

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on November 15, 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

1. Discussion – Specifications for Generator at Police Department:

Chief Kwiatkowski stated a federal grant has been awarded to his department totaling \$60,000 for the installation of a new generator. The Town will need to lay the money out and then will be reimbursed. The Office of the State Comptroller was telephoned and advised that the project should be coded to the General (A) Fund since this is considered a Buildings/Grounds issue. The project is planned to be completed in the Spring 2011, but the grant must be completed by 2013. The current generator is 20 years old but will remain connected as a back-up. Chief Kwiatkowski acknowledged the efforts of Peter McGoldrick (retired high level employee with Orange & Rockland Utilities) in preparing the specifications for the generator at no cost to the Town. The Board members asked questions regarding the specifications and then the bidding process was explained. Supervisor Burke acknowledged the work done by Mr. McGoldrick and thanked him for his time. Bidding letting will be approved at the November 18 meeting.

EXTRA ITEM – Orange & Rockland Utilities Proposed Rate Increase:

Supervisor Burke stated several municipalities have stressed concerns over Orange & Rockland (O&R) Utilities filing for a rate increase with the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC). O&R presented the requested rate increase as a percentage of the total bill (delivery plus commodity) rather than just the delivery charge which is what is controlled by them. Their proposed increase averages 23.3%. To date, twelve Orange County municipalities have agreed to pursue intervention before the PSC, provided the cost to each municipality will not exceed \$3000. Woodbury is being asked to participate in this intervention and agree to commit \$3000. Councilman Haviland stated he was present for a meeting with O&R and was told that the increase they request is usually not nearly as much as what is actually approved by the PSC. Councilman Skoufis stated he has been in contact with the other municipalities and believes that some of the issues raised are not relative to the issue at hand. Supervisor Burke asked the Board members to review the information presented for further discussion at the November 18 meeting.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk