

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Village Hall on April 13, 2017 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan and Thomas Flood, Trustees
Absent: Anthony Mickolajczyk, Trustee
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent; Michael Phillips, Water/Sewer Administrator; John Jones, Fire Chief; Pasquale Prozzillo, First Assistant Fire Chief; Jessica McClennan, Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer; Sandra Capriglione and Maria Hunter, Planning Board; John Smith, Town Parks Commissioner;

I. Public Hearing:

a. Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget:

A public hearing was held to entertain public comments on the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget. Salaries of elected officials are proposed as follows: Mayor \$20,000; Trustees (4) \$4500. The public notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on April 5, 2017 and the following comments were received:

Mayor Queenan stated he feels the budget presented this evening is a sound and responsible one. He thanked all Department Heads for submitting responsible budget estimates and working to keep the levy as low as possible. He noted the Village was able to stay under the tax cap this year and each tax levy had a decrease. The Village is continuing to fund reserves for replacement programs for fire apparatus, as well as starting to budget for Highway Equipment/Road Improvement Fund reserves.

John Smith asked if there should be a military exemption listed in the exemption report and he was told the report is prepared by the Town Assessor's office.

Trustee Crouse complimented and thanked all the departments. He felt they were very professional and realistic in their budget submissions. He thanked Clerk Potvin for her work on the budget as well and feels the budget reflects what is needed.

With no further comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to close the public hearing.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to adopt the FY2017/2018 budget.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL AS FOLLOWS:

Mayor Queenan	AYES
Trustee Crouse	AYES
Trustee Egan	AYES
Trustee Flood	AYES
Trustee Mickolajczyk	ABSENT

The budget is printed at the end of these minutes.

II. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 2017.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to approve Abstract 21 containing vouchers 161843 - 161986 and totaling \$230,613.91.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
 NOES 0

c. Accept Slate of Officers – Fire Department Chiefs:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approve the following slate of officers for the Woodbury Fire Department effective April 7, 2017: John Jones, Fire Chief; Pasquale “Pat” Prozzillo, First Assistant Chief; Christopher Burke, Second Assistant Chief.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
 NOES 0

The Oath of Office was administered to each individual present this evening. Mayor Queenan noted Daniel Ward was elected as Captain of the Highland Mills Fire Company and Edward Hoffman was elected as Captain of Central Valley Fire Company.

d. Schedule Interviews – Vacancies on Various Boards:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to schedule a special meeting to be held on May 1, 2017 at 7PM at Village Hall to conduct interviews for one seat on the Planning Board and one seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
 NOES 0

e. Fire Department Equipment Request:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Egan, to approve Fire Department Equipment Request 2017-02 totaling approximately \$90.98 for the purchase of a helmet shield; 2017-04 totaling approximately \$2632.30 for the purchase of helmet shields, hand lights, gas meters and vehicle chargers.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
 NOES 0

Fire Equipment Request 2017-03 totaling approximately \$9885.60 for the purchase of office furniture for the Fire Chief and the Highland Mills Captain/Lieutenants was tabled until more information is obtained.

f. Summer Hours – Various Employees:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to establish the following summer hours:

Highway Union Employees: 05/08-10/06/2017 – Mon-Thurs 6AM-3PM, Fri 6AM-10AM

Building Department/Village Hall: 05/29-09/01/2017 – Mon-Thurs 8AM-5PM, Fri 8AM-Noon

Highway Non-Union: 05/08-10/06/2017 – Tues-Fri 7AM-5PM, Closed Monday

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
 NOES 0

g. Fire Department Membership:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Egan, to approve for membership to the Highland Mills Fire Company Brandon Siezckowski as an active member.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
 NOES 0

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

IV. New Business:

a. Schedule Public Hearing – Solar Generating Facilities Local Law:

This item was tabled until a future meeting as we are waiting for additional comments from our consultants.

b. Zone Change Request – Dunderberg Ventures:

Correspondence was received from Robert Knoebel, attorney representing Jacob Lieberman/Dunderberg Ventures, for a zoning change request on property known on the tap map as Section 225, Block 1, Lot 17 & 18 (strip of land located on the south side of Nininger Road between Nininger Road and the ramp accessing Route 17 west/future I-86 from Route 6). The property is currently zoned as residential and they are requesting it be changed to office/professional to support a proposed use for professional offices. They feel this change will complement the Comprehensive Plan. They submitted a petition, SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form and posted an escrow (as required by the Village Code). Mayor Queenan noted the Village Board is being asked to entertain a zoning change request only, not whether this property can have a professional building, which would be the Planning Board to decide once/if an application is submitted. Planner Turner and Engineer Lindsay have reviewed all documents and have submitted their recommendations.

Planner Turner comments are (1) he feels the proposed zone change is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, noting that all the land north of the strip along Route 6-17 is largely residential; (2) this particular corridor is shown as very low density in the Comprehensive Plan; (3) traffic along this corridor appears to have been increasing and the plan is intended to restrict the increase, especially during peak hours; (4) the vision of the plan is to focus economic development in the hamlets and the primary interchange area, as well as limited areas along Route 32.

Engineer Lindsay provided a history of the property: (1) in 2003 a proposal was submitted to the Planning Board for a senior citizen housing overlay use - the Town Board determined it was unsuitable due to the property being too dense and the lack of water/sewer services; (2) in 2005 the property owner requested a workshop meeting with the Planning Board to discuss a proposed office complex - the Planning Board suggested the owner submit a formal application for denial/referral to the ZBA, file a petition with the Town Board for a zone change or take other action the owner deems appropriate; (3) in 2006 the applicant returned with the 2005 application and was referred to the ZBA for an office use application requiring a use and multiple area variances - he did not know if the ZBA heard the issue; (4) in 2007 the Village Board received a request for a zone change but no action was taken. He recommends the Board carefully review the impacts of this zone change noting concerns with parking, setbacks, landscaping/buffering, loading berths, hedge screening. He also noted some site plan issues that should be considered - water/sewer, access, stormwater management, lighting/landscaping, noise. He also noted some issues with the EAF provided.

Mayor Queenan stated he does not feel the property is ideal for improvements due to the water/sewer service. Trustee Egan stated he agrees and he also noted he is concerned about "spot zoning" which he strongly feels this will be considered. Trustee Crouse stated he agrees this could be considered "spot zoning" and agrees it is not suitable for any type of development. He shares the concerns raised by Planner Turner and feels this request should not be entertained. Trustee Flood stated he agrees the negatives are more than the positives noting he is concerned about the traffic as well. Trustee Egan added he feels the property is best served as a buffer between the two roadways.

Motion was then offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Flood, to not consider the zone change request submitted for the application known as Dunderberg Ventures.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood

NOES 0

EXTRA ITEM - Auction Results:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approve and accept the auction results as follows: 1991 International 4900 Garbage Truck \$4450; 2002 Ford F550 Cab/Chassis \$6800; two backhoe tires \$490; one backhoe tire \$260; one loader tire \$410; four recapped tires \$520; Snocrete 842SI Snow Blower \$4050.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to reject the auction bid received for \$11 for the purchase of 30 five-gallon buckets of Pioneer Products AFFF Fire Fighting Foam.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
NOES 0

Chief Prozzillo noted the expected bid would have been about \$115 per barrel, totaling \$3450.

V. Public Comment: *No comments were received.*

VI. Board Member/Department Comment:

Superintendent Weyant announced April 28 & 29 will be the Spring Electronic Drop-Off event; May 6 is Clean-Up day and May 13 will be Shredding event.

Administrator Phillips announced the Water Department will begin flushing hydrants on April 18 and will continue to do so until June 1. Flushing will occur Monday - Thursdays.

Trustee Flood noted an email was received from the Mayor of Village of Kiryas Joel about the clearing of trees in Woodbury Junction. He stressed the residents there are upset because a beautiful hillside was removed and what was done is possibly illegal. He feels they should show leadership and speak to the individuals about their wrongdoing. Mayor Queenan added the Village Board is continuing to work diligently to help the residents of Woodbury Junction.

Trustee Egan stated he is glad to see the ranks in the Fire Department are being filled with new, younger people. He also thanked former Fire Chief McClennan for the time he served.

VII. Executive Session:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to enter into an executive session to discuss one item relating to personnel within the Fire Department.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
NOES 0

VIII. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Egan, to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood
NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk