

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on January 21, 2010 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor  
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine, Frank Palermo and James Skoufis, Councilmen  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Sandra Capriglione, Zoning Board; Maria Hunter, 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 January 7, 2010.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to accept the minutes of the worksession held January 18, 2010.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Levine, Skoufis  
ABSTAIN 1 Palermo

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve Abstract 2, Vouchers #20100063 - #20100182 (less vouchers 20100111), totaling \$230,833.30.

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

c. Acceptance of Resignation – Parks Commission:

Motion was offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of W. Duncan Kane from the Parks Commission effective immediately.

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

d. Appointment to Parks Commission:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to appoint Dennis Rocks to the Parks Commission to fill the vacancy made by W Duncan Kane (term will expire December 31, 2015).

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to re-appoint William Doyle to the Parks Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2016.

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

e. Advertise for Vacancy – Library Board:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to advertise on Channel 22 and the website for persons interested in serving on the Library Board to fill the position made vacant by John O’Friel with a term due to expire on December 31, 2010. Letters needs to be submitted to the Town Clerk’s Office by close on business on February 5,2010.

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

## II. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

## III. New Business:

### a. Authorize Supervisor to Sign – Dial-A-Bus Inter-Municipal Agreement:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Monroe with regards to Dial-A-Bus services in that is until June 30, 2010.

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

Supervisor Burke stated the agreement is only until the end of June because participation is very low and the Town of Monroe wants to see if it is worth the expense to continue the service. Councilman Levine stated the service began in August 2009, which had 40 participants. He noted that September had 30, October had 9, November had 16 and December had 12. He believes this is a valuable service and would hate to see it discontinued. Councilman Palermo stated he feels that the bus would be used more on Wednesdays since that is when the seniors meet and when most stores offer senior discounts. Supervisor Burke stated Wednesdays were originally requested but Tuesdays were granted. He will again ask the Town of Monroe to reconsider switching to Wednesdays. Councilman Skoufis suggested that Supervisor Burke attend one of the senior meetings to determine their interest in the service.

### b. Schedule Special Meeting – Interviews for Consultants:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to schedule a special meeting to be held on February 8, 2010 at 7:30PM at Town Hall to conduct an executive session to discuss one item of personnel relating to the employment of a consultant.

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

## IV. Department Reports:

### a. Supervisor's Report:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to approve the December 2009 Supervisor's report with receipts totaling \$387,447.24 and disbursements totaling \$1,950,265.51.

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

### b. Town Clerk's Report – December 2009

### c. False Alarm Report – November 2009

### d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – None Received

### e. Animal/Goose Control Report – December 2009

### f. Police/Communications Report – December 2009

### g. Beautification Commission Minutes – None Received

### h. Library Minutes – October 27, 2009

### i. Budget vs. Actual – Not Received

## V. Public Comment:

Supervisor Burke commended the Beautification Commission on the excellent job they did decorating the Town for the holidays.

Councilman Skoufis stated his Conservation Committee will be meeting at 7:30PM on January 27 and his Technology Committee will be meeting at 7:30PM on January 28.

Councilman Levine stated the Board sends their thoughts and prayers to the people of Haiti.

Robin Crouse stated an article was printed in the Times Herald Record listing goals of municipalities for 2010 and Supervisor Burke is quoted as saying the CV Pond work will continue. She asked if the contractor has "signed off" on the work completed. Supervisor Burke stated the work is monitored daily and the engineer inspects it once a week. Regular update reports are received as well as schedules for the work to be done. Since the contractor was not moving as fast as the Town would have liked, he is now working six days a week to catch-up, with no additional cost to the Town. The building has been constructed, excavation equipment has dug the perimeter and the pipes are in the ground. Mrs. Crouse asked if the contractor will be guaranteeing that the work done will be acceptable since the weather conditions have not ideal. Supervisor Burke stated it would be. Mrs. Crouse then asked when the Cablevision Franchise is expiring and she was told in March. She then asked which Board members sit on the committee and she was told Councilmen Palermo and Haviland. She then announced that the Orange Environmental group is hosting a forum on January 26 at 7PM in Cornwall regarding the Moodna Watershed Initiative and David Church (Orange County Planning Department Commissioner) will be discussing the Water Authority Master Plan.

Maria Hunter asked if a 2010 Refuse Pick-Up Schedule will be printed and mailed to the residents. Supervisor Burke stated, other than some holidays, the schedule has not changed. Mrs. Hunter suggested the Board use the Parks Department e-mail system to notify residents of Town information. She then thanked the Board for acknowledging the efforts of the Beautification Commission. She noted the decorations should all be removed by the end of the month.

**8:05PM - Executive Session:**

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss one item relating to contractual negotiations of the PBA.

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

**VII. Adjournment:**

With no further comments received or business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk