

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on April 16, 2009 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 Stabile, Highway Superintendent; Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 2, 2009.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to accept the minutes of the worksession held April 13, 2009.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve Abstract 8, Vouchers #20090745 - #20090867, totaling \$225,763.45.

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

c. Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$2,515 and increasing A1450.100 (Election Personnel Service) by \$2,415 and increasing A1450.411 (Election Supplies) by \$100. It was noted this modification is for the special election being held on the question of the CV Pool bonding.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$6,292 and increasing A9050.800 (Unemployment Insurance) by \$6,292.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve a modification to the budget of the Justice Court by increasing A599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$1,058 and increasing A1110.416 (Bail Claims – new line-item) by \$1,058.

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

d. Boy Scout Proclamation:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to adopt the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the pinnacle achievement in Boy Scouting. It is a rank that requires significant effort, dedication and service to one's home, troop and community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Woodbury, at its meeting held April 16, 2009, recognizes and commends the outstanding achievement of Jonathan H Prosperi and Ian Matthew Tweeddale.

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

e. Acceptance of Resignation – Town Board:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Michael Queenan from the position of Town Councilman effective April 30, 2009. Congratulation was expressed on Councilman Queenan's new position as Mayor of the Village of Woodbury. Supervisor Burke read the letter that was submitted by Councilman Queenan.

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

f. Appointment of Clerk – Police Department:

Motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve the appointment of Susan Francella to the position of part-time clerk in the Police Department effective on or about April 27, 2009, subject to civil service approval and the signing of all required Town documents. The Step/Grade for this position is 1A/VA and the hourly rate is \$12.62.

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

EXTRA ITEM – Appointment to Board of Assessment Review:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to appoint Karin Poggio to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the seat vacated by Ellen Ward. The term for this position expires September 30, 2011.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Gianzero, Haviland, Levine
 ABSTAIN 1 Queenan

EXTRA ITEM – Waiver of Garage Sale Permit Fee:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to waive the garage sale permit fee for those individuals that participate in the Woodbury Lions Club community yard sale on June 13, 2009.

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

II. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

III. New Business:

a. Schedule Public Hearing – FY2010 OCCD Grant:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to schedule a public hearing to be held on May 7, 2009 at 7:30PM to obtain comments/suggestions on projects to be applied for with the Orange County Department of Community Development. Written comments will be accepted immediately until the close of the public hearing on May 7.

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

b. Recognition of Accomplishment – Ambulance Corps:

The Town Board recognized the Woodbury Community Ambulance Corps for the award they received from the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Council on April 4, 2009.

EXTRA ITEM – Orange County Youth Bureau Grant:

Supervisor Burke stated Parks Director Brennan was able to secure a \$5000 grant from the Orange County Youth Bureau for a program that would be for special needs children. The program, tentatively called “Impact”, would consist of eight, three-hour, sessions (one session per week). A motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodbury had been notified that there is a non-matching grant called “Solutions” open to new youth programs to be held during non-school hours during the summer through the Orange County Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department applied for a \$9000 grant through this program for new summer program named “Impact!” designed for special need youths of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodbury has spoken with representatives from the Youth Bureau to discuss this program; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has been notified that an award of \$5000 has been granted help finance the costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury does hereby recognize a new eight-week summer program for special needs youths that will run the week of July 1, 2009 through the week of August 31, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED that at the conclusion of the program, the Town will submit an application for the \$5000 non-matching grant; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the completion and submittal of this grant application.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Gianzero, Haviland, Levine, Queenan

 NOES 0

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor’s Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to approve the March 2009 Supervisor’s Report with receipts totaling \$165,113.75 and disbursements totaling \$985,899.12.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Burke, Gianzero, Haviland, Levine, Queenan

 NOES 0

b. Town Clerk’s Report – March 2009

c. False Alarm Report – February 2009

d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – None Received

e. Animal/Goose Control Report – March 2009

f. Police/Communications Report – March 2009

g. Beautification Commission Minutes – None Received

h. Library Minutes – None Received

i. Budget vs. Actual – March 2009

V. Public Comment

Councilman Queenan thanked current and past Town Board members, Department Heads and the public for working with him during his term. He then announced that the Village Board meetings

will be held at Town Hall beginning with the next meeting, which is April 30. The reason for the change in location is so the meetings can be televised.

Supervisor Burke stated the State Accreditation group was in this week to complete the recertification review of the Police Department. This process usually takes three days but, due to the efficiency and quality of our Department, it was completed in two. Upon completion, they informed us that they will be recommending a five year renewal. They also noted that the Police Department does a great job and thanked the Town Board for the support of the program and Department. Chief Kwiatkowski thanked members of his Department, as well as the Buildings/Grounds and Highway Departments (especially Sheila Beadle) for their assistance during the review. He also thanked the Town Board for their continued support of his Department.

Frank Palermo asked for some clarification regarding the upcoming vote to be held on May 5 regarding the question of bonding for the CV Pool improvements. It was clarified that the bonding would be paid for completely by current and anticipated revenues from parkland fees, which are restricted to be used solely for improvements to the parks. If the vote were to fail, then the Board would need to raise taxes to finance the repairs so the CV Pool can be opening in 2010. Supervisor Burke stressed the bonding would not cost the taxpayers any money since it would be paid for by anticipated parkland revenues, citing the two major developments (Woodbury Junction and Legacy Ridge) going through the Planning Board process. The parkland fees anticipated to be collected from both these projects will exceed the amount of the bond needed. Mr. Palermo stated he is in favor of the bonding and believes it to be the right avenue for the community. Councilman Levine added that, due to the delay in the process caused by the petition to require an election, it is possible that the CV Pool may not be open at all in 2009.

John Smith stated over 200 residents signed the petition requiring that a vote be held. The public wants the Board to slow down and be sure that the improvements they decide on will fix the issues being experienced at the CV Pond. He noted that the Board spent \$1.2 million already in improvements that were unsuccessful. He believes the planned improvements are unnecessary since the public wants a "bathing beach" and not a "pool". Supervisor Burke stated that the State and County are forcing the change in classification, not the Town. They are requiring the infiltration system be installed. They have also reviewed the plans and approved them, as did Engineer Lindsay. The Board opted to have an additional engineering firm review the plans to be confident the correct course of action was being taken. At this point, a lively debate between Mr. Smith and Councilman Queenan occurred.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, 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