

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on January 8, 2015 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan, Thomas Flood and David Sutz, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Michael Phillips, Water/Sewer Administrator; Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent

I. Public Hearing:

a. Offer of Dedication – Summit Avenue Pump Station:

A public hearing was held to entertain public comments on the offer of dedication by Summit Avenue Properties II, LLC to convey certain improvements to the Village Board, including pumps, pipes, valves and fittings, as well as related equipment, and associated appurtenances installed on the Village of Woodbury property located at the Pump Station off of Summit Avenue and all other related action authorized by law. The public notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on December 31, 2014 and the following comments were received:

Clerk Potvin noted that a report was requested from Engineer Lindsay and the Water Department earlier this week. A request was received to continue the hearing so that a complete and accurate report could be submitted. It was also noted that original documents have not been submitted, only photocopied ones.

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to continue the hearing to the February 12, 2015 meeting.

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

II. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Egan, to accept the minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2014.

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

Motion was then offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to accept the minutes of the meeting held December 18, 2014.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approve Abstract 14 containing Vouchers 140997 – 141036 and totaling \$78,067.63.

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

c. Fire Department Equipment Requisition:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to approve Fire Department Equipment Requisition 2015-01 totaling approximately \$1039.00 for the purchase of two Badger Class D Extinguishers.

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

d. Use of Building Request:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Sutz, to approve the request received from the John P Burke Memorial Fund Committee to use the meeting room/kitchen on February 1, 2015 to hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser.

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

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

IV. New Business:

a. Resolution – Opposition to O&R Rate Increase:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to adopt the following resolution opposing Orange & Rockland’s request to the Public Service Commission to increase their rates:

WHEREAS, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc., (hereinafter “O&R”), as a subsidiary of an investor-owned company, must demonstrate profitability to its shareholder; and

WHEREAS, O&R must very occasionally request from the Public Service Commission (hereinafter “PSC”) rate increases in order to sustain said profitability in light of increasing government fees, increasing property taxes, expanding services, inflation, and other variables; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Woodbury Board of Trustees believes that a 6% increase to electric delivery and an 18% increase natural gas delivery is excessive given the financial hardship that many of Woodbury’s ratepayers presently face; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Woodbury Board of Trustees believes that O&R can meet its financial responsibility to its shareholder with a far lower rate increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Village of Woodbury Board of Trustees to oppose the O&R rate increase as it presently stands and urges the PSC to limit any increase to a more reasonable and sensitive level; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the Secretary of the NYS Public Service Commission, Assemblyman James Skoufis, Senator William Larkin and the President of the Orange County Association of Towns/Cities/Villages.

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

V. Public Comment:

John Smith asked if the issue regarding the Summit Avenue Properties offer of dedication had been discussed prior to this meeting. Mayor Queenan stated it was done when the project was before the Planning Board. One of the requirements imposed was the dedication of this pump station. Mr. Smith then asked if any Board members would be attending the January 21 Planning Board and speaking against the Highland Sand & Gravel application. Trustee Crouse stated he has attended each Zoning Board and Planning Board meeting for the past six months when this issue has been scheduled. Mayor Queenan stated that the attorney has advised the Board that it would be inappropriate to speak at a Planning Board meeting or try to influence them. Doing so could be used against the village should any litigation be pursued. Mr. Smith asked if there was any litigation currently and Mayor Queenan stated there was not.

Robin Crouse stated she feels Channel 22 is a wonderful service to the community but she feels the microphones used are horrible and need to be upgraded. It is very difficult, and sometimes not

possible, to here Board members on the playback. Mayor Queenan stated he agrees it has been a problem for some time. Technicians have been in to look at the equipment and we have been told that it is in proper working order. The solution is that individuals need to speak directly into the microphones. However, he will note the issue again to the Town.

VI. Board Member/Department Comment:

Mayor Queenan stated there was a presentation the other night at the Senior Center titled “A Village Apart – The Satmar of Kiryas Joel: A Historical and Cultural Perspective”. The speaker was Town of Warwick Historian Richard Hull, who is also a professor at New York University. At one point during the presentation it was mentioned about the voting block that exists in Kiryas Joel. He stressed again that Woodbury residents need to register to vote and exercise their right. This is the only way to show the County, State and Federal government that we need to have our needs addressed equally.

VII. Adjournment:

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

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

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk