

Town of Washington
Town Board
June 9, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held its regular meeting on June 9, 2011, at the Town Hall, 10 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, Robert Audia and Councilwoman Elect Karen Mosca, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent James Brownell, Attorney John Gifford and Associate Attorney Rebecca Valk.

Also present were Howard Schuman, Ron Mosca, Arvolyn Hill and Joan Trombini.

Supervisor Prisco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Prisco was pleased to introduce Karen Mosca, as Councilperson, replacing William Murphy. Supervisor Prisco said that Mrs. Mosca has an excellent resume, and most recently has been and will continue to be an active member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Attorney Gifford administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Mosca, swearing her in as a Councilwoman.

This past month's correspondence has included a letter to Congratulate Keith Parent on his retirement from the Town of Washington Highway Department. He has been with the Town from 1987-2011 and the town wishes him a long and healthy retirement.

Supervisor Prisco in conjunction with the Guertin family has sent thank you letters to the individuals that have sent donations in memory of Bettie Guertin Hurley to the Bettie & Dave Guertin Memorial Fund. The Guertin's were very active in local youth recreation programs, and a scholarship has been established in their memory. Bettie was not only a wonderful and active community member, but was a volunteer in the Town offices. She will be missed by many people.

Supervisor Prisco signed a letter to The Thomas & Agnes Carvel Foundation requesting funding for the park expansion to complete the walking trails around the new playing fields.

A letter was sent to Charlie Marrone thanking him for a donation of tree at Town Park.

A letter was sent to Frank Genova thanking him for service to the Town as an original CAC member and Comprehensive Plan Committee member.

The Town Board has received a request from Patricia Moio to be appointed as a marriage officer for one day, 9/10/11, in order to perform a marriage ceremony in our town. She is a Justice of the Peace in Redding, CT. After a brief discussion, on a motion made by Councilman

Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia, the Board appointed Patricia Moio to be a marriage officer for the day of September 10, 2011, with no salary from the Town. All ayes were recorded.

Supervisor Prisco said that in response to a letter she sent to the New York State Department of Transportation requesting a speed reduction in Mabbettsville, the Town is required to pass a resolution to do so. On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Town Board authorized the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the speed limit in the business area known as Mabbettsville; and

WHEREAS, there is a 40 MPH zone east of Bangall Road to the first Town Park entrance; and

WHEREAS, the business district runs beyond the 40 MPH zone; and

WHEREAS, for the safety of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Washington Town Board requests that the New York State Department of Transportation review the speed limit on Route 44 from Bangall Road east beyond both park entrances and through the business district to the top of the hill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NYS DOT reduce the speed limit to 40 MPH from Bangall Road east to the safest area at the top of the hill between Crescent Road and Tower Hill Road.

All ayes were recorded.

Dated: June 9, 2011

Mary Alex

The Town had requested bids for upgrades to the air conditioning in the Court Room and the Town Clerk's and Supervisor's office. Two bids were provided to the town for the court room in the amounts of \$7,900.00 or \$4,600.00. Two bids were provided to the town for the town clerk's office in the amounts of \$10,500.00 or \$5,300.00.

The Town had also requested bids for the rearrangement and construction of the Town Court Room, with funds from the NYS Justice department. The renovations will allow the Justices to have a private area for certain court needs. The Town Supervisor had contacted three contractors and one responded with a bid in the amount of \$22,580.00. The Justice funds are in the amount of \$25,000.00.

The Town Board had a brief discussion on ways to finance the air conditioning and decided that a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the fund balance to the A fund.

On a motion made by councilman Audia and seconded by Councilwoman Mosca the Board accepted the bid of \$22,580.00 from Don Empert for the court room construction. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board accepted the bid of \$4,600.00 from All Season HVAC for air conditioning upgrades. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Murphy the Board accepted the bid of \$5,300.00 from All Season HVA to upgrade the air condition for the court room. All ayes were recorded.

Councilman Audia thanked Skip Ciferri for all of his time that he donated to design and spec the plans for the renovations. The Town greatly appreciates all that he has done.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilwoman Mosca the Board approved a budget transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Fund Balance to the A fund. All ayes were recorded.

Supervisor Prisco asked the Board their feeling on establishing a Farmland Protection Commission similar to the CAC, prior to the completion of the revised Comprehensive Plan. Councilmen Audia and Murphy both said they would prefer to move ahead with the establishment of a committee. The Board requested that Rebecca Valk draft legislation for a Farmland Protection Commission. Supervisor Prisco also requested that the Board begin to consider people that might wish to serve on such a commission. Supv. Prisco said she had received a letter from John Bruno offering to serve on a town committee. His resume shows that he could be a strong addition to this commission.

Regarding the Wetlands Law the Town has received confirmation that the Legislation has been filed with the Secretary of State. Ms. Valk has prepared a sample application for the Town's consideration. Councilman Murphy said that the Planning Board is reviewing all of their fees and will be providing a recommendation on fees in the near future. Town Clerk Alex was asked to contact Steve Marino for a list of fees, so the firm of Tim Miller and Associates could be considered as the consultant.

Supervisor Prisco said that there will be a Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting on Monday June 13, beginning at 6 PM at Town Hall. All town officials are invited to attend to discuss government relations.

Highway Superintendent James Brownell provided his monthly report to Supervisor Prisco. It was reported that the DEC had made an inspection of the Transfer. They provided a letter stating that the facility was operating properly. Marc Chadwell was hired back to replace Keith Parent. Marc is very happy to be back working for the town.

Bookkeeper Laura Hurley printed the monthly reports and bank balances for the Board's review. The Town received the scheduled Mortgage Tax payment from Dutchess County in the amount of \$108,756.00.

Town Clerk Mary Alex advised that the monthly reports have been filed by the Town Clerk, Court Clerk, Transfer Station Clerk, Building Inspector, Zoning Administrator and Recreation Department. Annual Transfer Station permits are being renewed by residents at a pace similar to the previous year. Tax Collection for 2011 has been completed at the end of May. Paperwork and final payments to the Supervisor and Dutchess County are being processed.

Councilman Turletes provided the Recreation report to the Town Board. He said that the new program, An American Girl Tea Party was held in June and was very successful. The event was sold out. The pool is now open for swimming and will open for daily use on June 18th. To date, the summer camp has 195 children enrolled. The recreation commission has established a late fee because it is important to determine the staffing that would be necessary to run a program. Even with the late fees, people are still registering their children.

The Recreation Department was hoping that the new field will be available for play in August when practice begins. If the field will not be ready then an alternate location will need to be procured.

Councilman Murphy said that the Planning Board canceled their June meeting because there wasn't any activity scheduled. The Emergency Management meeting was cancelled due to meeting conflicts.

Councilman Audia said that Spagnola's Plumbing was prepared to work on the water pipe rupture in front of the Town Hall. At that time, they were advised by VRI that the valves on Reservoir Drive do not work and the project will require that the pipe be dug up and replaced, rather than lining the old pipe. The work will be rescheduled at the convenience of the highway department.

Councilman Audia presented the Board with bids for paving the path at the park. He received a bid in the amount of \$16,000.00 for labor, with additional costs of the town purchasing and transporting the blacktop. A second bid was received in the amount of \$16,550.00 for labor and materials and to move some material to the walkway by the gazebo. On the recommendation of Councilman Audia, Councilman Turletes made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Murphy to accept the bid from Robert Lamark Paving in the amount of \$16,550.00 to pave the path at the park. All ayes were recorded.

At 9:00 PM, on a motion made by Councilwoman Mosca and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All ayes were recorded. At 10:05 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilwoman Mosca the regular meeting resumed. All ayes were recorded.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the Board resolved to accept the audit of the Town of Washington Justice Court as prepared by D'Achille & Associates for the year 2010 for Justices Shequine and Aubin, as there were no recommendations or changes that needed to be instituted. All ayes were recorded.

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

- Gen Fund A
- Gen Fund B
- Highway Fund DB
- Other Fund
- Other Fund

All ayes were recorded.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the meeting was closed at 10:55 PM. All ayes were recorded.

Mary Alex, Town Clerk