

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on July 18, 2011 at 7:30PM

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

1. Discussion – 509 Route 32, Highland Mills:

Supervisor Burke stated the building next to Town Hall (the old Highland Mills Firehouse) is for sale and he is looking for direction from the Board to see if he should explore purchasing options. The building is currently designed for two apartments on the second floor (estimated monthly income from rent is \$2700) and two office spaces on the first floor. The total taxes for this property are approximately \$13,000. Councilman Palermo asked what the building would be used for, suggesting an indoor recreation center. He also stated he does not feel that the Town should be a landlord for residential properties and Councilman Haviland agreed. Councilman Haviland stated he would like to have the Town Hall and this property become a municipal center to house all Town/Village offices. Councilman Levine stated it could house the Town offices while we rebuild Town Hall. He also agrees with Councilman Palermo to convert it into an indoor recreation center. He added it could also be used to house the court. Attorney Liberth added there is no prohibition against a municipality being a landlord. Supervisor Burke stated he will look into it further and obtain more information.

2. Discussion – Initiative Law:

The Board reviewed another draft of the “Initiative Law” as proposed by Councilman Skoufis. Additional changes were made. It was decided that the Board will schedule a public hearing at the July 21 meeting to be held on August 18. This will give the Board an opportunity to review the law at the August 1 worksession to finalize it. ***Councilman Skoufis arrived during this discussion.***

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Levine, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk