

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on January 18, 2018 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Jacqueline Hernandez, Robert Hunter, Councilmen
Absent: Michael Essig, Councilman
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Kevin Watson, Police Chief; Joseph Gianzero, Parks Director; Sandra Capriglione and Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

1. Public Input (for agenda items only):

Robin Crouse inquired about Item 3c and asked what the position is for. Supervisor Palermo stated it is a civil service position for the parks department and Mr. Gianzero will be in charge of the regular duties as well as creating programs for the parks. Mrs. Crouse asked how this differs from the job duties that are currently being performed and Supervisor Palermo stated he will now have a civil service title, which will require the passing of a test when one is scheduled, adding this is a provisional appointment. Mrs. Crouse asked how the hours for the position were determined and Supervisor Palermo stated it will average no more than 29 hours per week. Most of the hours worked will occur during the summer and offseason will be between ten and 15 per week. Mrs. Crouse asked when and where the notice for the position was posted and Supervisor Palermo stated he does not recall and that it was done by the previous administration. With regards to Item 1, Mrs. Crouse feels it is a disservice to the Board and the public to eliminate the opportunity for discussion about any issue. She requested this new policy imposed by the Supervisor be reconsidered by the Board. She also asked if extra items are added to the agenda how would the public know beforehand. Supervisor Palermo stated his opinion is the Board is here to do the business of the Town. If a resident wants to give accolades he suggested they write a letter to the editor. If a resident has a real concern they can call his office to discuss, which could result in it being placed on an agenda. If a resident has an event they would like announced they should send him the information and he will announce it a meeting for them. He believes obtaining public comment on agenda items prior to the Board voting is valuable to the Board consideration. Councilman Arone asked if Mrs. Crouse is suggesting public comment be only at the end or at both the beginning and end. Mrs. Crouse stated it should be held at both times. Councilman Hunter stated he agrees it should be at the end as well, adding a member of the public should not be denied the opportunity to speak to the entire Board about whatever issue they may have. Supervisor Palermo stated he is going to make this comment for the last time - currently the Town Board and the Village Board are the only two entities that allow the public to speak at their meetings about issues. The ZBA and Planning Board allow comments only when they are having a public hearing. He stressed he is not limiting people to talk but this format is for the business of the town. If an individual has something to say there are other formats to do so - social media, letters to the editor, email, phone, etc.

Sandra Capriglione asked about Item 2b and when the adopted 2018 budget will be placed on the website. Supervisor Palermo stated the December budget versus actual will not be completed until the books for 2017 are closed. Mrs. Capriglione asked again when the adopted 2018 budget will be placed on the website and Supervisor Palermo stated he will contact the webpage designer.

Peggy Nikolopoulos asked for more clarification on Item 3b. Supervisor Palermo explained the Assessor is currently negotiating with the old owner of the Woodbury Junction development regarding a tax certiorari that was filed. If the negotiations are not successful, the appraiser will be used to aide in the court proceedings. By approving the contract this evening it will save time if necessary.

John Smith asked about Item 1 and if this means that there is no more public comment permitted and Supervisor Palermo stated that is correct and Mr. Smith asked why. Supervisor Palermo stated he feels that the public has an opportunity to speak about issues prior to the board voting on them. While campaigning, the public has told him that they would prefer to have a say in what the board is doing prior to them acting. He feels most of the opinions stated at the end of the meeting are accolades or negativity.

2. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting of the January 9, 2018 meeting.

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

b. Approval of Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to approve a modification to the 2017 budget of the Police Department by decreasing B3120.402 (Telephone) by \$1085, increasing B2680 (Insurance Recoveries) by \$24,575 and increasing B3120.200 (Equipment - Cars/Motorcycles) by \$24,575, B3120.444 (Schools/Dues) by \$1085.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve a modification to the 2017 budget of the Police Department by decreasing B3120.421 (Labor Attorney) by \$2524 and increasing B3120.440 (Tasers) by \$2524.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve a modification to the 2018 budget of the Animal Control by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$5000 and increasing A3510.200 (Equipment) by \$5000.

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

c. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilman Arone, to approve Abstract 2 containing vouchers 20180033 - 20180143 and totaling \$359,783.24.

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

d. Approval Family/Medical Leave:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve a request for Family/Medical Leave received from Michael McColgan for a period of January 20, 2018 - April 16, 2018.

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

3. New Business

a. Appointment of Delegates – Association of Towns:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to designate the following named persons to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, to be held in New York City, on February 21, 2018, and to cast the vote of the Town, pursuant to Section 6 of Article III of the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association: Town Clerk Desiree Potvin, Delegate; Tax Collector Carol Herb, Alternate.

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

b. Authorize the Supervisor to sign Appraisal Service Contract with R.P. Hubbell and Company, Inc. if necessary:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to authorize the Supervisor to sign, if necessary, an appraisal service contract with RP Hubbell and Company, Inc., to do an assessment analysis of Woodbury Junction at a cost of \$22,500.

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

c. Appointment of Joey Gianzero to Program Coordinator and to not exceed 1,508 hrs. per year @ \$30.60 per hr.:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to appoint Joseph Gianzero to the title of Program Coordinator at an hourly rate of \$30.60 with hours not to exceed 1508 in a calendar year.

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

EXTRA ITEM - Authorize Supervisor to Sign Proposal - CBIZ Fixed Assets:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a proposal for services received from CBIZ Valuation Group for the preparation of the 2017 GASB 34 reporting at a cost of \$1530

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

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

5. Department Reports:

a. Supervisors Report – Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the December 2017 Supervisor's Report with receipts totaling \$180,092.20 and disbursements totaling \$1,053,033.20.

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

- b. Town Clerk Report- December 2017
- c. Building & Grounds – December 2017
- d. ACO – December 2017
- e. Police/Communications Report- December 2017
- f. Beautification Committee Minutes - None Received
- g. Library Minutes- January 2, 2018
- h. Parks/Recreation – None Received
- i. Budget Vs Actual - Not Received

6. Board Member Comments:

Councilman Hunter stated this town has a long tradition of public input at a Board meeting. He feels it is a good thing to allow the public opportunity to speak and he encouraged the board to consider bringing it back.

Supervisor Palermo thanked the court personnel and the wonderful job they do. He announced they were awarded an \$11,000+ grant for the installation of a heating/cooling system in the court offices. He noted it has been an eventful two weeks and he is enjoying the job. He announced the Supervisor's office is now handling all garbage issues and have been able to address a lot of concerns that were raised so far. He also noted the Board has approved the purchase of a new cat structure by the Animal Control. They now can start handling the feral colonies in Town, which is an important health issue. He then thanked all that have been supporting him.

Councilwoman Hernandez thanked the individuals that have attended the meeting this evening. She stated she has met with the Department Heads this week and looks forward to continue to work and support the town employees to meet the needs of the Woodbury residents. She thanked the Photo News for covering a piece about the "Upper Room", which is a free place for teens to meet and socialize. She congratulated Joseph Gianzero on his new appointment, adding she has spoken to him and very excited about a number of programs we plan to bring to the adults and children. She also acknowledged the Assessor's Department adding they work very hard to keep the value of the properties fair.

7. Adjournment:

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

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk