

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on January 24, 2012 at 7:30PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor  
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan and David Sutz, Trustees  
Absent: Thomas Flood, Trustee  
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Pat Prozzillo, First Assistant Fire Chief

**I. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held January 10, 2012.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Sutz  
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Egan, to approve Abstract 16 containing Vouchers 110976 - 111060 and totaling \$773,301.41.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Sutz  
NOES 0

c. Acceptance of Resignation:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Egan, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Sheila Conroy from the Planning Board effective January 31, 2012.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Sutz  
NOES 0

**II. Old Business:**

a. CodeRed Proposal - Emergency Contact System:

Mayor Queenan stated a presentation was given at the January 19 Town Board meeting by Emergency Communications Network of their CodeRed system. This system is a high-speed emergency notification that will send out telephone calls to land and cellular phones, texts and/or emails. After the presentation, the Town Board agreed to the three-year, unlimited emergency calls proposal. The cost of this proposal is \$6700 and would be shared by both municipalities. Motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded Trustee Egan, to authorize the Mayor to contract with Emergency Communications Network for their CodeRed system for three-years, unlimited emergency calls.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Sutz  
NOES 0

**III. New Business**

EXTRA ITEM - Schedule Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law - Emergencies:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to schedule a public hearing to be held at 7:30PM on February 28, 2012 to entertain public comments on Introductory Local Law 1 of 2012 creating a new Chapter 130 entitled "Emergencies" to provide for a Fire Police rank within the Woodbury Fire Department.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Sutz  
NOES 0

Trustee Egan asked what has changed in the Fire Department to now require a rank of fire police and Chief Prozzillo stated a member has come forward requesting to hold this position. Trustee Egan asked

what impact this new rank would have on the budget and Chief Prozzillo stated it would have no effect. Trustee Sutz asked what the requirements were to become a fire police and Chief Prozzillo stated an individual would need to take a State fire police course, which is offered locally at no cost. Trustee Egan asked if there will be more than one individual serving in this position and Chief Prozzillo stated at this time only one individual has volunteered to serve in this capacity. However, they can then utilize other members to assist them when needed. Trustee Crouse stated the title of the Chapter is a concern to him and feels that it should be more specific. Clerk Potvin stated she modeled this law from ones adopted by other municipalities and this is the title that was used, noted the Chapter could be expanded in the future, if needed, to cover other emergency-like issues.

**IV. Department/Board Member Comments:** There were no comments received.

**V. Public Comment:**

Matt Higgins stated he feels the price being paid for the emergency communication system is too high and would have liked to see the Town and Village utilize the system that the school district has. Mayor Queenan stated the schools system was looked into but the CodeRed system is more robust and fits our needs better. He noted that one of the biggest complaints received during the recent hurricane was that the residents felt there was a lack of communication from the government about shelters and other services made available. He also noted that other systems were looked into for price comparisons and CodeRed offered the most for the money and received the best references. Regarding the litigation brought against the Village by the Village of Kiryas Joel, Mr. Higgins asked if the Village was countersuing and Mayor Queenan stated it was not. Mr. Higgins stated he feels the lawsuit defames the character of the Village and Mayor Queenan stated he has been advised that the Village cannot comment on the issue since it is being litigated.

Ben Meyers stated County Legislator Roxanne Donnery appeared at the January 19 Town Board meeting and informed the Board of the efforts she has undertaken to help get the Route 32/17/87 corridor project moved back to a 2013 start date. He asked if the Village was working to have this project begin as originally planned as well. Mayor Queenan stated, although he disagrees with the final proposal, he has been working with other representatives on the issue. He noted that he was informed by the NYS Thruway Authority that the plan is the best one that will protect Interstate 87, noting that they would rather have the cars backed up onto 32 than the Thruway. When US Senator Charles Schumer held his press conference here last week, he stated our State representatives should be pushed to move the project along, noting the funds are available but projects needs to be prioritized for the spending. He stressed the Village and Town are working very closely on the issue and would also like to see other municipalities get involved since it is a regional issue. Mr. Meyers suggested that if the synchronization of the lights were corrected, the current traffic patterns would improve greatly. Mayor Queenan stated he agrees but has been told by the regional representative from the DOT that the lights are synced correctly. Mr. Meyers suggested contacting a higher authority within the DOT to see what could be done and Mayor Queenan stated he would do so.

**VI. Adjournment:**

With no further comments received or business to discuss, a motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Egan, to adjourn the meeting at 8PM.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4      Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Sutz  
                     NOES    0

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk