

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on March 22, 2011 at 7:30PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan, Thomas Flood and David Sutz, Trustees

Absent: None

Also Present: Dennis Lynch, Attorney for the Village; Stuart Turner and Kristen O'Donnell, Village Planners; Pat Prozzillo, Second Assistant Fire Chief; Michael Kling, Fire Department Clerk; Maria Hunter and Sheila Conroy, Planning Board; James Skoufis, Town Councilman

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 March 8, 2011.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Egan, to approve Abstract 20, Vouchers #20101279 - #20101354, totaling \$74,652.55.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
NOES 0

c. Fire Department Equipment Requisition:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to approve Fire Department Requisition 2011-08 totaling \$6,837.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
NOES 0

Chief Prozzillo explained that six members of the Department have been certified to be able to train other members in forcible entry drills. This door that will be purchased is a heavy-duty, fire-proof door that is reusable. It will be used for the forcible access training. Mayor Queenan stated he recently was given a tour of the firehouse and saw the training structures that they have created, including the bailout system.

d. Schedule Public Hearing - FY2011/12 Preliminary Budget:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to schedule a public hearing to be held on April 12, 2011 at 7:30PM to entertain public comments on the FY2011/12 Preliminary Budget.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Use of Building Request:

Motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to approve the request to use the building on May 7, 2011, 10AM – 5PM, by Fireman Christopher Burke.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Closing of Escrow Accounts:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to approve the closing of the following escrow accounts, as recommended by Planning Board Clerk Maria Rubio: D416 Boffardi, D424 Kimco/Woodbury Centre; D420 Rotenstreich.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
 NOES 0

II. Public Hearing:

a. Comprehensive Plan and Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement:

A public hearing was held to entertain public comments on the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) which has been prepared for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and associated draft zoning amendments/map. The public notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on March 8, 2011. Verbatim minutes of the comments received during the public hearing are printed on pages _____ - _____ of this minute book. Verbatim minutes also contain that the portion of the hearing relating to the FGEIS was closed and written comments would be accepted for ten business days. The other portions (Comprehensive Plan, Introductory Local Laws 1 and 2 of 2010) were continued to the May 24, 2011 meeting.

The following comments were received during the public comment portion of the meeting but pertained to the topic of the public hearing and were not part of the verbatim minutes since the hearing was closed/continued prior to them being received:

Sheila Conroy asked that the ten business day written comment period be clearly defined. She was informed that the comments must be received by close of business (4PM) on April 5. They can either be submitted in person to the Town Clerk's Office, mailed, faxed or emailed.

Robin Crouse asked how the Board can close a portion of the public hearing and keep other portions open if it was noticed as one public hearing. Attorney Lynch stated the Board has the discretion to close or keep open any portion of a public hearing that they deem necessary.

Robert Lane, Director of Design for Regional Planning Associates, spoke regarding the Transit Orient Development (TOD) plan. Regional Planning Associates, a not-for-profit organization, was contracted with by the Villages of Harriman and Woodbury, and the Town of Monroe, to create the TOD as part of a planning grant that was obtained through the County's Planning Department. It has been worked on for the past several years and he acknowledged Planners Turner and O'Donnell for their excellent job on the plan. He stressed that it is a complex issue to develop a mixed use area and acknowledged that MetroNorth/MTA are very excited about the plan being by the train station. Trustee Flood explained in detail the vision of the TOD plan and Trustee Crouse noted that it originated from the Southeast Orange County Transportation Task Force.

Sheila Conroy spoke again and explained what "workforce housing" means as it relates to the planned TOD. She believes it is important to encourage professional people to stay in our community.

Holly Haff, representative from MetroNorth, congratulated the Village Board for addressing housing for young adults and seniors as part of their vision.

David Church, Commissioner of Orange County Planning Department, stated he appreciated the positive initiatives taken by the Village Board.

III. Board Member/Department Comments:

Trustee Flood thanked the residents that voted at the March 15 General Election. He also noted that he believes the Village Board should do all it can to keep businesses and thanked the members of the Comprehensive Plan committee for helping to shape the vision for our community.

Mayor Queenan stated he was disappointed with the voter turnout. He then reminded motorists that the nicer weather will be coming and more people will be outside walking and playing.

He asked that they use caution when driving and slow down where necessary. Trustee Flood stated he feels that the Board should look into lowering the speed limit in developments to either 20 or 25MPH like is done in adjacent Villages.

IV. Public Comment:

Tanya Adair, representing Woodbury Development, stated they are looking forward to working with the community to establish the TOD for her client.

Councilman Skoufis congratulated the members of the Board on their re-election. He then stated he feels the TOD is a great idea and hopes it comes quickly as it will be exciting for the young adults in the community. He then announced that the 2nd Annual Woodbury Spring Clean Day is scheduled for May 7 at 10AM and will kick-off at the Smith Clove Elementary School.

Ben Meyers also congratulated the re-elected members of the Board and stated he also felt that the voter turnout was dismal. He thanked Mayor Queenan for addressing the speeding issue as well.

V. Adjournment:

With no further comments received or business to discuss, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk