

Minutes of the Town Board Worksession held at Town Hall on May 2, 2011

Present: John Burke, Supervisor
Amidee Haviland, Frank Palermo, and James Skoufis, Councilmen
Absent: Carlton Levine, Councilman
Also Present: Robert Kwiatkowski, Police Chief; Peter Stabile, Highway Superintendent; Maria Hunter, Village Planning Board

1. Discussion – Police Generator Bids:

Supervisor Burke stated that the Town received many bids ranging from \$65,000 through \$95,000. He would like to award the generator bid to Gentech Ltd. at the Board meeting on Thursday night. Supervisor Burke asked Chief Kwiatkowski for an overview on the project. Chief Kwiatkowski started by introducing Joseph and Mary Ellen Sayegh, President and Vice President of Gentech Ltd. The project costs for the procurement and installation of the generator and all accessories is to be funded by a \$60,000.00 federal grant received by the Town of Woodbury Police Department. Pete McGoldrick did a lot of research in finding the right size generator that would fit into the amount of the grant that was received. An 80 kW generator will replace the existing 20 kW generator that the Police Department currently has. Pete McGoldrick, Joseph and Mary Ellen Sayegh discussed the differences between an open transfer switch and a closed transfer switch. The Town of Woodbury is looking at the closed transfer switch. In the event that the generator would be needed, it can be loaded without interrupting service to the building and there is more of a guarantee that everything would run more smoothly. Councilman Haviland asked why the additional monies were coming out of the General Fund and not the Police Department's budget. Supervisor Burke said the Comptroller's Office felt that even though the grant is specific to Policing, the appropriation and funding source/s should be recognized in the General Fund which is responsible for the building. Beginning next year, the maintenance costs will be taken from the Police Department's budget. Pete McGoldrick then said the Town of Woodbury will need Orange and Rockland's approval for the closed transfer switch, which he didn't seem to think would be a problem. Otherwise, the Town will have to go for the open transfer switch. If the Town awards the bid to Gentech Ltd. on Thursday, Orange and Rockland's approval should come within a few weeks. John Smith asked where did the grant come from and Chief Kwiatkowski said it was a federal grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

2. Update – Estrada Road Bridge:

Supervisor Burke said he was pleased to announce that work is almost complete on the Estrada Road Bridge. Both he and Highway Superintendent Stabile have visited the site many times and estimate the completion of this project to be mid-May.

3. Discussion – Correspondence Regarding NYSERDA:

Michael Sweeton, Supervisor for the Town of Warwick is looking for a support letter from the Town of Woodbury and other municipalities to help in his efforts to establish an energy upgrade financing mechanism here in Orange County, partnering with the Northern Westchester Energy Consortium which is made up of 20+ municipalities in Westchester County. Councilman Skoufis asked if there would be any benefit to us since we would be partnering

with Westchester. Supervisor Burke said he believes this will help us and Councilman Haviland said any little bit might help if Westchester County helps us every so often. Councilman Skoufis was going to look into some things tomorrow and get back to Supervisor Burke before any decisions are made.

4. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Councilman Palermo, seconded by Councilman Skoufis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Burke, Haviland, Palermo, Skoufis
 NOES 0

Michele Zwicker, Deputy Town Clerk