

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on June 28, 2010 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine, Frank Palermo and James Skoufis, Councilmen
Absent: None
Also Present: David Hasin, Justice; Dorothy Morris, Library Board; Michael Queenan, Village Mayor; Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan and David Sutz, Village Trustees; Sandra Capriglione, Village Zoning Board; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

1. Discussion – Consolidation of Government:

Supervisor Burke asked each Board member for their opinion on the resolution as amended by the Village Board. Councilman Haviland stated he believes this action is unique to the State since it is not a complete consolidation due to the Harriman portion. He is curious as to why there is a referendum required and does not feel that one is necessary. *(NOTE – In a confidential memo from Attorney Liberth to the Town Board, he advised [as stated by Councilman Haviland at this meeting] that a referendum will be required on the question of consolidation, if approved by the State Legislature. A discussion was held about the reason for the referendum and it was noted that the Village Attorney [as stated by Clerk Potvin at this meeting] advised the Village Board that a referendum would be required on the “plan” created by both Boards, if the legislation is approved).* Councilmen Skoufis, Palermo and Levine stated they were satisfied with the resolution. Supervisor Burke asked Clerk Potvin to explain what action is required next on part of the Town Board. Clerk Potvin stated the Board would need to adopt the resolution requesting legislation be created and a resolution urging the Senate and Assembly to approve the proposed legislation. The format of the paperwork submitted will depend on the outcome of the vote, whether it is adopted by a majority of the Board or by two-thirds. During public comment, Mayor Queenan explained the process that will need to be followed if the State approves the legislation. He added that the format of the “plan” is dictated by law and will detail how the consolidation will occur (i.e., distribution of equipment, debt, etc.) as the Village is dissolved into the Town, forming the new government entity. Councilman Haviland stated he interpreted this action as not dissolving the Village and then became very upset. It was explained that although this proposed legislation would dissolve the Village and create a new government entity (the Town), it will prohibit the creation of any Villages within its boundaries. Councilman Haviland asked what would happen to the Fire Department and he was told it would be part of the “plan” and that the firemen can take the steps required to recreate a Fire District. Clerk Potvin noted that she will need to overnight the resolutions to the State, noting that it is possible the action will not be considered since the Legislature is approaching their break. If that is the case, the entire process will need to be done again in the Spring. Based on a comment made during public comment, Councilman Skoufis requested that action be taken at this meeting to approve the resolutions since it is questionable whether the Legislature will be in session next week. No other Board member indicated whether they want to so the issue will be entertained at the July 1 meeting.

8:10PM - Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss one item relating to compensation of employees in the Justice Court.

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

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk