

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on January 17, 2019 at 7:15PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Supervisor
Timothy Arone, Michael Essig, Jacqueline Hernandez and Robert Hunter, Council
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; Kevin Watson, Police Chief; Kevin Phillips, Police Lieutenant; Christopher Correa, Police Officer; Sandra Capriglione and Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

7:15PM - Attorney Client Meeting

7:45PM - Open Session

I. Public Input:

Supervisor Palermo stated the recent outburst at the last meeting was unacceptable and will not be tolerated anymore.

Sandra Capriglione asked if the Community Building at the Reservoir is done and Supervisor Palermo stated yes but there is a checklist that contains minor items that still need to be done. Mrs. Capriglione asked if a CofO was issued and Supervisor Palermo stated he will be going to see the Building Department. Mrs. Capriglione then asked why the appointment of the Deputy Supervisor is on the agenda again this evening and Supervisor Palermo stated it appears that appointment was never actually done at the last meeting so it is being done formally this evening. Mrs. Capriglione asked if the Town Board members have control over the salary and Supervisor Palermo stated they do but not the appointment. Mrs. Capriglione then noted at the January 10 Village Board meeting the Mayor stated a letter was received from the Town requesting a meeting to discuss a settlement of the litigation but that same day an appeal to a judge's decision was filed. Attorney McKay stated the Town does want to meet with the Village to discuss a possible settlement. The two motions that were filed essentially will protect the Town's interests. Mrs. Capriglione asked if the decision to appeal was made by the entire Board and Attorney McKay stated it was his decision to do so as litigation counsel. He added there was no issue for the Board to discuss as the litigation proceeds as there are deadlines he is required to respond to. Mrs. Capriglione asked if the Town Board wishes to settle the case then why appeal it and Attorney McKay stated when a judge issues an order there are responsibilities incurred and deadlines that must be met.

II. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to accept receipt of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Supervisor Palermo, to approve Abstract 2 containing vouchers 20190060 - 20190137 and totaling \$289,843.32.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

c. Approval of Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to approve a modification to the budget as follows:

- 1) To the 2018 budget - Increasing A1010.453 (Ambulance Gas) by \$606, A1220.100 (Supervisor's Personal Services) by \$4777, A1620.100 (Building/Grounds Personal Services) by \$3064, A1620.400 (Building/Grounds Contractual Expenses) by \$900, A1620.470 (Building/Grounds Repairs/O&M) by \$900, A1620.475 (Animal Control Repairs) by \$691, A1620.474 (Parks Repairs Only) by \$416, A1620.493 (Historical Library Repairs/O&M) by \$67, A1603 (Vital Statistics) by \$210, A2401 (Interest) by \$14,021, A3510.100 (ACO Personal Services) by \$300, A3510.453 (ACO Gas/Oil/Repairs) by \$500, A4020.100 (Registrar Personal Services) by \$210, A7110.402 (Parks Electric) by \$1800, A9060.801 (HRA MVP) by \$7400 and decreasing A9060.800 (Hospital/Medical) by \$7400;
- 2) To the 2019 budget - Increasing A1620.447 (Reno of Town Hall to Justice Court Building) by \$100,000 and decreasing A962 (no name provided) by \$100,000;
- 3) To the 2019 budget - Increasing A599 (no name provided) by \$40,000, A8510.445 (Beautification/Lease) by \$40,000;
- 4) To the 2019 budget - Increasing SMB3120.100 (Police Personal Service) by \$132,572 and decreasing SMB3120.101 (Officer FT Thursday-Monday) by \$109,500, SMB3120.102 (Police Officer K-9 Services) by \$23,072.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

III. New Business:

a. Approval - Allow Eruv to go over & above Town Property Easement:

Supervisor Palermo stated this issue was discussed this evening during the attorney/client session with Attorney McKay. He would like the Board to take action this evening to see if there is any interest prior to the applicant doing any work that may be necessary. During the executive session the Board all agreed they are interested in proceeding. Attorney McKay stated the Board will take action to acknowledge that an application can be submitted with an escrow to cover all consultant costs that may be involved. Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to so move.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Palermo, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 1 Arone

b. Authorize Supervisor to sign MOA with UPSEU, Health Care Agreement:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Arone, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) addressing change to health and dental insurance. Our approval will be pending an amendment relating to the coverage available once Medicare Eligible age being addressed.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

c. Authorize Hiring of Real Property Data Collector:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the hiring of Susan Specthrie to the position of Real Property Data Collector. This is a 20-29 hour per week position and is paid \$16.36/hour and classified as an UPSEU Grade 1. Mrs. Specthrie's start date is January 22, 2019. This person replaces the vacancy made by Jennifer Potter.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

d. Resignation of Principal Library Clerk:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Catherine Imburgia from the position of Principal Library Clerk effective January 18, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Supervisor Palermo recognized Mrs. Imburgia for the great job she did filling in while the library was in between Library Directors. He is sorry to see her go.

e. Authorize Hiring of Part-Time ACO Officer:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to approve the hiring of Kamren Bauer to the position of Animal/Dog Control Officer (entry). This is a part-time position and is paid \$16.36/hour and classified as an UPSEU Grade 1. Mrs. Bauer's start date is February 4, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

f. Appointment Delegates - Association of Towns Annual Meeting:

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Supervisor Palermo, 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 20, 2019, 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 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

IV. Old Business:

1. Appointment of Councilwoman Jacqueline Hernandez to Deputy Supervisor with a pay of \$1200 as approved in the Adopted 2019 budget.

Supervisor Palermo appointed Councilwoman Hernandez as his Deputy Town Supervisor with a stipend of \$1200 for 2019.

V. Department Reports:

- a. Supervisor's Report - Not Received
- b. Town Clerks Report - December 2018
- c. Buildings & Grounds - November/December 2018
- d. ACO Report – December 2018
- e. Police/Communications Reports - December 2018
- f. Beautification Committee Minutes - January 3, 2019
- g. Library Minutes - December 18, 2018
- h. Parks & Recreation Minutes - None Received
- i. Budget vs Actual - December 2018

VI. Board Member Comments:

Councilwoman Hernandez thanked the Animal Control for all her work and encouraged the community to support the department by adopting the animals and continue to donate funds/supplies. He also announced some initiatives she would like to accomplish as a Board member in 2019 - one of

which is clean energy for the community. She attended, with Supervisor Palermo, a solar energy meeting a few months ago and feels the Gasho property would be good for a solar farm.

Councilman Essig urged all to be careful during the upcoming big storm.

Councilman Hunter thanked the Town employees that help to make the recent relocation of Town offices possible. He acknowledged that it was a lot of work and is still underway. He urged all residents to have patience while the move is ongoing and the kinks are being worked out.

Supervisor Palermo welcomed the new police dog, Nika, who was present this evening. She will start training in February with Officer Correa. He then stated at the last Board meeting he was subjected to not so nice behavior and it was stated that he is not transparent. He then chronicled an email exchange between himself and Mrs. Crouse that occurred in December. He stated he is tired of individuals speaking at Board meetings saying untrue things. The rumors and misinformation being stated will now be met with a response. He then announced that a grant he applied for with then Assemblyman Skoufis has been awarded - \$300K for improvements to the courthouse. He believes with these funds the Town will be able to do the work to the building that is needed with no impact to the taxpayers.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

After adjournment a Police Commissioners meeting was held.