

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on August 15, 2019 at 7:30PM

**Present:** Frank Palermo, Supervisor  
Timothy Arone, Jacqueline Hernandez and Robert Hunter, Council  
**Absent:** Michael Essig, Council  
**Also Present:** Joseph McKay and Richard Mahon, Attorneys for the Town; Kevin Watson, Police Chief;  
Charles Tausk, SRO; Joseph Gianzero, Parks Director; Sandra Capriglione, Village  
Planning Board, Willa Frieband, Parks Commissioner

**Pledge of Allegiance Led by Tyler Lane, Junior Deputy Supervisor**

**Presentation for Recognition and Accomplishment; Violette Kline:**

The New York Attorney General's Office has a Triple C Award program to recognize the courage, character and commitment of New York State's outstanding students. The award was established to honor student displaying leadership skills and/or overcoming personal obstacles. Violette Kline is a recipient of this award this year. Supervisor Palermo presented Violette with a certificate.

**Presentation for Appreciation and Recognition; Jared Bouachri:**

For his Eagle Scout project, Jared Bouachri choose to assist the Town and County with the erection of the kiosk regarding the Moodna Watershed Council at Earl's Reservoir. Councilwoman Hernandez presented Jared with a certificate.

**Presentation of 20th Anniversary Recognition; Kristine Porcu and Elizabeth Vetere**

Kristine Porcu and Elizabeth Vetere were presented with certificates by Director Gianzero for twenty years of service to Woodbury in the Parks Department. He noted 20 years ago Camp Rez was created and during that time about 6000 kids were enrolled and many counselors employed, but the one constant was Kristine and Elizabeth.

**I. Public Input:**

Sandra Capriglione asked if the Board has any plans for the Gasho property and Supervisor Palermo stated he does not. Money was expended to repair the access road for the property since it is owned by the Town and the Town's responsibility to maintain it. Mrs. Capriglione then stated at the July meeting the Board approved spending \$3500 for beaver removal and if that was done on Town property. Supervisor Palermo stated no it was done by Bond Street and the Village is actually responsible for the maintenance of the wall there. Mrs. Capriglione said the invoice was for \$4400 and Supervisor Palermo stated more work was needed then what was expected (repairs were needed). Mrs. Capriglione then asked about the estimate for the pool and how long that would be bonded for and Supervisor Palermo stated it would be for fifteen years. Mrs. Capriglione then asked about the contract for the SRO's. Supervisor Palermo stated the agreement with the school involving the full-time SRO runs January thru December to coincide with the PBA contract. The agreement for the part-timers runs July 1 - June 30 and is for two years.

Susan Ciriello asked if the Board can provide a dollar amount for the legal fees for the litigation against the Village. Supervisor Palermo stated the Town has created a dedicated line-item for this charge (A1420.414) and year-to-date has spent \$63,005. Mrs. Ciriello stated she has FOILED the invoices and conducted an analysis. Since the litigation began she estimates the Town has spent about \$130,000 (she offered to provide Supervisor Palermo with a copy of her analysis). She asked if there was a cap placed on the cost of this litigation. Supervisor Palermo stated one was not and Councilwoman

Hernandez added it is very difficult to put a cap on something that is ongoing and involves investigation. She noted the Board is concerned about spending taxpayer money and they try to be frugal. She noted the Town has made public their position on this litigation and why they choose to pursue it. Since an agreement has not been met the judge has ruled the case needs to either proceed or be dropped. Supervisor Palermo added tonight the Board will be meeting to discuss this issue. The depositions have been completed and he believes a lot of information will be made public. He noted the Board is not afraid of it. Mrs. Ciriello asked what is the gain at the end of the day to the taxpayers and Supervisor Palermo stated what was done was done wrong, which was admitted by those people under oath.

Maria Hunter thanked the Town Board and the School District for working together to acquire additional SRO officers so that parents can be put at ease and everyone can be comfortable in the school district.

## **II. Administrative Business:**

### **a. Acceptance of Minutes:**

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held August 1, 2019.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
                     NOES    0

### **b. Approval of Abstract:**

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve revised Abstract 15 by voiding voucher 20191258 (check #21266) in the amount of \$465. This reduces the abstract total to be \$444,484.36.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
                     NOES    0

Motion was then offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve Abstract 16 containing vouchers 20191336 - 20191408 and totaling \$370,566.88.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
                     NOES    0

### **c. Budget Modification:**

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve modifications to the 2019 of the following departments:

- Animal Control - increasing A3510.200 (Animal Control Equipment) by \$651 and decreasing A1620.467 (Animal Shelter Maintenance) by \$651;
- Parks Department - increasing A7110.433 (Ticket Issue/Printing) by \$31 and decreasing A7110.431 (Summer Supplies) by \$31

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
                     NOES    0

## **III. New Business:**

### **a. Review/Approve Audit Cable Franchise Agreement:**

Supervisor Palermo stated his issue was discussed at the last meeting. Attorney McKay has reviewed the contract and sees no issues. Motion was offered by Councilman Hunter, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Municipal Audit Services LLC for them to review the cable franchise agreement to uncover errors in reporting and/or

under payment of fees due to the Town. They will earn a fee of 45% of any amounts that are recovered pertaining to prior period reporting. There is no fee for this service if no historical revenue is recovered.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
NOES 0

**b. Appointment of School Resources Officers:**

The oath of office was administered by Clerk Potvin. After which, a motion was offered by Supervisor Palermo, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to appoint the following individuals as part-time School Resource Officers (20 hours per week, not to exceed 1040 hours a year - hourly rate of \$31.5947) effective August 12, 2019: John Bourke, Edward Hughes (pending Civil Service approval), Shawna Mundy-Chaluisan, Tanya Navarro (pending Civil Service approval), Daniel Schwartz.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
NOES 0

**EXTRA ITEM - Repairs to Roof/Downspouts at Historical Library:**

Motion was offered by Councilman Arone, seconded by Councilwoman Hernandez, to authorize the Supervisor to sign two proposals received from Precision Roofing as follows:

- \$1450.00 replacement of downspout - remove existing downspouts and dispose of it, install new brown aluminum downspout, remove all debris
- \$4,500.00 roof repair and gutter replacement - replace two missing tiles and secure any loose tiles, remove existing gutter and dispose of it, replace fascia boards, install new brown gutters, remove all debris

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
NOES 0

**IV. Department Reports:**

**a. Supervisor's Report:**

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hunter, to approve the Supervisor's Report for July 2019 with receipts totaling \$807,489.69 and disbursements totaling \$1,184,603.44.

**ADOPTED** AYES 4 Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter  
NOES 0

- b. Town Clerks Report - July 2019
- c. Building & Grounds - July 2019
- d. ACO Report - July 2019
- e. Police/Communications Report - July 2019
- f. Beautification Committee Minutes - August 1, 2019
- g. Library - July 23, 2019
- h. Parks & Recreation – no meeting in July
- i. Budget vs. Actual - July 2019

**V. Board Meeting Comments:**

Councilwoman Hernandez asked that all drive carefully and to not speed on Route 32. She feels that there is a lot of speeding occurring on Route 32, noted a truck crossed over the double-line this evening that she witnessed.

Councilman Hunter congratulated all the new SRO's that were appointed this evening.

Director Gianzero stated about 400 people attended the pool blast last week and everyone had a great day. This weekend is field day at the pool and the fireman hose down.

Chief Watson thanked the Town Board for their cooperation in streamlining the SRO positions and the school for funding them. He feels this is a win-win for the community and school district.

Supervisor Palermo announced paving on Route 32 from Bond Street to Timber Trail will begin next week and should be completed by September 1. He thanked Senator Skoufis for working hard to get this project done. Councilman Arone reminded everyone about the traffic to be expected during Labor Day.

**VI. Adjournment:**

With no further business to conduct, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Arone, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

<b>ADOPTED</b>	AYES	4	Palermo, Arone, Hernandez, Hunter
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk