

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN BOARD
July 9, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Florence Prisco, Town Councilman Stephen Turletes, Michael Murphy, Robert Audia and William Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Bookkeeper Laura Hurley, Recreation Director Warren McMillan and Associate Attorney Rebecca Valk.

Also present were Tom Beaumont, Jack Neubauer, Ed and Therese Cox, Howard Schuman and Michael Hagerty.

Supervisor Prisco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Prisco advised everyone present of Brad Roeller's decision to resign from the Zoning Board of Appeals, as he is beginning a new position at the New York Botanical Garden. Supv. Prisco said that this is sad for the town, as Brad has been a tremendous asset to the town in many different capacities. On behalf of the Town Board, Supv. Prisco thanked Brad for his service to the Town.

Supervisor Prisco asked Councilmen Audia and W. Murphy if they as the Road Committee had anything to report. Councilman Audia said they have not yet met, however independently they have been gathering information and outlining tasks.

In regard to the Court Room renovations, the State has made comments to the Town. The comments are currently under review.

Recreation Director McMillan advised the Board that Bob Rizzo has donated his time to for the past three weeks painting the recreation facilities at the Village Hall. Mr. McMillan said he greatly appreciated the time and effort that Bob has put forth. He also thanked Felice Manzi for the time he has volunteered in doing masonry work at the Village Hall.

At the request of Mr. McMillan, the following Resolution was offered by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia:

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington has the opportunity to apply for funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) through the Dutchess County Youth Bureau for recreation programs in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington will abide by OCFS as to the propriety of all expenses upon which State aid is requested; and

WHEREAS, this project will be operated in compliance with the laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, and codes of the State of New York and pertinent political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, no youth will be denied the services or facilities of this project because of race, creed, color, or sex; and

WHEREAS, no fee will be charged for the program supported by State funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Washington authorizes the application to the OCFS for recreation funding for the Town.

All ayes were recorded.

Mr. McMillan reported that the total number of registered campers was 223. This remains as the most popular program offered by the Recreation Commission. There was an increase in the number of scholarships requested, and this year there was a greater number of families receiving a partial scholarship with families paying a portion of the fees. The pre-school camp was canceled due to a low enrollment. The Health Department requirement that a caregiver remain with the child has deterred some from enrolling. The summer soccer and tennis programs continue to be strong.

At the pool, the water has never been better. Tom made minor adjustments to the filtration system and the circulation is working great. So far there has been an increase in the number of non-resident passes and a decrease in resident passes.

Mr. McMillan reminded everyone that the Town Park will be a site of a balloon lift-off for the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce Balloon Festival. It is planned for Saturday, Jul 18th at 6:00 PM. Admission to the park will be free after 5:00 PM.

Supervisor Prisco had requested that Mr. McMillan seek a price for bus transportation to the October 3rd Walkway Over the Hudson Celebration. The cost for a school bus is \$300.00, which will be used for the town participants in the opening ceremony.

The Board discussed access to the park before and after swimming hours. The park is a jewel in the community and they would like the public to have as much access to it as possible. Mr. McMillan said that it would be important to have someone sweep through the park every night prior to closing. The town wouldn't want someone to get locked in. The Board requested that Mr. McMillan get an estimate for the pool area to be fully fenced before they make a decision to keep the park open for additional hours.

Supervisor Prisco said that the town has lost a dear friend, Vincent Turletes, a mighty oak that has served the community in many ways. Mr. Turletes was a superb athlete, and the Town is fortunate that his family has set up a memorial fund for donations to be made to the Recreation program. The Town Board was very appreciative

of this memorial by Councilman Turletes and his extended family. On a motion made by Councilman M. Murphy and seconded by Councilman W. Murphy the Board authorized Supervisor Prisco to establish a savings account for the memorial fund. All ayes were recorded.

Mrs. Hurley reported that D'Achille and Associates completed an audit of the court for Justices Shequine and Aubin. The fines and forfeitures were as follows:

Judge Shequine	\$19,522.00	Town Share	\$5,776.00
Judge Aubin	\$11,336.00	Town Share	\$3,108.00

All receipts were properly recorded and there were no negative findings.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington Town Justices Elizabeth Shequine and Bruce Aubin had an audit of their books by D'Achille & Associates completed in June, 2009 for the fiscal year 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the audit as written; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Washington does hereby accept the audit of the books of Town Justice Shequine and Town Justice Aubin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Board does hereby acknowledge that no recommendations were noted by D'Achille & Associates.

All ayes were recorded.

Mrs. Hurley noted that Court Clerk Dana Lopergalo was highly praised during the audit for doing an exceptional job.

Mrs. Hurley provided copies of a list from the Dutchess Land Conservancy of all lands committed to the DLC in the Town. This report is a courtesy provided to the Town and copies have been distributed to the Planning Board, the Town Clerk and the Assessor. A map accompanied the list and is also on file.

Mrs. Hurley reported that the Dutchess County Legislature will be voting on the acceptance of four parcels in town being accepted into the Agricultural District. There are certain specific time periods and situations when property owners may request that there properties be placed in the district.

On July 1st, the Assessor filed the final roll with the Town Clerk. Any person that made an application on Grievance Day and was not satisfied with the response has until

August 3rd to file. There were 42 grievances filed and about 20 stipulations. The Board will receive copies of that information.

Mrs. Hurley informed the Board that the Town has partnered with the US Census Bureau asking residents to actively participate in the upcoming Census process. As a partner, the town may order up to \$3,000.00 in promotional materials such as memo pads, pens, pencils, etc. paid for by the Census Bureau. On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman M. Murphy the Board authorized Mrs. Hurley to pursue this. All ayes were recorded.

The Board received monthly reports including the revenue and expense report and monthly bank balances. The Town has received a mortgage tax payment from Dutchess County in the amount of \$46,300.25. The proposed revenue for mortgage tax was budgeted as \$125,000.00. If there is not an improvement, there may be a shortage of about \$35,000.00. All departments were provided with revenue and expense reports, and everyone continues to closely monitor these figures. The budget process for 2010 will begin in August with all departments receiving budget memos.

The B Fund continues to be in good shape. Sales tax revenue appears to be on target. Mrs. Hurley did note that the Planning Board has not received any revenue this year, as their projects under review were from the previous year or referrals from the ZBA, for which there is no fee.

The Town has been fortunate to receive a \$20,000.00 donation from John Dyson for the Comprehensive Plan. On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman W. Murphy the Board authorized Supervisor Prisco to open a checking account with that donation for expenses associated with the Comprehensive Plan. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board authorized the transfer of \$44,087.22 from the Highway Equipment Reserve fund to the Operating Budget for the purchase of the new truck and the tractor accessories. All ayes were recorded.

Mrs. Hurley said that through the Recreation Department, two scholarships were awarded to high school students that embodied the spirit of Dave Guertin. The recipients were Jessica Whalen and Chelsea Mailler.

Michael Hagerty discussed with the Town Board several different grants that are currently available to local municipalities. The Board asked Mr. Hagerty to prepare a proposal for them for him to prepare a grant application for the Lower Hudson Valley Smart Growth Program.

Mr. Beaumont reported that the Planning Board has not been very busy this past month. They are reviewing a site plan application for the Free Evangelical Church in Salt Point. Joe Iannucci is purchasing the Stage Coach Deli and is requesting permission to

have seasonal outside dining. The Planning Board has also discussed Washington Hollow as a commercial hamlet, and has decided to make this part of the overall evaluation of the Master Plan.

Regarding the Comprehensive Plan, Mr. Beaumont reported that the pre-survey letter has been finalized with a target mailing date of July 21 by The Mailing Works. The target mailing date of the Comprehensive Plan Survey is August 7th, and the visioning session is currently scheduled for September 25th. The visioning session date will be finalized as the Town receives and compiles the survey data. The Board discussed different ways to promote the survey and having residents respond to the survey.

At 8:30 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Board moved into Executive Session. All ayes were recorded. At 9:10 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the regular meeting resumed. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the minutes from April 9, 2009 and May 14, 2009 were accepted as presented. All ayes were recorded.

Town Clerk Alex suggested that the Board might wish to consider purchasing an e-news system whereby residents may sign up through the town website to receive automatic email updates and news from the Town. The cost of this is \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00. The request is a result of trying to disseminate Comprehensive Plan information to town residents, and needing the ability to send emails to residents, but at the same time protecting their personal information without providing their email address to everyone that information is being sent to. As this was an unbudgeted item the Board was concerned about the expense and how funds are suddenly available. Mrs. Hurley explained that in this budget, the Board had increased the line item for contractual expenses related to the town website, as we were unsure what our needs would be this year. On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board approved the purchase of an e-news system through BTC Consulting at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. All ayes were recorded.

Councilman Murphy said that the Emergency Preparedness Committee will be meeting on July 20th at 6:00 PM. They are currently working on educational information for Community Day, which ties in well to September being "Emergency Preparedness Month."

Regarding the Wetlands legislation, the Town Board will be interviewing 4 firms to assist with the review and proposed changes to the document. Five companies had responded to the RFP, however one did not include the non-collusion form. The Town Board will be meeting on Monday, July 13, at 6:45 PM. The interviews will be conducted in Executive Session.

Supervisor Prisco received a letter from the Chazen Companies updating the status of the park expansion.

-The Dutchess County Department of Planning has approved the Timber Bridge and Pedestrian Path plans and has approved them for construction and funding.

- The New York State DEC has approved the SWPPP (Stormwater Protection Plan) and has forwarded the approval to the department handling the stream disturbance permit. The permit will be forwarded to the town. The town will then have to file the Notice of Intent (NOI) of Construction with the DEC and wait five days to begin work.

- The NYS Department of Transportation approved the entrance plan. A Highway Work Permit must now be applied for.

- The TCC survey crew has staked the limits of site disturbance and erosion control in advance of July 9 meeting to discuss reporting, permit and design requirements of the SWPPP.

-TCC has finalized the grading and design plan revisions in accordance with Town decision to grade onto land of the Coddington's.

Councilman W. Murphy reported on the morning earlier in the day with Chris LaPine of The Chazen Companies. As the town will be completing the work on the road entrance, the town will be required to apply for the Highway Work Permit. The application was provided to the town. There are stumps to be removed from the site, and the town is required to have the silt fencing installed. Councilman Murphy suggested the silt fence work be bid out. Supervisor Prisco will deliver to Fletcher Coddington the Temporary Construction Easement for his signature.

Highway Superintendent Brownell entered the meeting. He advised the Board that truck D-4's oil coil line spun a rod bearing and it needs to be replaced. He has quotes for a short block, a long block and a used block. Before presenting the quotes to the Board he would like to get some additional information.

Mr. Schuman had a question about the comprehensive plan survey. He is concerned about the security of the survey to make sure the results are not compromised. He requested that the Town receive a policy letter from River Street verifying that there are enough procedures in place that the survey is secure. There was a brief discussion on this and Supervisor Prisco said she would look into this.

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

Gen Fund A	\$36,297.25
Gen Fund B	\$7,724.25
Youth Rec	\$5,726.45

Highway DB	\$38,105.14
Fund H	\$7,060.25
TOTAL	\$94,913.34

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

Mary Alex, Town Clerk