

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held at Town Hall on November 18, 2010 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor  
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine, Frank Palermo and James Skoufis, Councilmen  
Also Present: Richard Liberth, Attorney for the Town; Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief

**I. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held November 4, 2010.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to accept the minutes of the worksession held November 15, 2010.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Councilman Haviland, seconded by Levine, to approve Abstract 25, Vouchers #20102220 - #20102327, totaling \$787,220.91.

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

c. Approval of Budget Modification:

Motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to approve a modification to the budget of the Assessor's Office by decreasing A1355.411 (Office Supplies) by \$150 and increasing A1355.401 (Telephone) by \$150.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to approve a modification to the budget of the Woodbury Common Business Improvement District by increasing SMB599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$4653 and increasing SMB3120.100 (Police Personal Service) by \$4308, increasing SMB9030.800 (FICA) by \$330 and increasing SMB1980.400 (Payment of MTA Payroll Tax) by \$15.

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

Motion was then offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to approve a modification to the budget of the Police Department by decreasing B3120.415 (Legal/PBA Contract) by \$20,000 and increasing B3120.402 (Electricity) by \$5000, increasing B3120.411 (Office Supplies) by \$1500, increasing B3120.455 (Tires) by \$2500, increasing B3120.454 (Vehicle Gas) by \$5000, increasing B3120.453 (Vehicle Repairs) by \$5500 and increasing B3120.483 (Evidence) by \$500.

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

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to approve a modification to the budget of the Street Lighting Fund by increasing SL599 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$24,500 and increasing SL5182.400 (Street Light Contingency Expense) by \$24,500.

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

d. Advertise for Vacancies – Various Boards:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to advertise for term positions on the Parks & Recreation Commission, Library Board and Board of Assessment Review which are due to expire on December 31, 2010. Letters of interest will be accepted by the Town Clerk until close of business on December 8, 2010.

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

EXTRA ITEM – Appointment of Temporary Part-Time Assessor Clerk:

Motion was offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to appoint Patrick Breslin as a temporary, part-time Assessor Clerk (Grade 1A/Step 1A) at a rate of pay of \$11.32 per hour, pending civil service approval and the signing of all required Town documents.

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

## II. Old Business:

a. Acceptance of Auction Results – Antique Wagon:

Town Clerk Potvin stated the auction closed at 6PM on November 17, 2010 for the sale of the antique wagon that is utilized by the Beautification Commission. Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Levine, to accept the auction results totaling \$2050.

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

## III. New Business:

a. Advertise for Bids – Police Headquarters Generator:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Levine, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase and installation of a generator (propane or diesel operated) at the Police Department, including a five-year service contract.

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

It was noted this generator will be paid for (up to \$60,000) by a federal grant successfully obtained by the Police Department. Special recognition was paid to Mr. Peter McGoldrick for the time he donated to the Town to prepare the specifications.

b. Discussion – O&R Proposed Rate Increase:

As discussed at the November 15 worksession, Orange & Rockland has petitioned the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) to be able to increase their rates. Several municipalities in Orange County want to join together to appear before the PSC objecting to the rate increases. The goal is to have at least 20 municipalities commit \$3000 each for this process. Councilman Palermo stated he would rather have Attorney Liberth prepare a resolution stressing the Boards objection to the rate increase rather than contribute \$3000 towards this consortium, believing it would be less expensive. Councilman Haviland stated a letter was received from O&R inviting municipalities to a meeting that explains their rate increase request to the PSC that is similar to the one held in September at the request of Councilman Skoufis. He is concerned about who initiated this objection (a municipality or the attorney the consortium is using) and he agrees with Councilman Palermo's idea of a resolution. Councilman Skoufis stated he feels the Board can prepare a letter to be sent to the PSC (which he will draft) rather than paying Attorney Liberth to prepare the resolution. He noted that he does not agree with all the points made by the representative of the consortium. Supervisor Burke stated he will be attending the O&R meeting on November 29 and will inform the leader of the consortium that Woodbury will not be committing the money towards their efforts.

EXTRA ITEM – Advertise for Auction – Surplus Equipment:

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for auction the sale of a piano (from the Senior Center) and 41 industrial metal halide 400W lamp bulbs (from the Highway Department).

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

**IV. Department Reports:**

a. Supervisor’s Report –

Motion was offered by Councilman Skoufis, seconded by Councilman Levine to approve the October 2010 Supervisor’s Report with receipts totaling \$781,495.20 and disbursements totaling \$1,127,357.07.

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

b. Town Clerk’s Report – October 2010

c. False Alarm Report – September 2010

d. Parks/Recreation Minutes – November 3, 2010

e. Animal/Goose Control Report – October 2010

f. Police/Communications Report – October 2010

g. Beautification Commission Minutes – October 26, 2010

h. Library Minutes – September 28, 2010

i. Budget vs. Actual – October 2010

**V. Public Comment:**

Chief Kwiatkowski acknowledged Peter McGoldrick for his efforts and expertise in preparing the specifications for the generator system at no cost to the Town. He commended Lieutenant Arthur Abbott on successfully preparing the \$60,000 federal grant that was awarded to pay for this system. He then announced that hunting season begins this weekend and that next weekend is Black Friday weekend. He explained the police presence and procedures that will be followed with regards to traffic control.

**VI. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, 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

*A closed session with Attorney Liberth was held after adjournment.*