

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on November 19, 2009 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor  
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine and James Skoufis, Councilmen  
Absent: Geraldine Gianzero, Councilwoman  
Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Lorelei Pitt, Budget Officer; Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Jennifer Bradshaw, Library Director; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

**I. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

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

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept the minutes of the special meeting held November 10, 2009.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to accept the minutes of the worksession held November 16, 2009.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve Abstract 23, Vouchers #20092394 - #20092542, totaling \$310,220.47.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

c. Budget Modifications:

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve a modification to the budget of the Highway Department by decreasing DB5142.452 (Road Sand) by \$4,942 and increasing DB5110.470 (Road Oil) by \$4,942.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve a modification to the budget of the Senior Center by decreasing A7620.448 (Miscellaneous) by \$300 and increasing A7620.400 (Adult Recreation) by \$300.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to approve a modification to the budget of the Woodbury Common BID fund by decreasing SMB3020.100 (Dispatcher Personal Services) by \$750 and increasing SMB3120.409 (Interpreter) by \$750.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve a modification to the budget of the Animal Control Officer by increasing A2770 (Miscellaneous) by \$571 and increasing A3510.431 (Vet Fees) by \$571.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis

NOES 0

d. Appointment of Part-Time Dispatcher:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve the appointment of Kyle Flood as a part-time dispatcher effective on or about November 23, 2009, subject to civil service approval and the signing of all Town required documents.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

**II. Old Business:**

a. Adoption of 2010 Budget:

Budget Officer Pitt stated the following changes have been made to the Preliminary Budget since the hearing that was held on November 5, 2009:

A9060.800	Hospital & Medical	was \$362,000	now \$363,920
A9061.800	Dental Insurance	was \$19,240	now \$17,525
A1001	Tax Levy	was \$2,534,054	now \$2,534,259
B3120.453	Vehicle Repairs	was \$17,000	now \$21,000
B9061.800	Dental Insurance	was \$23,000	now \$21,100
B9060.800	Hospital/Medical	was \$507,000	now \$518,350
B1001	Tax Levy	was \$3,363,190	now \$3,376,640
SMB3120.200	Cars	was \$32,170	now \$32,000
SMB3120.201	Chealsea-Radios	was \$17,055	now \$16,558
SMB9015.800	Retirement	was \$17,064	now \$17,711
SMB9030.800	FICA	was \$9,080	now \$9,100

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to adopt the 2010 budget (*which is printed in the beginning of the 2010 minute book*).

**ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:**

Supervisor Burke	AYES
Councilwoman Gianzero	ABSENT
Councilman Haviland	AYES
Councilman Levine	AYES
Councilman Skoufis	AYES

**III. New Business:**

EXTRA ITEM – Appointment of Permanent Part-Time Clerk:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to appoint Stephanie Pugh as a permanent, part-time clerk in the Justice Court effective November 20, 2009. This appointment has been approved by Civil Service and UPSEU. The position is a Grade 5A, Step 2A and is paid \$11.99/hour.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

**IV. Department Reports:**

a. Supervisor's Report – Not Received

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve the October 2009 Supervisor's Report with receipts totaling \$462,036.31 and disbursements totaling \$1,330,332.69.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
NOES 0

b. Town Clerk's Report – October 2009

c. False Alarm Report – September 2009

- d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – November 10, 2009
- e. Animal/Goose Control Report – October 2009
- f. Police/Communications Report – October 2009
- g. Beautification Commission Minutes – None Received
- h. Library Minutes – September 29, 2009
- i. Budget vs. Actual – Not Received

**V. Public Comment:**

Councilman Skoufis stated the annual fundraiser of the Spectrum Project will be held on Sunday morning at St. Patrick’s Church.

Chief Kwiatkowski thanked the community for the donation of coats during the recent coat drive that was held. He then reminded the public that Black Friday weekend is coming and to expect the same traffic congestion as there has been in the past.

Alice Bauer stated she is disappointed that the Police Department has been working without a contract or a raise for three years (she noted that she is a family member of one of the officers employed by the Town). She feels that the officers do a lot for the community that is not part of their job and they should be recognized for their efforts, adding that they work on holidays and miss important family events in order to serve the community. She concluded by stating that she will be walking a petition urging the Board to move forward swiftly with settling the contract. Supervisor Burke stated he and the Town Board agrees and recognizes the hard work that the Police Officers do for the community. He also noted that he and Councilman Levine have been available at any time to meet and continue negotiations with the PBA, including weekends and evenings. The negotiations have been moving forward and will continue until a fair and equitable agreement is made for both sides.

**VI. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM.

<b>ADOPTED</b>	AYES	4	Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

A closed session was Attorney Liberth was held after adjournment.