

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on March 14, 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; Maria Hunter and Lorraine McNeill, Village Planning Board

**1. Advertise for Bids – Earls Reservoir Pole Barn:**

Supervisor Burke stated a meeting was held with several departments to review and prepare the specifications for this structure that will be used for Camp Rez and the nursing station. The type of building proposed can be expanded upon in the future. He noted that Building Inspector Gary Thomasberger has been very instrumental in this process. Councilman Haviland asked if the slab being poured will be large enough to accommodate the future expansions and he was told that it was only going to accommodate this structure. Supervisor Burke noted that the specifications state the construction must be completed by June 1 so that it can be ready for this season. Councilman Haviland stated he feels that a penalty should be imposed if the contractor does not meet the deadline. A lengthy discussion was held and it was decided that a 5% penalty will be imposed on the contractor if the work is not completed by June 1, 2011. Motion was then offered by Councilman Levine, seconded by Councilman Palermo, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the construction of a pole barn at Earls Reservoir.

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

**2. Discussion – Alarm System at Town Hall:**

Supervisor Burke stated the Building Inspector has declared that the fire alarm system in Town Hall is in serious need of being replaced. One quote has been received a second is due by the end of the week. Both companies quoted conducted a walk-thru of the entire building with the Building Inspector to be sure they each were completely aware of what was needed. The estimated cost for this system will be between \$9000 and \$10,000, which will come from the fund balance. This includes replacing the main control panel, the devise layout, sensors and a carbon dioxide detector in the basement. He would like to move forward as this is almost considered an emergency situation. Councilman Skoufis stated he has been reviewing the specifications prepared by Village Mayor Michael Queenan that were composed for new alarm systems at almost all of the municipal facilities. He suggests that a wireless control panel be used so that is can save money in the future for connections to the other facilities.

**EXTRA ITEM – Resolution of Support for Collective Bargaining:**

Councilman Skoufis stated he has prepared a resolution to state that the Town recognizes the rights of employees to unionize, which he feels the Board should consider adopting. Councilman Levine stated he has received a copy of a similar resolution which was adopted by the City of Seattle that he feels is more appropriate. Councilman Haviland stated he feels this proposal is a direct result of what has been occurring in other areas of the country which has recently been reported in the news. He believes it is “echelons above our reality” and that changes in collective bargaining lies in the State and Federal government. Councilman Levine stated he strongly disagrees and feels it is a public policy issue of the entire State and nation. Councilman Palermo stated he feels the resolution will show “good faith” and show support for our employees. Councilman Haviland stated he feels the Town already expresses support by negotiating contracts. Councilman Levine stated he feels the Town needs to express a belief that collective bargaining is the appropriate way to negotiate issues. It was decided that Councilmen

Levine and Skoufis will work to combine the two proposed resolution for consideration at the March 17 meeting.

**8:15PM - Executive Session:**

Motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Levine, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to discuss one item relating to contractual negotiations involving the dispatcher's contract.

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

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Haviland, to end the executive session and to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk