

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on July 18, 2019 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo. Supervisor  
Timothy Arone, Michael Essig, Jacqueline Hernandez and Robert Hunter, Council  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Kevin Phillips, Police Lieutenant; Joseph Gianzero, Parks Director; John Smith, Parks Commission

**Pledge of Allegiance Led by Jr. Deputy Supervisor Jeerat Sethi**

**I. Public Input:**

Maria Hunter commended the Town Board for their professionalism and how they speak to the public and don't joke around, laugh or make faces.

**II. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Arone, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held July 3, 2019.

<b>ADOPTED</b>	AYES	4	Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter
	ABSTAIN	1	Essig

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to approve Revised Abstract 7 by voiding voucher 20190592 (check #20719) in the amount of \$60. This reduces the total of the abstract to be \$98,521.21.

<b>ADOPTED</b>	AYES	5	Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
	NOES	0	

Motion was then offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to approve Abstract 14 containing vouchers 20191162 - 20191249 and totaling \$310,019.02.

<b>ADOPTED</b>	AYES	5	Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
	NOES	0	

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Councilman Essig, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to approve modification to the 2019 budget as follows:

- Parks Department - increasing A7110.433 (Ticket Issue/Printing) by \$2000, decreasing A7110.431 (Summer Supplies) by \$425, A7110.448 (Miscellaneous) by \$175, A7110.454 (Advertising) by \$500, A7110.461 (JPB Pool Paint) by \$900;
- Buildings/Grounds - increasing A1620.421 (Central Valley Pool Maintenance/Repairs) by \$3000 and decreasing A1620.462 (Repairs/Materials) by \$3000

<b>ADOPTED</b>	AYES	5	Palermo, Arone, Essig, Hernandez, Hunter
	NOES	0	

**EXTRA ITEM - New Business:**

EXTRA ITEM - Authorize Supervisor to sign beaver trapping agreement:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Arone, to enter into a contract with Mondo's Wildlife Nuisance Removal Services (same company as has been previously

used) to do beaver trapping at Route 32 and Morgan Court. The cost of the removal is \$3500 and should be completed within 30 days.

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

*NOTE - The contract was signed by Supervisor Palermo on July 15, 2019.*

EXTRA ITEM – Colin First Responder:

Supervisor Palermo stated on September 16 Assemblyman Colin Schmitt will host the inaugural "Salute to First Responders" event to recognize individuals from across the Assembly District who have played vital roles as first responders and have selflessly served their communities and/or made meaningful contributions to the health and welfare of many. Councilman Arone recommended the Town Board nominate Dispatcher Michael Gironda. Michael has served as a full-time dispatcher for the past seventeen years, has volunteered for the Montgomery Fire Department for 31 years and worked as a dispatcher at the EMS center on September 11. The Board agreed Michael should be nominated for this recognition.

### **III. Department Reports:**

a. Supervisor's Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to approve the June 2019 Supervisor's Report with receipts totaling \$218,943.98 and disbursements totaling \$1,094,624.45.

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

- b. Town Clerks Report - June 2019
- c. Building & Grounds - June 2019
- d. ACO Report - June 2019
- e. Police/Communications Report - June 2019
- f. Beautification Committee Minutes - June 20, 2019
- g. Library Minutes - June 25, 2019
- h. Parks & Recreation - June 18, 2019
- i. Budget vs. Actual - June 2019

### **IV. Board Meeting Comments:**

Councilman Arone stated he attended the pool this past weekend and spoke to Director Gianzero about the planned improvements. Director Gianzero suggested to him that a meeting be held with the pool engineer to try to visualize the propose size of the pool after redesigned and to discuss funding. Supervisor Palermo stated the pool engineer met with him, Director Gianzero and Buildings/Grounds Superintendent Bobby Blair on Monday. A site visit to a pool in Hackensack, which is 8000sqft, will be conducted to see what the size actually looks like. The engineer is also working on creating a schematic for the Board to review. Today Supervisor Palermo met with bond counsel to begin the discussion of bonding and to discuss payment options. Councilman Arone asked if the design will be finalized in August so that the project can move forward quickly and Supervisor Palermo stated yes.

Councilman Hunter stated he attended the annual Kid's Day event at Earl's Reservoir this past weekend and he thought it was a lot of fun and very well attended.

Director Gianzero stated Fran Jack in his office recently had her hip replaced and is now back to work. He thanked Michele Valenti for filling in and helping while Fran was recovering. He noted that

Kids Day is a team effort. Over 800 residents attended and he thanked all the volunteers and EMS departments that helped to make it a great day.

Lieutenant Phillips reminded everyone that it will be very hot this weekend starting tomorrow. He asked that pets not be let outside too long and that they stay hydrated. He stated there will be cooling centers set-up as needed. He asked that individuals check on their neighbors and the elderly. He then noted recently the police apprehended an individual that had stolen a package off the front porch of a home in Town. He asked that residents practice caution when ordering items and have them delivered when someone is home or to a neighbor that is home. Regarding social media, he noted the format is great for catching up with friends and families but cautions residents announcing when they are away from home on the sites as it tells people that your home is vulnerable. Also, if a person witnesses or suspects a crime it should be called into the Police Department and not posted on social media. The Department cannot monitor social media sites all day long and the police department should be contacted immediately. He also noted the things that are posted on social media are there forever and caution should be used prior to posting comments. Things said can be interpreted differently by others.

Supervisor Palermo stated he also attended Kids Day and thought it was terrifically attended. He then recognized a resident that donated all the gifts that were distributed at the event, about 600 packages. He noted that Officer Correa was present with the new K9 and he feels we are lucky to have two great K9 dogs in our department. He noted the parks will open one hour earlier this weekend due to the expected heat. The senior center will also be open on Saturday if anyone needs to cool down.

**V. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Essig, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk