

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Village Hall on October 10, 2019 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Timothy Egan, Thomas Flood, Andrew Giacomazza, Jesus Gomez, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Highway Superintendent

Presentation of Plaque – Gale Naugle

Mayor Queenan presented Gale Naugle with a plaque recognizing her twenty-four years of service as Planning Board Secretary.

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to accept the minutes of the meeting held September 26, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to approve Abstract 9 containing vouchers 19-0714 – 19-0797 and totaling \$ 272,089.76.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

c. Fire Department Equipment Requests:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approve Fire Department Equipment Request 2019-14 totaling approximately \$170.00 for the purchase of a cylinder for CO2 meter testing, 2019-15 totaling approximately \$270.22 for the purchase of two CO2 detection meters and 2019-16 totaling approximately \$925.00 for the purchase of two TV/Monitors and associated equipment to display the dispatch program in the apparatus bay and radio room.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

d. Fire Department Membership:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to accept the application from Alex Sanchez as a member of the Highland Mills Fire Company.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

e. Re-Levy of Previously Exempt Properties:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to adopt the following resolution to re-levy a prorated tax amount due on property(ies) located at various locations that was/were previously eligible for an exemption:

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of property was/were eligible for an exemption on property taxes and upon the sale/death this exemption must be removed; and

WHEREAS, notification was received by the Village Clerk from the Woodbury Assessor that prorated amount(s) need to be re-levied onto the FY20/21 taxes for this/these property(ies).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village Board directs the Village Clerk, Village Tax Collector and any other Village official, employee or agent of the Village to take any and all necessary actions to levy and collect the following amounts on the following affected land(s) in the same manner as all other Village Charges and to take any necessary actions to execute and record a lien upon such land:

223-1-10.21	110 Edgewood Dr, CV	\$36.27
230-8-6	12 Valley Avenue, CV	\$174.36
245-1-26	5 Cambridge Road, HM	\$67.90

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

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

III. New Business:

a. Return of Performance Bond – Sapphire Construction:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to return the performance escrow that was posted by Sapphire Construction (for 83 Milval Lane) as recommended by Building Inspector Gary Thomasberger.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

b. Authorize Mayor to Sign – HVAC-R Preventive Maintenance Contract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to authorize the Mayor to sign a one-year maintenance contract with United Air Conditioning at a cost of \$7760.00.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

IV. Mayor’s Comments:

Mayor Queenan stated At the October 3rd Town Board meeting, Frank Palermo used his political office to do nothing more than a Campaign Stunt. True to form, Frank presented a litany of false and misleading statements to deflect from the fact that he has wasted approximately \$200,000 dollars of taxpayer’s money. The statement that was read provided no new information, rather it only reiterated the Town’s version of what transpired. The Village court documents tell a different story.

As much as I would like to provide a detailed response to each item in their statement, legal counsel has advised otherwise due to the ongoing litigation. On the other side however, the Town has been spinning their one-sided narrative right from the beginning in an attempt to divide our community and discredit potential political challengers. Despite their efforts, it is the court that will evaluate both sides of the dispute and decide whether to uphold or annul the land swap.

Before Frank took office as Supervisor, the Village and the Town always worked together as a unified team. Once Frank was sworn in, everything became a political power-play as he worked to extinguish the Village/Town co-operative relationship. Remember, the Supervisor and Town Board didn’t even bother to dial 4 digits to inquire about resolving their land swap issues before burdening the taxpayers. The Town and their legal team opted instead for a lose - lose costly lawsuit against the Village of Woodbury and their residents. What I find astonishing is that the good intentions that justified the land swap which made perfect business sense resulted in lawsuit.

In closing, I would like residents to keep these two points in mind:

1. There never should have been a issue of contention over the Highway Department facility. It was a Highway Department Facility paid for by the taxpayers and should have been transferred over to the Village along with the Highway Department in 2014.
2. What is the REAL motive behind this lawsuit, and is it serving the best interests of the taxpayers? In the end, no matter who wins, the taxpayers lose.

V. Public Comment:

Mr. Joseph Marshall approached the podium and stated his plight with his driveway. He stated he has been having a problem for over 5 years and it all started when the highway department replaced a drainage pipe in front of his house. He stated his driveway was destroyed, it is very steep and every car that goes in and out of his driveway bottoms out. He then stated he has asked multiple times for this to be fixed by the Mayor as well as the Highway Superintendent and no one has helped him.

Mayor Queenan stated that he and Superintendent Weyant met with Mr. Marshall and requested that he sign a hold harmless agreement, when asked to do so, Mr. Marshall became very irate and stormed out of the office. Mayor Queenan then stated he spoke to Mr. Marshall’s son after a brief phone conversation and a threat of litigation all communication ceased.

Mr. Dan Marshall stated he never threatened litigation and he just wants this resolved for his father.

Highway Superintendent Weyant stated he has been going back and forth with Mr. Marshall for five years. Every time he fixes something, he asks Mr. Marshall if he is ok with it and two months later Mr. Marshall comes back with a problem. He then stated he has been nothing but nice to Mr. Marshall all though sometimes it is hard to deal with the derogatory comments that come out of Mr. Marshalls mouth.

After a long conversation with no avail from Mr. Joseph Marshall, Mr. Dan Marshall and Mayor Queenan, and Superintendent Weyant, Superintendent Weyant asked Mr. Dan Marshall to step outside so they could have a conversation and try to fix the problem.

VI. Board Member/Department Comment:

Trustee Giacomazza stated there really are no awards for children with invisible disabilities children that have meltdowns, poor impulse control, or is disruptive. Those children work hard every minute, however some moments their best is downright awful.

There are no rewards for a child in anguish. Remorse, guilt, sadness, loneliness, confusion, and fear over their behaviors, is a part of their everyday life; but people don’t celebrate that. These children work so hard, every day, just to be present performing everyday activities; while the rest of us take the ease of life for granted.

There needs to be kindness, just because.

So tonight, on behalf of Mayor Queenan and the rest of the board we would like to congratulate and celebrate a member of this community; Mr. Nicholas Mottola, by presenting him with a Certificate of Special Achievement for Civic Spirit to the community of the Village of Woodbury.

VII. Adjournment:

With no further comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Egan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0