

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on October 10, 2013 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor

Neil Crouse, Thomas Flood and David Sutz, Trustees

Absent: Timothy Egan, Trustee

Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent; Pat Prozzillo, Fire Chief

### **I. Administrative Business:**

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

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 26, 2013.

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

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

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to approve Abstract 9 containing Vouchers 130531 – 130578 and totaling \$78,342.93.

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

#### **c. Fire Department Membership Application:**

Motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Flood, to accept the application for membership to the Highland Mills Fire Company received from Michael Weinert.

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

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

### **III. New Business:**

#### **a. Resolution – Opposing Closing of St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital:**

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to adopt the following resolution prepared by Assemblyman James Skoufis in relation to the application made by St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital to close their Emergency Room twelve hours per day:

**WHEREAS**, since 1931 Cornwall has had a hospital that has served the Towns of Blooming Grove, Highlands, New Windsor and Woodbury as well as the Town of Cornwall; and

**WHEREAS**, 10 years ago St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital spent \$4.2 million to expand and upgrade the emergency department on the Cornwall campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the ambulance services in Blooming Grove, Cornwall, Highlands, New Windsor and Woodbury prefer to keep the Cornwall emergency room open; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Woodbury supports maintaining a 24-hour emergency department service on the Cornwall campus of St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital for the health and well-being of the residents of the Towns of Blooming Grove, Cornwall, Highlands, New Windsor and Woodbury; and

**WHEREAS**, there was no communication by St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital with the affected communities, elected officials or emergency responders leading up to their decision to request a reduction in emergency department hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned communities, elected officials, and emergency responders only learned of St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital’s decision via a press release from the hospital dated September 9, 2013, after months of internal discussion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Village of Woodbury requests that at the October meeting of the Trustees of St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital they withdraw their request to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to reduce the hours of operation of its Emergency Department at the Cornwall campus to 12 hours a day; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Village of Woodbury requests that the Trustees of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, after withdrawing their request to the DOH, work with the affected communities, elected officials, and emergency responders towards finding an alternate solution to reducing emergency department hours.

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

It was noted that copies of this resolution will be sent to the Trustees of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, CEO Allan Atzrott, President Robert Ross, NYS Health Commissioner Nirav Shah, NYS Department of Health Public Health and Health Planning Council, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator William Larkin and Assemblyman James Skoufis.

**b. Authorize Mayor to Sign – Transfer of Property:**

Motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary paperwork to have property that was transferred by action of law when the Village was incorporated from the Woodbury Fire District's name into the Village's name.

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

**c. Liquor License Application – Lisa Benvenuto Morales:**

Notice was received on October 8, 2013 that Lisa Benvenuto Morales, President, (presumably of Mario's Restaurant but this name does not appear on the notice) is applying for a liquor license from the NYS Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control State Liquor Authority. Mayor Queenan stated a letter was sent to the Police Department to determine if there is any reason why the Village should object to this application being approved and they stated there have been no significant incidents that would prohibit the application. Therefore, Village Clerk Potvin was instructed to send a letter to the State Liquor Authority indicating the Village Board has no objection to the application.

**EXTRA ITEM – Rescheduling of November 28 Meeting:**

Trustee Sutz noted that the November 28 regular meeting falls on Thanksgiving and would need to be changed. The Board tentatively rescheduled to meeting to November 25 at 7PM noting that a limited agenda would be planned. Board members will review their schedules and a decision will be formerly made at the next meeting.

**IV. Board Member/Department Comment:**

Trustee Flood asked if there was an update on his discussion at the last meeting about the off-site employee parking for Woodbury Common. Mayor Queenan stated a follow-up meeting with Woodbury Common has not been scheduled yet. Trustee Flood stated he is concerned about the safety of these individuals. Mayor Queenan stated he will follow-up to see what, if anything, can be done.

Chief Prozzillo announced that the County recognized some of our firefighters that attended the Firefighter 1 class for scoring very high. In addition, the Fire Department won two trophies at the recent County parade.

**V. Public Comment**                               *There was no public comment received.*

**VI. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Sutz, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk