18743, issued in the amount of \$700. This reduces the total of the abstract to be \$359,083.24.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to approve Abstract 5 containing vouchers 20180209 - 20180286 and totaling \$439,438.59.

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

4. New Business:

a. Authorizing the Supervisor to sign MOU with Jewish Family Services/Friendly Visitors:

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Family Jewish Service for the Woodbury Friendly Visitors program for 2018.

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

Attorney McKay stated he has reviewed the contract and he has no objections to it. However, he suggested the Town be sure that Jewish Family Services has its own insurance and names the Town as an additional insured. Councilman Arone agreed and added our insurance agent is aware of the workings of the program. He also noted a Village Trustee volunteers his time as administrator.

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

Department Reports

a. Supervisors Report - January 2018

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve the Supervisor's Report for January 2018 with receipts totaling \$9,733,327.07 and disbursements totaling \$779,962.76.

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

- b. Town Clerks Report- January 2018
- c. Buildings & Grounds - January 2018
- d. ACO Report- January 2018
- e. Police/Communications Reports - January 2018
- f. Beautification Committee Minutes- January 11, 2018, No February Meeting Held
- g. Library Minutes - January 30, 2018
- h. Parks & Recreation - None Received
- i. Budget vs Actual - January 2018

6. Board Member Comments:

Councilman Essig thanked the Town Hall staff and Board members for the warm wishes while he recovered from a recent bad fall. He also thanked Deputy Supervisor Hernandez for the work she has done while filling in for Supervisor Palermo while he is away.

Deputy Supervisor Hernandez thanked all that attended and supported the Woodbury Democratic Committee sponsored workshop that was held this past weekend at the Senior Center. She specifically recognized the Woodbury Police Department. She added only Woodbury and Monroe are certified to teach the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class in Orange County. They provide this service to other communities. She also noted she is looking to have the Town Hall website updated as it is much needed. She is working with a couple of different vendors to provide a more efficient way of accessing information which the current site is lacking. She is also looking into a number of different areas within Woodbury for beautification projects. Assemblyman James Skoufis has reached out to the Board to enlist help in doing this. She also encouraged residents to volunteer for the Friendly Visitors program.

7. Adjournment:

With no further comments received or business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk