

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held on September 22, 2022 at 7:30PM

Present: Andrew Giacomazza, Mayor
Tara Burek, Victor Ferrarelli and Christopher Graziano, Trustees
Susan Ciriello, Trustee (virtually)

Absent: None

Also Present: Kelly Naughton, Attorney for the Village; Robert Weyant, Village Streets Supervisor;
Michael Panella, Building Inspector; Jessica McClennan, Deputy Village Clerk

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: *No public comments were received.*

Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Graziano, seconded by Trustee Burek, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held September 8, 2022.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Ferrarelli, seconded by Trustee Burek, to approve Abstract 7 containing vouchers 220584 – 220677 and totaling \$279,587.10.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
NOES 0

c. Fire Department Equipment Request(s):

Motion was offered by Trustee Burek, seconded by Trustee Ciriello, to approve Fire Department Equipment Request 2022-26 totaling approximately \$9547 for the purchase of pagers and batteries and Request 2022-27 totaling approximately \$4925 for the purchase of fast pack and scot bottle.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
NOES 0

d. Budget Modification – Building Department:

Motion was offered by Trustee Ferrarelli, seconded by Mayor Giacomazza, to approve a modification to the budget of the Building Department by increasing A3620.463 (Computer Software) by \$250 and decreasing A3620.411 (Office Supplies) by \$250.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
NOES 0

Old Business: *There was no old business to discuss.*

New Business:

a. Join PFAs Class Action/Authorize Mayor to Sign Any/All Documents Relating:

Mayor Giacomazza stated since the 1960s, manufacturers have used harmful perfluorochemicals (PFCs) in a variety of products, including firefighting foam. This foam is used all around the country to put out fires and, more often, for training purposes to prepare for emergencies. Manufacturers have volunteered to phase out using PFCs several years ago, but legacy contamination continues to be found in drinking water systems. A Multidistrict Litigation has been created and the

Village of Woodbury will be joining this class action suit. Motion was offered by Trustee Graziano, seconded by Trustee Ferrarelli, to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to join this class action.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
 NOES 0

b. Resolution – Multi-Model Program Project:

Motion was offered by Mayor Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Burek, to adopt the following resolution authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance of the State Multi-Model Program-aid (and State administered federal program-aid) eligible costs, of a capital project, and appropriating funds therefor:

WHEREAS a Project for the Installation of LED Crosswalk signs with solar power PIN 8MA554.30A (the Project") is eligible for funding [under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended], and New York State's Multi-Modal Program administered by the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and

WHEREAS the of Village of Woodbury desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of advance funding of the non-local share and funding of the full local share of the costs of the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE that the Village Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Clerk/Treasurer of Village of Woodbury to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Construction/ Other work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED that the sum of \$54,600 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Village of Woodbury Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Village Mayor thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Village Streets Superintendent of the Village of Woodbury be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Multi-Modal Program Funding on behalf of the Village of Woodbury with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and all Project costs that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project. and it is further

RESOLVED that a Certified Copy of this Resolution be filed with the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York by attaching it to any required and/or appropriate Agreements executed in connection with the project between and the State of New York; and it is further

RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
 NOES 0

c. Appointment of Additional Engineers for Various Projects:

Motion was offered by Trustee Ciriello, seconded by Trustee Burek, to engage the services of Hoffman Engineering for the project involving the maintenance and repairs of tanks throughout the Village.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
 NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Trustee Burek, seconded by Trustee Ferrarelli, to engage the services of MHE Engineering for the project involving the comminutors for Country Crossings.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
 NOES 0

d. Approval of Proposal – Geotechnical Investigation – Ridge Road Bridge Repair:

Motion was offered by Trustee Graziano, seconded by Trustee Burek, to engage the services of Carlin Simpson & Associates, LLC, to do a geotechnical investigation and soil borings to support the structural design for repairs to the Ridge Road bridge.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
 NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM – Installation of Smart Covers for Remote Sewer Monitoring:

Motion was offered by Trustee Graziano, seconded by Trustee Burek, to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal for the installation of smart covers for remote sewer monitoring from SmartCover totaling \$27,690.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
 NOES 0

Public Comment:

Edward Cleary asked about the snow/ice removal of the sidewalk that runs on Timber Trail. When the sidewalk was installed, there was an agreement that the Town would install them, and the Timber Ridge Phase 1 and 2 HOA would do the snow/ice maintenance. Since then, the commercial building and another development has been constructed so he feels the Timber Ridge HOA should no longer be responsible for the financial burden. Superintendent Weyant stated the Village does not do snow removal on sidewalks as it does not have the equipment to do so. It was also noted the Town only does the sidewalks on Route 32 (for the State), and a portion of Smith Clove and Dunderberg Roads for the students that walk to work. Otherwise, property owners adjacent to sidewalks are responsible for the snow/ice maintenance. Mr. Cleary then asked that streetlights be erected along Timber Trail as none exist in Phase 2 or 3. Clerk Potvin stated the only way to add streetlights is if there are existing utility poles in this location, which Mr. Cleary did not think there were. Mr. Cleary then asked about a grant for reforestation and Mayor Giacomazza stated the grant writer is looking into it. Trustee Burek stated the Village would most likely only be able to do this on Village owned property though. Reforestation on private property would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Ray Torres stated the Police Department will not respond to his development (Highland Lakes Estates) and he requested the Village Board help this community since the Town Board has not. This has been an ongoing issue for over two years. When there is a need to call the police, dispatchers inform the caller they need to call the State Police instead. There is a civil lawsuit between the HOA and the Police Department, but he feels this should not preclude the Police from doing their jobs, which the residents of the development pay for in their taxes. Trustee Graziano, who also lives in the development, stated he has offered to act as a facilitator between the concerned parties, but the Supervisor has not

responded to this offer. Mayor Giacomazza stated he will reach out the Supervisor and also suggested the residents attend the next Town Board meeting to stress their concerns. Mr. Torres then asked for an update on the Ridge Road bridge. Mayor Giacomazza stated options are being looked into, including the construction of a temporary bridge until approvals from the DEC are received. The process is moving as quickly as possible. He offered to attend the next HOA meeting to provide an update to the community.

Dionne Olamiju stated the lack of police response for her development she feels is a safety issue. About a year ago she had a medical issue, and her daughter called the Police Department to conduct a welfare check. The dispatcher told her to call the State Police. There are communities in the country that have disputes with Police Departments, but they still respond to calls. She feels this is an urgent matter that needs to be rectified.

Board Member/Department Comment:

The Board collectively thanked Senator Skoufis for the \$250,000 grant he awarded the Central Valley Firehouse. The Board also collectively stated they will do whatever they can to help resolve the issue being experienced in the Highland Lake Estates development relating to the Town Police Department.

Trustee Graziano stated he has heard all the comments made this evening and agrees the issue at Highland Lake Estates is now getting silly. The issue is not under the Village purview, but he will do whatever he can to assist.

Trustee Ferrarelli thanked all for attending this evening. He noted, even though we have experienced some rain recently, the Village is still in a full water restriction since the supply has not been sufficiently replenished.

Trustee Burek thanked the residents that spoke this evening for articulating their concerns.

Mayor Giacomazza noted since he became Mayor Senator Skoufis has provided the Village almost \$430,000 in grant funds, and he has asked his assistance with water grants. He thanked the Fire Department for the 9/11 ceremony they held earlier this month. He also congratulated Councilman Finnegan on his recent marriage and being promoted to the position of Lieutenant in the Fire Department. He then noted some upcoming events this weekend. He also addressed comments that were made on social media accusing the Village Board of having a lack of transparency regarding the special election held earlier this month. He feels the Board has done everything it can to be transparent and listed the ways they have done so.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Graziano, seconded by Trustee Burek, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM.

ADOPTED	AYES	5	Giacomazza, Burek, Ciriello, Ferrarelli, Graziano
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk