

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at the Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on May 4, 2009 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Geraldine Gianzero, Councilwoman
Amidee Haviland and Carlton Levine, Councilman

Absent: None

Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Peter Stabile, Highway Superintendent; Maria Hunter and Lorraine McNeill, Planning Board

1. Discussion – Goose Control (tabled until May 18, 2009):

Supervisor Burke stated the company was unable to attend the meeting this evening so they have been tentatively scheduled for the May 18, 2009 worksession meeting. Councilman Haviland stated he feels if they are unable to attend that meeting then the Board should begin looking at other companies to consider.

2. Discussion – Procurement Policy Revisions:

Supervisor Burke stated he met with the Department Heads to discuss the purchasing parameters for the procurement policy, based on current economic conditions. Councilman Haviland stated he obtained a copy of the County’s proposed policy, noting that most sections are similar to our proposed revision. He would like to elaborate on some area of our policy and make a recommendation to the Board at the June 1 worksession.

3. Discussion – Peddlers Permit Local Law Amendment:

Clerk Potvin stated she would like the Board to consider an amendment to the Peddling Law that would create a “No-Solicitation” program maintained by the Town Clerks office. Residents can enroll in this program and a list would be distributed to all applicants issued a peddlers license. Chief Kwiatkowski stated he believes there is case law that would make such a list unenforceable. Attorney Liberth stated this law, like all laws adopted by the Town, could be challenged if an individual so chooses it to be. The Board agreed the proposed amendment was a good idea and a public hearing will be scheduled at the May 7 meeting.

4. Discussion – Street Lighting on Fourth Street:

Supervisor Burke stated a request was received from some residents on Fourth Street for a street light to be installed since there currently is none there. He inspected the area and agrees that it is very dark at night and a light would be warranted. Orange and Rockland submitted an installation agreement and the additional light will cost \$91.32 annually. The Board will decide on the issue at the May 7 meeting.

5. Approval of Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve a modification to the budget of the Highway Department by decreasing DB5110.469 (Drainage Pipe) by \$4,000; decreasing DB5130.200 (Machinery Equipment) by \$4,925 and increasing DB5110.453 (Disaster Cleanup) by \$8,925.

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

6. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve Abstract 9, Vouchers #20090868 - #20090930, totaling \$110,012.68.

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

8:10PM – Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss one item of personnel relating to employment, one item of contractual negotiations relating to the UPSEU contract and one item of litigation regarding a tax certiorari.

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

There were no minutes of the executive session recorded.

Authorize Attorney to Settle – Tax Certiorari:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Levine, to authorize Attorney Liberth to settle the tax certiorari for property located at Section 248; Block 1; Lot 29.2 (22 Greenwich Avenue – Kazanjian).

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

Adjournment:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk