

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on September 17, 2009 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Geraldine Gianzero, Councilwoman
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine and James Skoufis, Councilmen

Absent: None

Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Peter Stabile, Highway Superintendent; Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Michael Queenan, Village Mayor; Maria Hunter and Lorraine McNeill, Village Planning Board; Sandra Capriglione and George Pedersen, Village Zoning Board

After opening the meeting, the Board entered into a closed session with Attorney Liberth.

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 3, 2009 at 7:30PM.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept the minutes of the worksession held September 14, 2009.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve a second revision to Abstract 15 by deleting Voucher #20091460 (Check #1018) in the amount of \$250. This reduces the abstract total to \$240,469.37

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve revised Abstract 16 by deleting Voucher #20091626 (Check #1181) in the amount of \$50. This reduces the abstract total to \$264,801.38.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve Abstract 19, Vouchers #20091928 - #20092053 (less Vouchers #20091923 – 20091927; Checks #1371 – 1374 which were used to check printer alignment), totaling \$246,032.21.

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

c. Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to approve a modification to the budget of the Police Department by decreasing B3120.415 (Legal PBA Contract) by \$10,000 and increasing B3020.414 (Dispatcher Legal) by \$10,000.

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

d. Combine 9/28 Worksession with 10/1 Meeting:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to cancel the worksession scheduled for September 28, 2009. Any business to be conducted will be done so at the October 1, 2009 regular meeting.

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

II. Old Business:

a. Schedule Public Hearing – Amended Peddling Local Law:

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Gianzero, seconded by Councilman Levine, to schedule a public hearing to be held on October 1, 2009 at 7:30PM to entertain comments on an amendment to Chapter 234 of the Town Code entitled “Peddling and Soliciting”.

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

EXTRA ITEM – Acceptance of Bids – CV Pond Improvements Phase III:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to accept the bid received from Montana Construction Corp of Lodi, New Jersey for Contract No. 1 (General Construction) of the CV Pond Phase III Improvements at \$1,492,500. It was noted that all bids received were announced at the July 27, 2009 meeting.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to accept the bid received from Harry Rotolo & Son of Middletown, New York for Contract No. 2 (Electrical Work) of the CV Pond Phase III Improvements at \$44,500. It was noted that all bids received were announced at the July 27, 2009 meeting.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to authorize the Supervisor to sign Contract No. 1 with Montana Construction Corp and Contract No. 2 with Harry Rotolo & Son for the CV Pond Phase III Improvements.

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

III. New Business:

a. Highway Department Personnel Issues:

Supervisor Burke announced that Superintendent Stabile received notification from the military that he will soon be activated to serve our Country. The Board needs to begin the appropriate actions to ensure the Highway Department is staffed administratively. At this time, Supervisor Burke stated Councilman Levine would be assuming his role as Deputy Supervisor and managing this portion of the meeting.

Motion was offered by Deputy Supervisor Levine, seconded by Councilwoman Gianzero, to create the position of Deputy Highway Superintendent pursuant to Section 32 of the Town Law.

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

Motion was then offered by Deputy Supervisor Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to schedule a public hearing to be held October 1, 2009 at 7:30PM to entertain comments to consider a local law allowing Town Supervisor John Burke to be appointed as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

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

Supervisor Burke reassumed management of the meeting.

IV. Department Reports:

a. Supervisor’s Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve the Supervisor Report for August 2009 with receipts totaling \$241,811.95 and disbursements totaling \$1,071,869.91.

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

- b. Town Clerk’s Report – August 2009
- c. False Alarm Report – July 2009
- d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – August 25 and September 8, 2009
- e. Animal/Goose Control Report – August 2009
- f. Police/Communications Report – August 2009
- g. Beautification Commission Minutes – August Annual Report
- h. Library Minutes – None Received
- i. Budget vs. Actual – August 2009

V. Public Comment:

Councilman Skoufis stated this year the Parks Department began a program called “Club Impact” that is for special needs children. It has become a huge success and he was approached by a participating parent requesting that it be continued next year. All Board members have agreed that it is a great program and research will be conducted to discover creative ways to finance the program.

Councilman Haviland thanked all involved in Woodbury Day.

Patricia Tanashin stated her child attends Club Impact and she is very excited that the program exists so close to home. She noted that it is very difficult for her to find venues for her child to interact with children and urged to Board to continue the program next year.

Supervisor Burke congratulated the Woodbury Community Day committee on the excellent job they did this year. He also commended the Beautification Commission on all of their hard work this spring and summer. He has reviewed their annual report submitted this evening and believes the goals they have set for themselves are impressive for the upcoming year. He then wished Superintendent Stabile success in his upcoming duties and a safe return.

VI. Adjournment:

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

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

After adjournment, a closed session with Attorney Liberth was held.