

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on March 27, 2014 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan, Thomas Flood and David Sutz, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Maria Hunter, Planning Board Chairman; Robert Hunter, Town Councilman; Karen Ungerer, Zoning Board

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 13, 2014.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to approve Abstract 20 containing vouchers 131263 – 131319 and totaling \$128,150.31.

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

c. Fire Department Equipment Requisitions:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to approve Fire Department Equipment Requisition 2014-07 totaling approximately \$621 for the purchase of nameplates for turnout gear and Requisition 2014-08 totaling approximately \$13,567.84 for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

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

d. Closure of Escrow:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to approve the closure of escrow S260 and the returning of funds. Confirmation was received this afternoon, from the Building Inspector that everything has been settled.

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

e. Schedule Informational Meeting – Casino’s:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to schedule an informational meeting to be held on April 1, 2014 at 7PM at the Monroe-Woodbury High School. This informational session will be for the public to hear from one of the corporations that would like to construct a casino in Woodbury.

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

II. Old Business:

a. MS4 Draft Annual Report on Website:

Mayor Queenan stated the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit procedures require the Village, as an operator of a regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

(MS4), file an Annual Report to continue to maintain permit coverage. A draft of the Annual Report for 2014 has been posted to the Village's website for inspection and comment. The report complies with the DEC mandatory format. The final report will be filed with the State prior to the deadline of June 1, 2014.

III. New Business:

a. Resolution – Cede Control of Elections to County:

Mayor Queenan read a letter that was printed in the Woodbury Gazette sent by Ralph Caruso, Chairman of the "Citizens for the Preservation of Woodbury" organization entitled "Request to Change Election Date". The Mayor also stated that after receiving this request from the Chairman the Village Board looked into this matter, and voted against changing the Village Election to November. The Mayor stated he understood that by moving the election to November would increase voter turnout. The Mayor also stated that by moving the election would save tax payers money, since each Village election costs about \$1,500.00. The Mayor stated that the Board did not approve of this change the last time because they felt it was "premature" and the case that the Citizens for the Preservation of Woodbury did not have a fair and balanced representation of the facts. The Mayor ended his statement that he can't deny voter turnout has been dismal, but he wants to make decisions based on factual data and not the spin of a political organization looking for access and control. Trustee Sutz stated that there was a lot of credibility with what the Mayor said, and initially the board looked at moving the election to November, but they came to the conclusion that the Village would get "lost in the shuffle" of a General Election. Trustee Crouse contacted NYCOM and received information from their general council. NYCOM stated that there would be greater turnout, but most people who show up for a general election are knowledgeable about the Presidential candidates down to the state assembly candidates and not the small government candidates. Trustee Flood agreed with Trustee Sutz, that the Village would get "lost in the shuffle". He also stated that adding the village to the general election would not be fair to the smaller political parties. Trustee Egan questioned how partisan politics would affect the village vote, and the village would be listed on the bottom right hand corner of the ballot, giving the Republican/Democratic parties the advantage. He stated that he wants to wait and get more information on the topic before he makes up his mind.

Motion was then offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Flood, to change the date of the village election to the date of the general November election and to cede control of said election to the county Board of Elections. This action is subject to a permissive referendum.

ADOPTED	AYES	0	
	NOES	4	Crouse, Egan, Flood, Sutz
	ABSTAIN	1	Queenan

b. Advertise for Bids – Vehicle for Water/Sewer Department:

Motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of a 2014 RAM 2500 for the Water/Sewer Department. This new vehicle will replace an existing 2006 utility truck that will be sold at auction.

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

c. Resolution – Acceptance of Easements – Larissa Prince:

Motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to authorize the Mayor to sign the documents relating to the drainage/maintenance easement and offer of dedication of a portion of Valley Avenue right-of-way runs (from the centerline of Valley Avenue back 25' toward property owned by Larissa Prince (Tax Map 230-8-3.1 and 3.2).

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

EXTRA ITEM – Receipt of FY2014/2015 Preliminary Budget:

Mayor Queenan noted that the FY2014/2015 preliminary budget has been received. He reminded the Board that the public hearing has been scheduled to be held on April 10, 2014 at 7PM.

IV. Public Comment:

Karen Ungerer had two questions for the Village board, one being if the Village decides to go forward with the casinos, would it involve the public, the Mayor responded with yes, it would be stated at a Village Board Meeting. The Second question involved the Comprehensive plan and that Judge Nickoli voided the plan. Mrs. Ungerer wanted to know what the Villages intentions were regarding this issue. The Mayor informed her that the Village was already in the process of appealing it.

Ralph Caruso, Chairman of the Citizens of Woodbury, stated that he was disappointed with the Mayors personal attacks, and that his organization was here to help the community. He also stated that November is the political voting season, and that he is going to file a petition to get the election changed to November. This will give the people the opportunity to choose whether or not they want to vote in the general election. Trustee Sutz wanted to reiterate the fact that just because you have numbers, doesn't mean anything. The people that vote help shape the community. Those are the people that care. Trustee Egan is curious to see who is interested in this issue, and would like to see this on the ballot in June. Mayor Queenan wanted to point out that there was no "name calling, or personal attacks" he just wanted to state that the letter was misleading.

V. Board Member/Department Comment:

Mayor Queenan announced that the Woodbury Lions Club and the Central Valley United Methodist Church will be cohosting their 6th Annual Community Breakfast on April 12, 2014, 8am-11am at the church on Smith Clove Road. Breakfast is free and they are requesting that individuals bring cans of food with them to support the Highland Mills Methodist Church food pantry. The Mayor also wants to encourage anyone that's interested in signing up for Relay for life, to go to their website www.relayforlife.org. Monroe Woodbury School District is Hosting the Event in June.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.

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

Jessica McClennan, Deputy Village Clerk