

**January 10, 2019**  
**TOWN OF WASHINGTON TOWN BOARD**  
**MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook. Supervisor Gary Ciferri opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Robert Audia, Al De Bonis and Michael Murphy, Town Clerk Mary Alex, Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola, Bookkeeper Lois Petrone and Attorney for the Town Jeff Battistoni.

Judith Balfe and Howard Schuman were also present.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Murphy the Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for Thursday, January 24, at 7:00 pm regarding the Devereux Foundation's plan to place a Residential Home Facility on Verbank Road. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Aye
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

John Lopez from Devereaux Foundation will be present to answer any questions. Town Clerk Alex will send letters regarding the meeting to adjacent property owners. The Town must respond to Devereaux by January 29<sup>th</sup> with another location. Attorney Battistoni said he must recuse himself from this case, as he had represented Devereux in the past.

**RESOLUTION OF INTRODUCTION**

Councilman De Bonis, seconded by Councilman Audia, introduced the following proposed local law, to be known as Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, authorize the Assessor to accept applications for renewals of senior citizen tax exemptions pursuant to RPTL §467(8) on or before the date for the hearing of complaints and to amend Local Law No. 2 of 2008 to increase the amount of the "Maximum Income" to \$29,000.00.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Washington as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of NY Real Property Tax Law §467(8), the Assessor is hereby authorized to accept applications for renewal of exemptions pursuant to RPTL §467 on or before the date for the hearing on complaints. This authorization shall only apply to an owner or owners who have received such an exemption on the immediately preceding assessment roll and who are seeking to renew that exemption.

Section 2. Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2008 is hereby amended so that the reference in Section 2(a) thereof to “\$27,000 (“Maximum Income”)” is changed and increased to “29,000 (“Maximum Income”)” as permitted by RPTL §467(3)(a).

Section 3. The remainder of Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2008 remains the same.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with this state's Secretary of State.

Supervisor Ciferri advised the Town Board that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, the adoption of this local law is subject to referendum on petition and, separately, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing upon this law, and offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Audia, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2019, Councilman De Bonis has introduced this local law for the Town of Washington, to be known A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, to authorize the Assessor to accept applications for renewals of senior citizen tax exemptions pursuant to RPTL §467(8) on or before the date for the hearing of complaints and to amend Local Law No. 2 of 2008 to increase the amount of the “Maximum Income” to \$29,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed changes as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties of interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook, New York, on February 14, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Prevailing Time, and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Washington, by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing and that notice shall be in the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Washington will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook, New York on February 14, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019, to authorize the Assessor to accept applications for renewals of senior citizen tax exemptions pursuant to RPTL §467(8) on or before the date for the hearing of complaints and to amend Local Law No. 2 of 2008 to increase the amount of the “Maximum Income” to \$29,000.00.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Washington, at the Town

Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and then between 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Millbrook, New York  
January 10, 2019

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MARY ALEX, TOWN CLERK

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	Aye
Councilman Turletes	Aye
Councilman Audia	Aye
Councilman De Bonis	Aye
Councilman Murphy	Aye

DATED: Millbrook, New York  
January 10, 2019

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MARY ALEX, Town Clerk  
Town of Washington

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy, the following Organization items were introduced and moved by Councilman Turletes for adoption:

The Board established the regular meeting of the Town Council to be held on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM

- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October 10

- November 14
- December 12

The following appointments were made:

- a.** Stephen Turletes as Deputy Supervisor
- b.** Lois Petrone as Bookkeeper to the Supervisor
- c.** Christine Briggs as Justice Court Clerk
- d.** Chelsea Edson as Recreation Director
- e.** Kelly Cassinelli as Assistant Recreation Director
- f.** Judy Malstrom as Clerk of the Assessor
- g.** Nancy Patrick Building Department Clerk and Zoning Administrator
- h.** Candy Rheder as Building Department Clerk
- i.** Thomas Fiore as Interim Building Inspector
- j.** Nikki Caul as Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals
- k.** Louis Spagnola, Jr. as Constable
- l.** Louis Spagnola III as Deputy Constable
- m.** Anthony De Bonis as Dog Control Officer
- n.** Peter Audia – Zoning Board of Appeals (5 year term)
- o.** Philip Balshi – Board of Assessment Review – (Term expires 9/30/2020)
- p.** James Cornell – Planning Board (7 year term)
- q.** Susan Meaney – Planning Board (Term expires 12/31/2022)
- r.** Jason Zmudsky to the Recreation Commission (5 Year Term)
- s.** David Greenwood as Town Historian
- t.** David Greenwood as Chair of the Conservation Advisory Commission for a one-year period

Appointed the law firm of Van de Water and Van de Water as Attorneys for the town.

Authorized the Supervisor to invest town funds in time or authorized investments as approved by the Town Board.

Established the official rate of mileage as fifty-three cents per mile for reimbursement to employees and elected officials while on official Town business.

Authorized all elected officials to attend the Association of Towns meeting in February if they so desire.

Appointed the Poughkeepsie Journal and/or Millerton News as the official newspapers of the Town. Legal notices will be published dependent upon publication needs.

Approved the procurement of a blanket undertaking from a duly authorized corporate surety covering the officers, clerks and employees of the town. Any such blanket undertaking entered into must indemnify against losses caused by the failure of the officers or employees to faithfully perform their duties or by their fraudulent or dishonest acts.

Approved the compensation of all the employees within the limits of the appropriated funds as established in the 2019 budget. All non-salaried employees are to receive time and a half for hours worked over forty (40) hours per week, and

1. establish the rates of compensation for all officials and employees as indicated in the 2019 budget without a previous audit from the Town Board.

OFFICER	POSITION	
Gary E. Ciferri	Supervisor	\$18,008.78
Stephen Turlletes	Deputy Supervisor	\$5,628.07
Robert Audia	Councilmen	\$4,502.46
Al De Bonis	Councilmen	\$4,502.46
Mike Murphy	Councilmen	\$4,502.46
Mary Alex	Town clerk	\$61,878.28
Joseph Spagnola	Highway Super	\$61,878.28
Elizabeth Shequine	Justice	\$15,943.21
Jeff Feigelson	Justice	\$15,943.21
Mindy Moore	Deputy Town Clerk	\$35,020.00
Lois Petrone	Bookkeeper	\$48,000.00
Chelsea Edson	Recreation Director	\$54,636.35
Kelly Cassinelli	Recreation Assistant	\$39,344.54
Chrissy Briggs	Court Clerk	\$18.03/\$16876.08
Kathy Myers	Assessor	\$31.82 P/H
Judy Malstrom	Assessor's Aide	\$18.91/\$14749.80
no longer active position	Real Prop. Data Lister	n/a
Nicolina Caul	Secretary PB/ZBA	\$21.06 P/H
Anthony De Bonis	Dog Control Officer	\$10,804.70
Tom Fiore	Building Inspector I	\$23.17/24096.80 @40HRS PR PAY PRD
Nancy Patrick	Building Dept Sec	\$18.91/\$19666.40 @ 40 HRS PR PAY PRD
Nancy Patrick	Safety Inspector	\$21.63/\$11247.60 @ 20 HRS PR PAY PRD
Candy Rheder	Clerk	\$18.91/\$19666.40
Ricky Butts	Groundskeeper	\$17,438.00
Louis Spagnola	Constable	\$3,711.03
Louis Spagnola, III	PT constable	\$2,593.90
Earl Smith	Cleaner	\$12.92/\$2166.58

James Brownell	Solid Waste Attendant	\$18.94/\$23637.12
Joseph Magnarella	Solid Waste Attendant	\$18.94/\$23637.12
John Hay	Solid Waste Attendant	\$18.94
Records Management Clerk	Records Mgmt. Clerk	\$11.66 P/H
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		
Charles Erts	Auto Mechanic	\$28.84/\$59987.20
Kevin Granger	MEO	\$21.00/43,680.0
Thomas Coy	H/MEO	\$26.16/\$54412.80
Joseph Erts	MEO	\$23.79/\$49483.20
Jason Murphy	MEO	\$22.81/\$47444.80
Wayne Gruntler	MEO	\$26.78/\$55702.40
Michael Llanes	Deputy Hwy Super	\$26.41 /54932.80
Casey Murphy	Laborer	\$17.51/\$36420.80

Named the following Interim Successors in the absence of the Town Supervisor:

1. Stephen Turletes
2. Robert Audia
3. Michael Murphy

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye  
Councilman Turletes: Aye  
Councilman Audia: Aye  
Councilman De Bonis: Aye  
Councilman Murphy: Aye

On a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Town named the Bank of Millbrook as Official Depository of Town funds.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye  
Councilman Turletes: Aye  
Councilman Audia: Recused  
Councilman De Bonis: Aye  
Councilman Murphy: Aye

To ensure compliance with the Office of the State Comptroller, Local Government Management Guide regarding the Town Procurement Policy, Town Clerk Alex and Highway

Superintendent Spagnola are reviewing the Procurement Policy from 2010 and will be making recommended changes at the February meeting.

As per the Annual Statement of Disclosure, any official, employee or volunteer with an interest in a business, corporation or entity that the town has a business dealing with, must provide a verbal and written notice to the Town Supervisor.

Highway Superintendent Spagnola provided the Town with a Monthly Report.

- There is a bill from Peckham for the Overlook Road project. It is significantly less than anticipated. The Town saved \$36,000.00 from the first quote received to the actual finished project. This will be submitted for a Reimbursement from CHIPS.
- All the rain has hurt dirt roads, but they are holding up. Two men were on graders today for 7 hours. They will be grading and taking ruts out as we can. The town doesn't roll the roads during this season.
- Supervisor Ciferri said that he has been receiving compliments from residents on the road conditions.
- There is a voucher for repair of loader #2. The Town did submit an insurance claim and payment will be for all but the deductible of \$500.00. Charlie Erts rebuilt the loader.
- The Highway Department is putting up hazardous condition signs on the dirt roads.

Bookkeeper Petrone provided a Monthly Report.

- Revenue and Expense Reports were provided to the Town Board.
- The Board will have vouchers for the New York State and Local Retirement System and from Dutchess Workers Compensation Plan to review for approval. The Town will not send payment until later in the month when payments from taxes have been received.
- All bank accounts are reconciled.
- Karen McLaughlin is to provide consulting with the Village for the AUD and Mrs. Petrone will have the ability to attend the training session.
- W-2's will be prepared and mailed to all employees next week

Budget Adjustments were requested. On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes the following budget adjustments were authorized by the Town Board.

Account	Account Name	Adjustment
DB,5130.0200.000	Machinery - Equipment	\$5,000.00
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DB.5110.0400.000	General Repairs CE	\$5,000.00

2018 Budget Adjustment

Note: Purchase of Blower - 2018 Appropriation

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Budget Adjustments

Account	Account Name	Adjustment
A.9040.0800	Worker's Compensation	\$5,782.00
A.9010.0800	State Retirement	-\$5,782.00

Note: to cover the Worker's compensation line- unexpected additional cost of insurance

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Aye
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

Town Clerk Alex provided a monthly report:

- Monthly reports received from Town Clerk, Justice Court, Building and Zoning and Recreation Departments
- December 13, 3018 Town Board Minutes have been distributed and posted on Town Website
- Tax Collection: Bills are being processed for Escrow, Address Changes, Etc. Individual bills will be mailed on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Councilman Turletes provided the monthly Recreation Report:

- Kindergarten Basketball Clinic had 16 participants
- Youth Basketball is being held on Saturdays from 9 am – 5 pm with over 100 children participating
- Please be careful driving on Merritt Avenue during the basketball hours, because there are many excited children crossing the roadway
- The Adult 3 on 3 Basketball runs from 8 – 9 pm and has 20 participants
- High School Open Gym Jan 14 – March 4, for 9-12 grades at the Guertin Gym
- Adult Co-ed Soccer, Tuesday nights until May at Dutchess Day School
- Family open gym on Mondays March 11 – April 1



- Santa night and Gingerbread House night will continue as a separate event from the Community Light Parade. This year had smaller crowds and was attended by mostly Town of Washington residents
- Swim team will not be using the Town pool in the future. They have been provided the opportunity to use the new pool at Maple Brook School
- The Rec Commission is providing a program for children to learn about swimming, biking and running as forms of physical fitness and will commence with a triathlon
- Another new program is called Couch to 5K for adults interested in ramping up their fitness program. It will include movement, walking and creating a team that will follow a route, twice a week
- February – Pickleball program, offering hourly rentals, Sundays for 2 on 2 play
- Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club donated their playground, to be placed at the Town Park near the adult exercise area. Rec Director Edson will send letter thanking the club members for their generosity.

Councilman Michael Murphy:

- Solar Committee Meeting Scheduled
  - January 28, 2019 7:00 PM – to follow up on what has been brought up by a local farmer. Attorney Battistoni has been asked to attend. Councilman De Bonis has requested that Councilman Murphy take over as Chairman, due to his business schedule.

Councilman Al De Bonis:

- Local Law Discussion
  - De Minimus Lot Line requested by the Planning Board. Attorney Gifford will provide copy of the Town of Marlboro's recent legislation
  - Proposed Dog Law – request to look at and see if it is worth pursuing. Tony is in a better position now to determine if it is something the town should pursue. A couple of issues are covered by the state.
  - Suggest Round Table Meeting with the Town Board, Town Attorney, Planning Board, ZBA, CAC, Zoning Administer and Building Inspector to discuss a variety of zoning revisions.  
Feb. 11 – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

- Planning Board – Deep Hollow Rd. 643 sq foot barn, convert to 2500 sq ft addition guest house for their children  
Public hearing on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, R – 10 zoning, new septic and new well.
- Lot line change – have to come back for public hearing, additional cost to have a professional present. Reiff buying 7 acres from an adjoining neighbor (Levine)
- Sign ordinance – previously reviewed, but nit completed
- NeJame – pre-application discussion. Bought a foreclosure, 1 acre, 2 buildings, wants to rent both buildings on the property. Legislation say they can only rent if the owners live on the property. It appears that it is a self-created hardship, which is not a reason for a variance.
- Winslow Stevens – Equestrian Center on North Mabbettsville Rd. Want to convert it to a residence. Special use permit has expired, as they haven’t used it for over a year. Pre-app discussion.
- Attorney Ron Blass has passed away. It will be recommend to the Planning Board that Jeff Battistoni, be the consultant to Planning Board.

At 7:40 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved into Executive Session regarding a particular personnel matter.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
Councilman Turletes:	Aye
Councilman Audia:	Aye
Councilman De Bonis:	Aye
Councilman Murphy:	Aye

At 8:00 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman De Bonis the Board returned to the regular meeting.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri:	Aye
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Councilman Turletes: Aye  
Councilman Audia: Aye  
Councilman De Bonis: Aye  
Councilman Murphy: Aye

On a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Board authorized Town Clerk Alex to seek candidates for the Building Inspector position.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye  
Councilman Turletes: Aye  
Councilman Audia: Aye  
Councilman De Bonis: Aye  
Councilman Murphy: Aye

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

Gen Fund A	\$129,513.75
Gen Fund B	\$17,550.75
Fund DB	\$294,680.90
Total	\$441,745.40

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye  
Councilman Turletes: Aye  
Councilman Audia: Aye  
Councilman De Bonis: Aye  
Councilman Murphy: Aye

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman De Bonis and seconded by Councilman Audia the meeting was closed at 9:15 PM

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri: Aye  
Councilman Turletes: Aye  
Councilman Audia: Aye  
Councilman De Bonis: Aye  
Councilman Murphy: Aye

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Mary Alex, Town Clerk