

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on December 1, 2008 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor  
Geraldine Gianzero, Councilwoman  
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine and Michael Queenan, Councilmen  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Peter Stable, Highway Superintendent; Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Maria Hunter, Planning Board

**1. Discussion – Proposed Woodbury “SAFE” Program:**

Councilman Haviland stated he agrees the Board should endorse the program and perhaps make some sort of financial donation. Councilwoman Gianzero stated she agrees and noted there are funds in the current budget. Councilman Queenan stated he feels the program is a good idea but is unsure about contributing financially. He believes the distribution of materials could be done cheaper by working with the Chamber of Commerce. He added that the Board should consider making a “matching” donation to not exceed \$250. Councilman Levine stated he agrees but it should be very clear that the Board endorses the program but did not create it or sponsor it.

**2. Discussion – OC Interoperable Communications Project:**

Chief Kwiatkowski stated the County was awarded approximately a \$1.7 million grant through the Homeland Security Grant Program. This grant will be utilized for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) program. The program will provide interoperable communications, PSIC planning, equipment, training and exercises. It will also include the acquisition, deployment and training to local emergency responders, other local officials and the members of the Emergency Services agencies within Orange County. The County will provide for the consultation, assessment and implementation of communication solutions and equipment if such solutions and equipment are identified to function within the scope of this project. At this time, the County is asking municipalities that are interested in participating in this project to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and return it to them by December 30, 2008. Councilman Queenan expressed his concerns about the cost to each municipality once the grant funding is exhausted. Chief Kwiatkowski stated he feels the cost to the municipality would be the annual maintenance, similar to the Law Enforcement Records Management program. He added that he feels this program is a good one and believes it would be an asset to his department. It will also help with FEMA, SEMO and is NIMS compliant.

**EXTRA ITEM – Expiring Seats on Various Committees:**

Clerk Potvin stated she contacted the three individuals (two on Library Board, one on Parks Commission) whose terms are due to expire December 31, 2008, as requested by Supervisor Burke. Letters have been received by all three requesting that they be reappointed. Councilman Levine asked Supervisor Burke to contact the Chairperson of the committees to be sure the individuals participate and have a good attendance record.

**EXTRA ITEM – Dumping by Highway Department at Earls Reservoir:**

Superintendent Stabile asked the Board to reinstate the practice of his Department dumping organic materials off the embankment at Earls Reservoir. He believes this will save time and money. Superintendent Stabile was asked to provide a report showing the cost of dumping versus the cost of transporting the materials to Pine Island or Hamptonburgh.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    5      Burke, Gianzero, Haviland, Levine, Queenan  
                     NOES    0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk