

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on October 2, 2008 at 7:30PM

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

I. Closed Session with Attorney Liberth until 7:55PM

II. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 18, 2008.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to approve Abstract #21, Voucher #20082033 - #20082138, totaling \$287,669.33.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to approve a modification to the Highway Department budget by decreasing DB5110.415 (Engineering) by \$1,000 and increasing DB5110.455 (FEMA – Emergency Disaster Assistance) by \$1,000.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to approve a modification to the General Fund budget by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$12,180 and increasing A1620.462 (Repairs/Materials) by \$12,180.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

d. Receipt of 2009 Tentative Budget:

Deputy Town Clerk Vrana distributed to the Board members present a copy of the 2009 Tentative Budget.

e. Schedule Public Information Session – CV Pond:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to schedule a special public informational session for October 6, 2008 at 7:30PM. Town Engineer Dennis Lindsay and Pool Consultant Bruce Carney will be present to discuss the plans for the Central Valley Pond modifications, including projected costs.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

f. Schedule Budget Worksessions:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to scheduled budget worksessions on the following dates:

October 7	7:30PM	Town Hall
October 20	7:30PM	Town Hall
October 22	7:30PM	Highway Garage
October 23	7:30PM	Town Hall (if necessary)

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

g. Cancellation of October 13 Worksession – Columbus Day:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to cancel the October 13 worksession in observance of Columbus Day.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Acceptance of Resignation:

Motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Sheila Beadle from the Beautification Commission effective immediately.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Authorize Supervisor to Sign Dental Renewal Policy:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2009 renewal policy for Dental Insurance with Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield. There is no increase in premiums.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

III. Old Business:

a. Receipt of Bids – 2009 Refuse Collection:

Deputy Town Clerk Vrana stated the bid notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on August 10, 2008 and the bid opening was held on August 25, 2008. The following bids were received:

County Waste, Clifton Park, NY	\$1,040,000.00
Interstate Waste Services, Sloatsburg, NY	\$971,942.00
Sterling Carting, Sloatsburg, NY	\$995,222.26

Supervisor Burke noted that action will be taken by the Board at the October 16, 2008 meeting since a full board is not present this evening.

IV. New Business:

a. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Oil Lock-in Protection Plan:

Motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the “Price Protection Program Applications” with H Reynolds and Son for the 2008-2009 season. The cap price is \$3.999 per gallon and the cost for the plan enrollment is as follows: CV Library \$360; Dog Shelter \$180; Town Hall \$810; Police Station \$750.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
NOES 0

b. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the renewal agreement with CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC at a cost of \$950. This company is the entity that assists the Town to stay current with GASB 34 requirements.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
 NOES 0

V. Public Comment:

John Smith, Highland Mills, had four questions/comments for the board.

1. The Budget Modification for \$12,180.00 was for what department/building?

Supervisor Burke stated that it was for replacing the air conditioning system at the Police Station.

2. Mr. Smith would like to see more information about the meetings posted at the Library.

Deputy Clerk Vrana stated that the agenda's and minutes are given to both Libraries for all Town Board meetings.

3. Mr. Smith would like to see the Town's Budget for 2009 keep taxes down.

Supervisor Burke stated that the meetings are open to the public, and the Department heads know that they are going to be very conservative with spending.

4. Mr. Smith wanted to know if anyone read the letter in the paper, by Mr. Moomey, and if what was in the letter was true, about dissolving the village and going back to being a Town only.

Supervisor Burke stated that some of the statement was true, but he wasn't going to give his opinion about whether the Village protects the town. Councilman Queenan stated the becoming a Village can't protect the town from annexation.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further comments received or business to discuss, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

ADOPTED AYES 3 Burke, Haviland, Queenan
 NOES 0

Susan Vrana, Deputy Town Clerk