

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on February 1, 2010 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine, Frank Palermo and James Skoufis, Councilmen
Absent: None
Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

1. Executive Session - The executive session was not held.

2. Discussion – County Law Records Management Program:

Chief Kwiatkowski explained the agreement received from the County for the implementation of an Automatic Vehicle Locator Dispatching System (AVL). The County has secured \$600,000 through capital projects and grants to complete this project (which is the second phase of their Public Safety initiative – the first being the countywide Law Enforcement Records Management System). The AVL technology allows for on-duty police vehicle locations to be viewed on the Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) map. This will ensure the safety of the police officers and the prompt response to incidents in the community. All costs associated with the project, including installation of equipment in police vehicles, software and hardware maintenance, and connectivity charges are included. The Board members asked questions about the technology and what additional training may be required of the dispatchers. Attorney Liberth confirmed the agreement presented is a “boilerplate” agreement typically used by the County. The Board requested the PBA be contacted to determine their opinion on the system and it would be discussed further at the February 18 meeting.

3. Discussion – AOT Resolutions:

The Board reviewed in detail the ten proposed resolutions that will be discussed and voted upon by the designed delegate at the annual business meeting of the Associations of Towns on February 17. All the resolutions were agreed upon with the exception of resolution #10 “Municipal Deposits in Credit Unions and Thrift Institutions”. Councilman Palermo was not in favor of this resolution but the other Board members were. This resolution will be separated from the others when voted upon at the February 4 meeting.

4. Discussion – OCWA Resolution:

The Board reviewed a resolution that was adopted by the Village Board regarding the County’s Water Master Plan and their changes to the Water Authority. Some changes were made to the resolution and it will be voted on at the February 4 meeting.

5. Discussion – Conservation Commission Resolutions:

Councilman Skoufis stated there is a grant that is available from the State from the stimulus money. The grant is based on a point system and adopting certain pledges and taken certain actions adds to the points credit during the application process. The first step he recommends is to open and maintain an EPA Energy Star Portfolio. This will track certain utilities that are used (noting electric and water usage). The second step he recommends is

adopting a pledge to combat climate change. The NYS Department of Energy Conservation offers a model for Boards to work from. He believes this pledge will “offer Woodbury a blueprint to locally combat climate change and adapt to its anticipated effects”. Councilman Haviland did not agree with the pledge noting that it is too elaborate.

6. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

A closed session with Attorney Liberth was held after adjournment.