

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
TOWN BOARD  
JULY 10, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008, at the Town Hall, Reservoir Drive, Millbrook. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Florence Prisco with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Michael Murphy and Robert Audia, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Laura Hurley and Associate Attorney Rebecca Valk. Also present were Tom Beaumont, Brad Roeller and Jack Neubauer. Councilman Rappleyea was absent due to a Cub Scout event.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Prisco advised the Board that she had provided them with copies of correspondence from County Executive Steinhaus and County Legislator Fettes regarding the funding for Open Space proposals within the county. If anyone has questions, they may speak directly to Mr. Steinhaus or Mrs. Fettes.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board opened the Public Hearing to amend the contract with the Village of Millbrook to allow for complimentary transfer station permits to active members of the Millbrook Volunteer Fire Department or Rescue Squad who satisfy the conditions for participation in the Service Award Program (LOSAP) previously adopted by the Village. All eyes were recorded.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington Recreation Commission has received in the past funding for Youth programs from the Dutchess County Youth Bureau and NYS Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Town would like to continue to be able to provide the Youth Employment Service (YES) and continued community events such as the Halloween Parade and Santa night; and

WHEREAS, there are no costs to residents to participate in the programs; and

WHEREAS, the town does not discriminate in any way due to race, sex, religion or creed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Washington does hereby authorize Supervisor Florence Prisco to sign the application for funding through the Dutchess County Youth Bureau for the Youth Employment Service Program and community recreation events.

All ayes were recorded. This resolution was duly adopted.

Supervisor Prisco announced that there would be a joint meeting between the town and village boards on Monday, July 21, at the Village Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Prisco advised the Board that at the previous month's meeting they discussed the NYS Parks and Preservation grant. Upon further research it was determined that park would be required to be opened to all residents of New York State. Supervisor Prisco said that the Town did not pursue the grant for that reason.

On a motion made by Councilman Turlletes and seconded by Councilman Audia the following people were reappointed to the Conservation Advisory Commission for a two year term: Frank Genova, David Greenwood (Co-Chair), Timothy Marshall, Brad Roeller and Dan Weller. All ayes were recorded.

Kate Farrell and Scott Tumblety entered the meeting.

Supervisor Prisco asked the Board to give some thought to whether or not the town should be offering disability exemptions. She would like to discuss it further at a future meeting.

Mrs. Hurley presented the Bookkeeper's report for the month. Bank account totals and revenue and expense reports were provided. The Town had received a projected summary of mortgage tax revenues for the April through June, which totaled \$64,000.00. This is better than originally projected.

Looking at expenditures, Mrs. Hurley noted that the fuel costs (heating and trucks) for 2008 has already reached \$56,772., which is higher than the \$48,458. spent in al of 2007. For Central Hudson, we have spent \$6,400. to date, and in 2007 \$11,918.

Supervisor Prisco asked if there were any comments from the public on the fire contract amendment. There were no comments; therefore on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the Public Hearing on the fire contract amendment was closed. All ayes were recorded.

Councilman Murphy offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Audia, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington Town Board has determined to provide transfer station passes (not punch cards) to the active members of the Millbrook Engine Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 (the "Fire Company"), which includes the active members of the Rescue Squad, who satisfy the conditions for the participation in the Service Award program previously adopted by the Village; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing, as provided by law, the Town of Washington (the "Town") entered into a contract with the Village of Millbrook (the

“Village”) for fire and rescue services by the Fire Company for the Town (the “Fire Contract”); and

WHEREAS, since the providing of transfer station passes to the active members of the Fire Company indirectly involves the expenditure of Town funds (the possible non-receipt of transfer station permit fees from some or all of the active fire and rescue squad members) and is, in effect, an amendment to the Fire Contract, the Town is advised that providing these passes to active fire and rescue squad members to an amendment to the Fire Contract and should, therefore, be subject to a public hearing before formal adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the active members of the Fire Company (including active Rescue Squad members) who satisfy the conditions for participation in the Service Award Program previously adopted by the Village, are hereby granted transfer station passes (not punch cards) to the Town of Washington Transfer Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2008 Fire Contract with the Village of Millbrook be amended to include this provision.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

Supervisor Prisco	Aye
Councilman Turletes	Aye
Councilman Rappleyea	Absent
Councilman Murphy	Aye
Councilman Audia	Aye

Town Clerk Alex reported that Transfer Station permits are available for the new permit season. Punch card sales are increasing with the new measures that have been put in place.

Scott Tumblety asked if there was a way to harness the bio-mass and turn it into energy. At Supervisor Prisco’s urging, he said he will research more information for the town.

Supervisor Prisco mentioned that other towns are beginning to regulate outdoor wood furnaces. Depending on the wind patterns, the smoke from them can affect neighbors. Three permits have been issued this year.

Tom Beaumont advised that the Master Plan Committee continues to be moving forward. The RFP has been published, and the proposals are due later this month. Michael Hagerty has prepared a grant for the committee specific to an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan for the updated Master Plan. Mr. Hagerty said that he will be contacting Ed Hoxie and Tim Marshall for letters of support.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the following resolution was introduced

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington is noted for its agricultural resources and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of agriculture and sound community planning and is working to update the Town's land use regulations to include a farmland protection plan for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has prepared a grant application seeking \$25,000 in grant funds along with a local match of \$8,333, including cash and donations of in-kind services, for a total project cost of \$33,333 to implement a farmland protection plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a grant application to New York State Agriculture and Markets.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Prisco	Aye	Councilman Turletes	Aye
Councilman Rappleyea	Absent	Councilman Murphy	Aye
Councilman Audia	Aye		

Councilman Audia reported that he has received proposals for replacing the soffets at the Town Hall. He is awaiting one additional proposal prior to making a recommendation to the Board.

Councilman Murphy said that the Planning Board has been fairly quiet. Improvements are being made in Mabbettsville at the Marketplace, the bowling alley and the gas station. The Wetlands Committee has addressed several issue regarding reference materials. Neil Wilson is reviewing the changes and will forward them to Councilman Murphy to share with the committee and to forward to John Gifford.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:50 PM to discuss specific personnel matters. All ayes were recorded. On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the regular meeting reconvened at 9:50 PM. All ayes were recorded.

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

Gen Fund A	\$35,416.15
Gen Fund B	\$810.72
Youth Rec Fund	\$10,611.54
Highway Fund DB	\$11,423.15

Scholarship Fund	\$500.00
PB Escrow	\$2,660.00
TOTAL	\$61,421.56

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes the meeting was closed at 10:45 PM. All ayes were recorded.

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Mary Alex, Town Clerk