

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on February 19, 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; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 2009.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve revised Abstract 3 by voiding check #18514 and replacing it with check #18590 for the same amount and voiding voucher 20090212 (check #18580) issued for \$1,304. The total of the Abstract is now \$258,877.18.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to approve Abstract 4, Vouchers #20090276 - #20090393, totaling \$189,321.38.

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

c. Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve a modification to the 2009 Adult Recreation budget by decreasing A7630.100 (Adult Recreation Personal Service) by \$28,070; decreasing A7630.200 (Equipment) by \$100; decreasing A7630.401 (Telephone) by \$1,600; decreasing A7630.402 (Electricity) by \$1,600; decreasing A7630.403 (Heating Oil/Gas) by \$5,000; decreasing A7630.411 (Office Supply) by \$100; decreasing A7630.448 (Miscellaneous) by \$300; decreasing A7630.469 (Kitchen/Food Supplies) by \$4,100; and increasing A7620.100 (Adult Recreation Personal Service) by \$28,070; increasing A7620.200 (Equipment) by \$100; increasing A7620.401 (Telephone) by \$1,600; increasing A7620.402 (Electricity) by \$1,600; increasing A7620.403 (Heating Oil/Gas) by \$5,000; increasing A7620.411 (Office Supply) by \$100; increasing A7620.448 (Miscellaneous) by \$300; increasing A7620.469 (Kitchen/Food Supplies) by \$4,100.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve a modification to the budget of the Registrar by decreasing A4020.400 (Registrar of Vital Statistics) by \$500 and increasing A4020.100 (Registrar Personal Services) by \$500.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund by increasing A2351 (Programs for the Aging – Other Government) by \$9,000 and increasing A1620.490 (Senior Center OCCD Grant Evergreens) by \$9,000.

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

NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Queenan, to approve a modification to the budget of the General Fund by increasing A2351 (Programs for the Aging – Other Government) by \$3,496 and increasing A1620.491 (Senior Center OCCD Grant Patio) by \$3,496.

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

II. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

III. New Business:

a. Discussion/Resolution – Mobility Tax:

Prior to discussion, Councilman Haviland noted that, due to his primary employment, he would like to declare he has a conflict of interest on this issue and would be abstaining from all discussion and voting. Clerk Potvin stated a letter was received from Town of Chester Supervisor Steven Neuhaus urging the Town Board to adopt a resolution opposing the proposed “mobility tax” that is being supported/proposed by the State Legislature. This mobility tax would be imposed upon all employers in the twelve county MTA region to help bail out the fiscal troubles of the MTA. With the letter was a resolution that was adopted by the Orange County Association of Towns, Villages and Cities and a resolution that was adopted by the Chester Town Board. Councilman Levine stated he feels that public transportation is important but does not feel this tax is a way to solve the deficit at this time. Councilman Queenan stated he agrees that public transportation is important but does not feel this tax should be imposed at any time. He feels that the MTA has an internal problem that they need to resolve. A motion was then offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ravitch Commission has proposed tolls on East River bridges, a more modest fare increase and the creation of a new “mobility tax” to be applied in all twelve counties in the MTA region. Conceived as an excise tax to be imposed on all employers (and self-employed individuals), the tax will be equal to one third of one percent of all wages paid (measured by the current FICA tax base); and

WHEREAS, this is essentially a payroll tax that would be applicable to all businesses, for profit and not for profit, as well as governments, whose employees pay into Medicare (FICA), and

WHEREAS, Orange County is one of the five counties in the Hudson Valley, that is within the MTA jurisdiction, and will be subject to the “mobility” payroll tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodbury does hereby oppose this “mobility” payroll tax.

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

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor’s Report – Not Received

Motion was offered by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to approve the January 2009 Supervisor’s Report with receipts totaling \$8,201,571.03 and disbursements totaling \$824,052.24.

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

b. Town Clerk’s Report – January 2009

c. False Alarm Report – December 2009

d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – February 10, 2009

e. Animal/Goose Control Report – January 2009

f. Police/Communications Report – January 2009

- g. Beautification Commission Minutes – January 6, 2009
- h. Library Minutes – None Received
- i. Budget vs. Actual – January 2009

V. Public Comment:

There was no public comment received.

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 7:45PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk