

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills, New York on March 1, 2010 at 7:35PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Amidee Haviland, Frank Palermo and James Skoufis, Councilmen
Absent: Carlton Levine (*arrived late*)
Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

1. Discussion – WP3 Wells:

Supervisor Burke stated the developer telephoned him at 3:15PM this afternoon and asked that this discussion be tabled.

2. Discussion – Procurement Policy Amendment:

Clerk Potvin stated in November 2009 the public works contract threshold was raised from \$20,000 to \$35,000. This now causes a gap in the Town’s procurement policy that needs to be addressed. The Board discussed the issue and it was decided the policy will be amended to reflect the increase at the March 4 meeting.

3. Discussion – Terrorist Resolution:

Councilman Skoufis stated he feels the Board should entertain this resolution. Councilman Haviland stated he still believes it is not the responsibility of the Town Board to do so, noting that he feels the Federal Government will not care what Woodbury feels on this issue. Councilman Palermo stated if there are not enough Board members interested in it, then the resolution should not be considered. Supervisor Burke stated he is not in favor of it and believes Councilman Levine stated at the last meeting that he was not as well. Therefore, the resolution will not be entertained.

4. Discussion – Proposed Consolidation Bond:

(Councilman Levine arrived)

Supervisor Burke stated Munistat (the Town’s Financial Advisors) contacted him about three existing bonds that could be consolidated to save the taxpayers some money. The three bonds in questions are the 1993, 1997 and 1999 serial bonds. If the Board adopts the resolution, the taxpayers could realize a savings of approximately \$155,000 over a nine year period. After discussion about the bonding process, it was decided the Board would entertain a vote on this issue at the March 4 meeting.

7:55PM - Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss one item of personnel relating to employment in the Highway Department and one item of litigation regarding a tax certiorari (Amscan).

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

After ending the executive session, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize Attorney Liberth the settle the tax certiorari for the

Amscan Article 7 against the Town consisting of the following parcel: Section 101, Block 1, Lot 15.21.

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

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk

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