

Minutes of the Virtual Town Board Meeting held on June 4, 2020 at 7:30PM

Present: Frank Palermo, Supervisor
Thomas Burke, Tyler Etzel, Jacqueline Hernandez and Robert Hunter, Council
Absent: None
Also Present: Joseph McKay, Attorney for the Town; various members of the public

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2020.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstracts:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Revised Abstract 2 by voiding Voucher 200194 (check #22241) which reduces the total of the abstract to be \$447,835.37.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to approve Revised Abstract 4 by voiding Vouchers 200362 (check #22345), 200363 (check #22354), 200370 (check #22323, 200375 (check #22338) and 200377 (check #22322) which reduces the total of the abstract to be \$116,392.83.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Burke, to approve Abstract 10 containing vouchers 200734 – 200790 and totaling \$77,011.14.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

c. Approval of Budget Modification/s:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to reverse the following budget modification that was approved at the May 21 meeting as it was a duplicate (approved at the May 7 meeting): decreasing B3120.101 (Compensated Absences) by \$37,213 and increasing B3120.100 (Police Personal Services) by \$37,213.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
NOES 0

II. New Business:

a. Authorize Town Clerk to Rebid for Fuel #2:

Clerk Potvin noted the public notice soliciting bids for the supply of No. 2 Fuel Oil was printed in the Times Herald Record on May 14, 2020. The bid opening was held at 10AM on May 28 and no bids were received. Motion was then offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Etzel, to authorize the Town Clerk to re-advertise for bids for the purchase of No.2 Fuel Oil for the 2020/2021 season.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter

NOES 0

b. Resolution declaring the Town of Woodbury Lead Agency for Construction of the Pool:

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to adopt the following resolution concerning the reconstruction of the John P Burke Memorial Pool:

WHEREAS, the John P. Burke Memorial Pool (the "JBM Pool") underwent extensive repairs in 2006 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Town had determined, after consultation with the Town Engineer, that the pool needed replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to reconstruct the JBM Pool in its entirety (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and part 617 of the regulations implementing SEQRA, the Town Board had its consulting engineer, Fusco Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, prepare a long form Environmental Assessment Form with respect to the Action;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines that it will be the lead agency with respect to the review of the proposed Action in accord with New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and part 617 of the regulations implementing SEQRA, since there are no other agencies that have the authority to approve the project; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby classifies the action as an Unlisted action under SEQRA; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines, based upon its review of the plans in connection with the Action and its review of the information and analysis contained in the Long Form EAF and supporting documentation, that the Town Board identifies no areas of environmental significance as set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7 (c), as the Action will not result in any significant impact to the environment; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed Action and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the SEQRA documents accordingly.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter

NOES 0

c. Announce comments on Community Development Grants:

Supervisor Palermo asked if any written suggestions were received and Clerk Potvin stated none were. He then recommended that handicapped access enabled stores be installed at the entrances to the Senior Center/Highland Mills Library and at the rear door entrance to the Senior Center. He also suggested the curbing at the rear of the Senior Center be repaired/replaced as there is a one-inch lip there that is a tripping hazard. No other projects were suggested.

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to authorize Engineer Fusco to submit an application for consideration under the FY-2021 Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and the chief elected officials or executive officer is hereby authorized to submit said application for *handicapped accessible doors for the front and rear entrance of the Senior Center and repairs to rear curbing of the Senior Center that currently presents as a tripping hazard* as described in the proposal. Input from citizens and groups has been received and considered and an application has been prepared which addresses their community concerns. The Town of Woodbury further certifies that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY-2021 program year and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Application is accurate and true to

the best of their knowledge. If awarded CDBG funds, the Town shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Support of Assembly Bill A10376:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilman Burke, to adopt the following resolution of support for New York State Assembly Bill #a.10376 amending the highway law, in relation to designating a portion of the state highway system as the “Detective Brian C Mulkeen Memorial Bridge”:

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Colin Schmitt has introduced Assembly Bill #A.10376 entitled “an act to amend the highway law, in relation to designating a portion of the state highway system as the “Detective Brian C Mulkeen Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, the bill adds that the Commissioner of Transportation shall provide for the installation and maintenance of adequate signing of the state highway system but, to avoid confusion and to limit any possible disruption of commerce, the designation called for shall be one of ceremonial nature and the official name of such bridge shall not be changed as a result of this bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury requests the enactment of New York State Assembly Bill #A.10376; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to transmit this resolution together with any other necessary documentation to both houses of the New York State Legislature forthwith.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

III. Other Business

a. Town Board Meetings/Junior Deputy Program – Resume July 2:

Supervisor Palermo stated public meetings will resume as of July 1. The public will be able to attend the meetings but masks must be worn and there will be limitations as to how many be able to allowed in the room at a time. All Board members will also be required to wear a mask too. He noted the Junior Deputy Supervisor program will also be resuming with the July 2 meeting.

b. Reminder – Complete the 2020 Census:

Supervisor Palermo reminded residents to fill out their census forms, although he is unsure when the deadline to do is. Woodbury has only 58% completion logged. He noted it is very important to be counted as it effects a lot of things including funding the Town is eligible for.

EXTRA ITEM – Schedule Special Joint Meeting with Parks Committee:

Supervisor Palermo stated a special meeting needs to be scheduled meet with the Parks Committee to discuss the pool survey result and the next steps that need to be done to move forward with bonding and the referendum. He noted the meeting will be held at the Community Center and it will be recorded and published as is our usual practice. No public will be able to attend due to the restrictions still in place. Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Burke, to schedule a special meeting to be held on June 15, 2020 at 7PM at the Community Center held jointly with the Parks Committee.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

IV. Board Meeting Comments

Councilman Burke stated last week a demonstration in Monroe was held and it was well represented by all the community police departments. The demonstration was held honorably and peacefully – noting that it was something that needed to be done. This evening he drove past Woodbury Common and there was a clear presence of Woodbury and State police there. He reminded all to take the pool survey and so all voices can be heard. He thanked all the employees for the outstanding job they have been doing under the circumstances. He also thanked Supervisor Palermo for having the two dumpsters available and asked if they will be returning. Supervisor Palermo stated they will be temporarily back in the fall. Councilman Etzel noted there was some overflow left at the Pool parking lot that needs to be picked-up.

Councilman Hunter stated he is glad to see the repairs on the roof at the courthouse started. He feels it is a way overdo project and thanked Senator Skoufis for the grant funds that were secured. He is also glad to see we will be saving money with the new gas boiler that is at the location now as well. He then thanked the first responders and the police for all that they do.

Councilman Etzel thanked everyone involved with the pool survey and he noted it looks like a good response has been coming in so there will be a good idea of what the public wants.

Councilwoman Hernandez also urged that everyone take the survey on the pool options. She recognized all involved in the process and she looks forward to review the results. She hopes there is a lot of participation from the public so the Board can answer the needs of the community. She added the pool is being completely redone and with that comes new regulations that need to be followed. Due to this the cost is reflected on the sizes being entertained. She attended the protests in Monroe and Cornwall that were held recently. She felt it was very inspiring to see young adults talking about issues and asking for a call of unity. She also thanked the Police Department for the hard work they are doing. She then noted that has been a number of complaints about speeding. The Police will be increasing traffic enforcement as a primary goal of the Town is to maintain a safe environment for families.

Attorney McKay noted he has sent some email correspondence to the Town Board regarding the status of some litigation issues that are outstanding. There will be more coming. He also requested that a telephone conference be scheduled with bond counsel to discuss the next steps that need to be followed relating to the bonding and public referendum for the pool remodel.

Supervisor Palermo stated the Reservoir will be open on June 20 for swimming and staffing is in place. We are restricted to only allowing 50% of capacity at any time on the beach (about 200 people). The playground and pavilion cannot be used yet but the bathrooms will be open. Everyone will need to have a mask with them for use. Camp Rez will be starting the week of June 29 but it may be delayed due to logistics. There will be eight sessions and applications will begin being accepted on Monday – only checks will be accepted for deposits/payments. Spaces will be available on a first come basis. Camp times may be adjusted based on the capacity limitations we need to follow. Town Hall staffing will return to 100% on Monday. The buildings will be open but only one person will be allowed in each office at time and by appointment only. Masks must be worn at all times. He urged the public to be patient while we navigate the rules that the State is imposing. He then noted the Village tax bills were mailed last week. Last year a situation occurred where a resident was being charged for municipal sewer when she was not connected. He urged each person to review their tax bill to make sure they are

being charged the correct units for services and if they are not, they should call the Village and Assessor's Office to discuss it.

V. Adjournment

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

ADOPTED AYES 5 Palermo, Burke, Etzel, Hernandez, Hunter
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk