

Town of Washington
Town Board
April 10, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Deputy Supervisor Stephen Turletes with the following people present: Councilmen Allan Rappleyea, Michael Murphy and Robert Audia, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent James Brownell, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Laura Hurley, Attorney John Gifford and Associate Attorney Rebecca Valk. Supervisor Prisco was absent.

Also present were Mitch Trinka, Frank Genova, Michael Hagerty, Tom Beaumont, Jerry Baker, Liz Baldwin, Howard Schuman, Julia Widdowson and Joan Trombini.

Monthly reports were received from the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Justice Court Clerk and Bookkeeper to the Supervisor.

Dep. Supervisor Turletes opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On behalf of the Town Board, and the community, Deputy Supervisor Turletes offered best wishes to Reverend Carl Esmark who has served as the Pastor of the Lyall Memorial Federated Church for thirteen years. He will be moving to Vesper, NY.

County Legislator Fettes was not present to provide an update on Dutchess County activities.

Michael Hagerty and Tom Beaumont were present to discuss grant opportunities for the Master Plan committee. Mr. Hagerty said that he reviewed the Farmland Protection Grant, and that it seems like it would be a good component for the Land Use and Natural Resources portion of the Master Plan committee. The maximum grant that can be applied for is \$25,000.00. There is a 25% match required from the town and it can be from donations, cash or in kind services. The funds for this grant are disbursed on a first come first served basis.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia:

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington is in the processing of updating their Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington is a rural community and values the open space that enriches our community; and

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WHEREAS, the Land Uses and Natural Resources information is an important piece of the Town Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available through the Farmland Protection Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Washington authorizes Michael Hagerty to prepare a grant application to the Farmland Protection Agency in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER ADVISED that the Town of Washington understands that there is a twenty five percent match that is required by the municipality, and the town will be able to meet the match either through in kind services or matched funds.

All ayes were recorded.

Mr. Hagerty said that as part of the application he would like to garner support from Dutchess County Planning, Dutchess County Soil and Water and Ed Hoxie.

Dr. Beaumont reported that the Master Plan meetings have been going well. Some committees have been slowed by being able to garner up to date and accurate information, overall though the committees have been on track. As part of the emergency preparedness committee, Tom Beaumont and Don Marshall have met with Ken Davidson at Dutchess County Emergency Response. Mr. Davidson was very helpful and congenial, in providing an overview of the whole process.

Liz Baldwin appeared before the Town Board on behalf of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department to request that the fees be waived for those volunteers for the transfer station. Ms. Baldwin presented the Board with information on the Volunteer Responder Incentive protection Act. There was a discussion regarding the LOSAP retirement program that is provided to the fire and rescue personnel, as well as differentiating the rescue and fire members, from other groups of volunteers. Councilman Rappleyea said that before the discussion continues, the Town should find out if this is something that we can do. He will do that research.

Dep. Supv. Turletes advised that the Board members have all received a letter dated April 8, 2008 from Ellen Jouret-Epstein, of the Chazen Companies outlining the scope of services for the sub-surface investigation and development of an Opinion of Probable Cost for the park development. A resolution was offered by Councilman Rappleyea and seconded by Councilman Murphy to authorize Deputy Supervisor Turletes to sign the Professional Services Agreement. All ayes were recorded.

The Board had a discussion about changing the meeting time to 6:30 PM in order for the Board members to review and sign the claims. Review of the claims will begin at 6:30 PM and the regular business meeting will begin at 7:30 PM

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Mrs. Hurley advised that the Village Board would be reviewing the fire and rescue budget at their meeting on April 15. The Town Board members are invited to attend.

Mrs. Hurley presented the Board with the revenue and expense reports, as well as bank balances. As all tax money has been paid to the Supervisor, Mrs. Hurley suggested that the town purchase 2 Certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$200,000.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea authorizing Supervisor Prisco to purchase two certificates of deposits in the amount of \$200,000. for a three month period. One CD is for the General fund and one for the Highway fund. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Rappleyea and seconded by Councilman Audia the minutes of March 3 and March 13, 2008 were accepted as presented. All ayes were recorded.

Councilman Murphy reported that the wetlands committee met and discussed the insertion of vernal pool protection in appropriate places. They are continuing to accumulate reference materials to include in the text. Neil Wilson will be providing information pertaining to the administration of the law. The committee will be consulting with Jack Neubauer for a delineation of his responsibility. The committee is also looking at the map system and how the Hudsonia maps may be incorporated. Councilman Rappleyea said that the town needs to cover the main bases, and to focus on something reasonable that will get passed. The committee can then work again on finer details.

In regard to the Planning Board, Councilman Murphy said that the current project of note before them is a horse farm on Chestnut Ridge Rd.. The application is for a lot line change. The Planning Board made a site visit of the property.

Councilman Audia advised that the sub-committees for the Master Plan continue to work on the collection of relevant data. An RFP is being formulated for a professional consultant to assist with the project.

Highway Superintendent Brownell informed the Board that the Highway crew will be replacing culvert pipes across South Road. The road will not be closed; traffic will be slowed up some. In other business, Mr. Brownell said that there is an anticipated increase of 17% in CHiPS funding.

Mr. Genova asked if the town has anything to do with the proposed recycling bins in the village. Mrs. Hurley said it is a green initiative in the village to promote the separation of recyclables from solid waste. Mrs. Widdowson added that it is a cooperative effort that includes the Junior Interact Program at the school. The bins will be identical aesthetically to what is currently in the village. Mr. Genova has concerns that he will address with the village.

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On a motion made by Councilman Rappleyea and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All ayes were recorded. On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy the regular meeting resumed. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the following claims were accepted as presented:

Gen Fund A	\$116,950.68
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Gen Fund B	\$6,469.27
Gen Fund DB	\$54,014.32
Fund SF	\$416,200.00
Fund TA	\$690.00
Grand Total	\$594,952.75

All ayes were recorded.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Rappleyea, the meeting was closed at 9:05 PM. All ayes were recorded.

Mary Alex, Town Clerk