

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on October 15, 2009 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Geraldine Gianzero, Councilwoman
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine and James Skoufis, Councilmen
Absent: None
Also Present: Arthur Abbott, Police Lieutenant; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board; George Pedersen, Village Zoning Board

I. Public Hearing:

a. Special District Assessment Rolls:

Town Clerk Potvin stated the public notice announcing the public hearing on the assessment rolls for the special districts was printed in the Times Herald Record on October 8, 2009. She also explained that these hearing are for the public to correct the special district assessment rolls with regards to the number of units that are charged for specific properties, not to argue the assessment or the amount of taxes paid.

CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT:

The public hearing on the assessment roll for the Consolidated Sewer District was opened. There were no comments received. Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Levine, to close the hearing on the Consolidated Sewer District assessment roll.

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

WATER DISTRICT #6:

The public hearing on the assessment roll for Water District #6 was opened. There were no comments received. Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to close the hearing on the Water District #6 assessment roll.

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

SEWER DISTRICT #1:

The public hearing on the assessment roll for Sewer District #1 was opened. There were no comments received. Motion was then offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to close the hearing on the Sewer District #1 assessment roll.

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

REFUSE DISTRICT:

The public hearing on the assessment roll for the Refuse District was opened. There were no comments received. Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to close the hearing on the Refuse District assessment roll.

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

HIGHLAND LAKE ESTATES SEWER DISTRICT:

The public hearing on the assessment roll for the Highland Lake Estates Sewer District was opened. There were no comments received. Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to close the hearing on the Highland Lake Estates Sewer District assessment roll.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adopt the assessment rolls for the following special districts: Consolidated Sewer District, Water District #6, Sewer District #1, Refuse District, Highland Lakes Estates Sewer District.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:

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

II. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 1, 2009.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to accept the minutes of the special meeting held October 13, 2009.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve Abstract 21, Vouchers #20092153 - #20092248, totaling \$326,291.20.

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

c. Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to approve a modification to the budget of the Buildings and Grounds Department by decreasing A1620.200 (Building Equipment) by \$2000 and increasing A1620.410 (Building Materials) by \$2000.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve a modification to the budget of the Highway Department by decreasing DB5142.452 (Road Sand) by \$600 and increasing DB5110.456 (Disaster Cleanup) by \$600.

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

III. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

IV. New Business:

a. Schedule Public Hearing – 2010 Preliminary Budget:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to schedule a public hearing to be held at 7:30PM on November 5, 2009 at the Town Hall to entertain public comments on the 2010 Preliminary Budget.

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

b. Boy Scout Proclamation:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to recognize the accomplishment of Brian Andrew Zambrzycki as he receives his Eagle Scout honor on November 1, 2009.

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

V. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor's Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve the September 2009 Supervisor's Report with receipts totaling \$150,301.35 and disbursements totaling \$1,474,312.02.

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

- b. Town Clerk's Report – September 2009
- c. False Alarm Report – August 2009
- d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – October 13, 2009
- e. Animal/Goose Control Report – September 2009
- f. Police/Communications Report – September 2009
- g. Beautification Commission Minutes – None Received
- h. Library Minutes – July 28, 2009
- i. Budget vs. Actual – September 2009

VI. Public Comment:

There were no public comments received.

VII. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to close the meeting at 8:50PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

Closed Session:

After adjournment, the Board entered into a closed session with its labor attorney.