

TOWN OF WASHINGTON REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 7, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held its annual Organizational meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Florence Prisco, at 7:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Allan B. Rappleyea, Michael E. Murphy and Robert S. Audia, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent James E. Brownell, Sr., Town Justice Elizabeth K. Shequine, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Laura Hurley, Attorney for the Town John Gifford and Associate Attorney Rebecca Valk.

Also present were: Eric Alex, Didi Barrett, Sandra Brownell, Lorraine Brownell, Jack Neubauer, Louis M. Prisco and Howard Schuman.

Supervisor Prisco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Gifford Administered the Oath of Office to Supervisor Florence Prisco, Councilmen Robert Audia and Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent James Brownell and Town Justice Elizabeth Shequine. Supervisor Prisco has a two year term of office and the other officials have four year terms of office.

Supervisor Prisco thanked everyone for their support throughout the year. She looks forward to working together as a team for the best of our community.

On the recommendation of Supervisor Prisco and on a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy the Board appointed Stephen Turletes as Deputy Supervisor. All ayes were recorded

On the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Brownell, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea the Board reappointed Edward Wheeler as Deputy Highway Superintendent for a period of four years. All ayes were recorded.

On the recommendation of Town Clerk Alex, on a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved to reappoint Irene Wing as Deputy Town Clerk for a period of four years. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea the Board moved to appoint Mary Alex as Vital Registrar and to appoint Irene Wing as Sub Registrar for a period of four years. All ayes were recorded.

On the recommendation of Supervisor Prisco a motion was made by Councilman Rappleyea and seconded by Councilman Murphy to make the following appointments:

- Laura Hurley as Bookkeeper to the Supervisor and Clerk of the Assessor.
- Dana Lopergalo as Court Clerk and Clerk of the Building and Zoning Department.
- Nikki Caul as Secretary to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Master Plan Committee.
- John (Jack) Neubauer as Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator.
- Louis Spagnola as Constable and Michael Spagnola as Deputy Constable.
- Joseph E. Adams as Dog Control Officer.
- reappoint Peter Audia to a 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

All ayes were recorded.

Supervisor Prisco advised that during the budget period the Board discussed raising building permit fees for the year 2008. The Board had requested that Jack Neubauer present to the Board recommendations for updated fees. Upon reviewing the permit fees of 8 other towns in Dutchess County the following Building permit fees were submitted for the Board's consideration.

- All new residential and commercial construction \$0.40 per square foot
- Garages, carports, sheds, barns, contractor trailers, sales trailers \$0.25 per square foot
- Wood burning stoves, fire places, swimming pools (above and under ground), demolition permits - \$100.00 flat fee
- Minimum building permit fee \$75.00
- Renewal of permits for residential and commercial construction \$100.00
- Renewal of all other permits \$25.00
- Municipal Search \$75.00
- Fire Inspections \$50.00 - \$100.00

The Board had a brief discussion regarding fees pertaining to agricultural structures. Currently the town has a fee for buildings for agricultural use of .15 cents per square foot provided there is not electricity or water in the facility. Mr. Neubauer said he would make that adjustment to his suggestions and will have a revised schedule for the Board to consider on Thursday night.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Murphy the Board moved to establish the regular meeting of the Town Board as the second Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:00 PM. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved to appoint the Bank of Millbrook as the Official Depository of Town funds. Councilmen Rappleyea and Audia abstained. All other ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved to appoint the law firm of Van De Water and Van de Water as Attorneys for the Town. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to invest Town funds in time or authorized investments as approved by the Town Board. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea the Board moved to establish a procurement policy to authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$3,500.00 to buy additional equipment and highway materials without prior approval, \$3,501.00 - \$5,000.00 with prior approval and \$5001.00 - \$10,000.00 with approval and quotes from at least two vendors supplying materials. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$5,000. on state or municipal surplus sales without having prior Town Board approval. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea the Board moved to establish the official rate of mileage as forty cents per mile. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Rappleyea and seconded by Councilman Murphy the Board moved to compensate Highway employees within the limits of appropriated funds as established in the 2008 budget. All non-salaried employees are to receive time and a half for hours worked over 40 hours per week. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Rappleyea and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved to authorize all elected officials to attend the Association of Towns meeting in February. All ayes were recorded.

Supervisor Prisco appointed the following Town Board liaisons:

Councilman Audia:	Highway Department Buildings and Grounds
Councilman Turletes:	Finance
Councilman Rappleyea:	Recreation Park and Pool Development
Councilman Murphy:	Planning and Zoning Park and Pool Development

On a motion made by Councilman Rappleyea and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved to appoint Clove Excavators as the primary source of rental equipment for the Highway Department. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea the Board moved to establish the rates of compensation for all officials and employees as indicated in the 2008 budget without a previous audit of the Town Board:

Supervisor	\$10,600.
Deputy Supervisor	\$5,000.
Councilmen (3)	\$4,000.
Town Clerk	\$37,000.
Deputy Town Clerk	\$25,000.
Highway Superintendent	\$50,000.
Recreation Director	\$30,000.
Recreation Assistant	\$28,980.
Sole Assessor	\$30,000.
Assessor's Aide	\$8,000.
Town Justice (2)	\$9,042.
Bookkeeper to the Supv.	\$20,800.
Court Clerk	\$12,050
Assessor's Clerk	\$18,200.
Assessor's PT Clerk	\$3,500.
Planning/Zoning Sec'y	\$16.15 per hour
Clerk PT	\$20,084.
Dog Control Officer	\$8,277.
Building Inspector I	\$17,160.
Assistant Zoning Admin.	\$12,000.
Groundskeeper	\$19,000.
Constable	\$2,985.
PT Constable	\$577
Cleaner	\$9.89 per hour
Dep. Hwy Sup't	\$22.85 per hour
MEO (KP)	\$22.49
Auto Mechanic	\$21.26
MEO (JH & ML)	\$19.98
MEO (TC)	\$19.43
MEO (JE)	\$15.92
Solid Waste Attendant (KL)	\$19.70
Solid Waste Attendant (LB)	\$17.39
MEO (JM)	\$15.45 All per hour.

All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea the Board moved to accept the Town Clerk's Annual Report as presented. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy the Board moved to appoint R.W. Ciferri III as the Assessor's Aide. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved to appoint David Greenwood as Town Historian. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved to appoint Supervisor Florence Prisco and David Greenwood Wappinger Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council. All ayes were recorded.

Attorney Gifford administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Highway Superintendent Edward Wheeler and to Zoning Board of Appeals member Peter Audia.

Supervisor Prisco advised that upon completion of the annual report a complete independent audit of the Supervisor's books shall be completed.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea the Town Board accepted the Highway Department Inventory as presented by Highway Superintendent Brownell. All ayes were recorded.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the meeting was closed at 7:50 PM. All ayes were recorded.

Mary Alex, Town Clerk