

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on August 1, 2011 at 7:30PM

Present: John Burke, Supervisor  
Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine, Frank Palermo and James Skoufis, Councilmen  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Peter Stabile, Highway Superintendent

**1. Receipt/Acceptance of Bids – Park Avenue Improvements:**

Clerk Potvin noted that when the Board awarded the Park Avenue Improvement project at the July 21 meeting, they failed to note the amount of the bid and the other bids that were received. She then noted that the bid opening was held on June 9, 2011 (the notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on May 25, 2011) and the following bids were received:

Jorrey Excavating, Inc., Middletown, NY	\$367,990.00
Boyce Excavating Co., Middletown, NY	\$471,479.25
Sun Up Enterprises, Wappingers Falls, NY	\$472,120.00
CalMart Enterprises, Highland Mills, NY	\$530,530.00
Colonnelli Bros., Hackensack, NJ	\$560,360.00
Ben Ciccone, Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY	\$595,300.00
CMC Construction Group, Slate Hill, NY	\$728,705.00

Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to amend the motion adopted at the July 21, 2011 meeting by noting that the amount of the bid for Jorrey Excavating, Inc., that was awarded is \$367,990.00.

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

Supervisor Burke noted there is a preconstruction meeting scheduled for August 3 at 1PM. He also noted all right-of-entry forms have been received as well as the correspondence from FEMA.

**2. Discussion – Proposed Initiative Law:**

The Board reviewed the latest version of the proposed Initiative Law. Councilman Skoufis noted that he has received comments from members of the community suggesting that 10% of signatures of registered voters needed on the petition may be too high (600+) and suggested 5%. It was noted that any individual registered to vote, regardless of party affiliation, can sign the petition so 10% should not be difficult to accomplish. Supervisor Burke asked if the law is remiss since it excludes those residents that are not registered to vote. A discussion was then held regarding the registered voter/non-registered voter, residents under the age of 18 or those that are seasonal. Ultimately, it was decided the only way to be able to verify signatures on a petition were to require that the signers be registered to vote. It was noted that if the individual(s) felt strongly about their issue, they could register to vote if they were not already. Verbiage in Section 43-5 was addressed and clarified. The Board will receive the latest revised version of the law in the morning and, if need be, it will be discussed further at the August 3 meeting. Otherwise, the hearing has already been scheduled for August 18.

**3. Update – Dial-A-Bus:**

Supervisor Burke noted that he was asked by Councilman Haviland to provide an update on the Dial-A-Bus service. He obtained a letter from Jennifer Crover, Transportation Director for the Monroe Dial-A-Bus, which indicates that the turn-out for the first half of 2011 has been great. 137 passengers have been transported during the 24 days of operation which is equivalent to 897 miles. She also indicates that she would like to see this service “become a part of the Monroe system on a regular basis”. Supervisor Burke also provided a budget/cost analysis for the Dial-A-Bus. In 2009 (which

consisted of six months of service) there were 107 passengers and the Town paid \$9,633.49. In 2010 there were 233 passengers and the Town paid \$12,208.57. So far in 2011 there have been 137 passengers and the Town has paid \$9,009.59. Councilman Haviland stated he is concerned about the cost to the Town, which is approximately \$65 per rider. Supervisor Burke agreed the cost is high but noted it is a service provided to our community to those that are unable to or cannot drive. He noted that there are many services that a resident pays for but may not take advantage of. Councilman Levine noted he feels this is a great service and it should continue. Councilman Haviland noted that the economy is an issue, especially with the 2% tax cap that will be imposed on our 2012 budget. Supervisor Burke stated he and Councilman Levine will meet with Ms. Crover to determine if additional days could be added, which was requested by our senior community, and if there would be additional costs to do so. It would be ideal to have Woodbury become a part of the Monroe system regularly, as indicated by Ms. Crover.

**4. Discussion – Congressional Bill #HR1489:**

At the last worksession Dawn Hoagland asked that the Board consider adopting a resolution to urge Congress to support and immediately pass HR1489 which “aims to revive the separation between commercial banking and the securities banking, in the manner provided in the Banking Act of 1933, aka Glass –Steagall Act”. Supervisor Burke stated research was conducted and it appears that Port Jervis is the only municipality in Orange County that took action on this issue. Councilman Haviland stated he does not believe this bill will ever get out of Committee due to the lobbying of the banking organizations. He also feels this issue is “echelons above our reality”. Councilman Levine added that he believes getting involved in this issue would not be probative, unless the municipalities of Orange County united on the issue. It was decided the Board will not pursue this issue.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Supervisor Burke, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk