

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on November 3, 2008 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Geraldine Gianzero, Councilwoman
Carlton Levine, Councilman
Michael Queenan, Councilman
Absent: Amidee Haviland, Councilman
Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Dennis Lindsay, Engineer; Peter Stabile, Highway Superintendent

1. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to approve Abstract 23, Vouchers #20082231 - #20082342, totaling \$133,694.01.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Gianzero, Levine, Queenan
NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve a modification to the budget of the Assessor’s Office by increasing A599 Appropriated Fund Balance by \$5,848 and increasing A1355.200 (Assessor’s Equipment) by \$5,167 and increasing A1355.411 (Office Supplies and Equipment) by \$681.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Gianzero, Levine, Queenan
NOES 0

2. Discussion – Brigadoon Bond Reduction Request:

A request was received from the developer of Brigadoon to have some of the bonds that were posted with the Town reduced. It was noted that, although this action falls on the responsibility of the Village Board, the bonds were issued in the name of the Town. The Village Board approved the bond reduction at their October 14, 2008 meeting, based on the recommendation of Village/Town Engineer Lindsay. Engineer Lindsay stated there is a punch-list that was prepared after a meeting held with all interested parties that lists, in detail, all the work that must be done prior to the Village accepting dedication of the roads in Brigadoon. A lot of the work has been completed since the list was created and he feels that his estimate of \$118,900 (to be retained) is very conservative. Councilman Levine asked if it was required that a bond reduction be granted when requested. Attorney Liberth stated it is not required but has been practice. Supervisor Burke asked what would happen if the bonds were reduced and the developer then decided to not maintain (plow/salt) the roads. Engineer Lindsay stated the Town is holding a “Snow and Ice” bond that is for approximately \$21,000 (consists of Phases I, II, III and V). He needs to check to see what, if any, money was posted for Phases IV and VI. He believes this money is enough for the Town to work three storms, if needed. Councilman Queenan stated he believes that a deadline should be set for the work to be completed so that the residents have some type of protection. Superintendent Stabile stated he does not agree and believes that setting a deadline would cause the project to be “rushed”, resulting in errors. He also stated that, if the first snow fall occurs before dedication is offered, he feels the dedication should not be approved by the Village until the Spring since there will be no money in his budget for the additional road responsibility. Engineer Lindsay stated he does not believe there is a provision in the Code requiring offers before a certain time but he will check. Councilman Queenan abundantly stressed that he does not want the residents of the development to be stuck with roads that are not maintained during winter storms. Councilwoman Gianzero stated she believes the developer would not abandon the roads since the incentive for them is

the offer of dedication. Christopher Aitken, Vice President of Operation at Carteret, stated his company would not cause problems at Brigadoon while constructing a multi-million dollar project on the other side of Town (Woodbury Junction). Supervisor Burke asked Clerk Potvin to preparing the wording for the resolution to be considered at the November 6 meeting approving the bond reduction.

EXTRA ITEM – Special Joint Meeting with Parks Commission:

Supervisor Burke stated the Parks Commission has requested a special meeting with the Town Board to discuss the future of the Central Valley Pond. On November 6 the meeting will be scheduled for November 12 at 7:30PM at Town Hall.

EXTRA ITEM – Jill Road Dedication:

Attorney Liberth stated the documentation needed to complete the Jill Road dedication have been received as well as a check for back taxes, filing fees and title insurance.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Gianzero, Levine, Queenan
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk