

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – MARCH 8, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY. Supervisor William Sherwood called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Joan Skinner, called the following roll:

PRESENT: Mr. Geoffrey Finn Councilman
Mr. James White Councilman (arrived at 7:37 pm)
Ms. Luanne Konopko Councilwoman
Mr. William E. Sherwood Supervisor

ABSENT: Mr. Louis Vicari Councilman

Public Input

Karl Javenes reported on the restoration efforts for the Pyngyp School building:

- Building has been inspected by the Stony Point Building Inspector, Building Trustee Carl Jones and himself
- Preliminary plans have been sketched by architect Elizabeth Parks
- Presentation will be made to Town Board regarding adding Pyngyp to NYS Historic Preservation Registry
- Various fundraisers are being discussed
- All are welcome to participate

George Harris, Willow Grove Rd. spoke about the disarray the senior room is left in after use by other groups and the need of cleaning the old cafeteria room opposite the senior room.

Supervisor Sherwood announced a joint retirement party for Debra Finnerty and Carl Bulson on March 28, 2011 at Patriot Hills Golf Club.

Purchase Orders

It was moved by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (White & Vicari absent) to approve the following Purchase Orders:

Golf Course Maintenance		
PO#2274	Wittek Golf Supply Inc.	\$6,242.39
Golf Course Clubhouse		
PO#2300	Acushmet Co.	\$6,264.00
PO#2301	Wittek Golf Supply	\$5,195.00
PO#2302	Destinations of NY State	\$1,190.00
PO#2303	North Jersey Media Group	\$3,600.35
PO#2307	Touch of Green Inc.	\$8,350.00
PO#2308	Westchester Magazine	\$2,720.00
Highway		
PO#2305	Eastern State Tire Corp.	\$1,315.12
PO#2306	McDonald & McDonald Inc.	\$3,034.60
Police		
PO#2290	Goosetown Communications	\$3,406.66
PO#2291	John K. Green Plumbing	\$7,200.00
Sewer		
PO#2267	Main Pool & Chemical	\$1,800.00

Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (White & Vicari absent) to accept the minutes of February 8, 2011.

Reports

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Konopko reported:

- Committee met on 3/2/11
- Film Sub-Committee received valuable information from an independent film maker
- Flow Chart Sub-Committee – training session will be set up for department heads and committee chairmen to review recommendations
- NYS Brownfields Opportunity Program – Steve Porath & Councilwoman Konopko spoke with Dept of State
 - Step one of the process can be by-passed
 - Next application is due 3-31-11—if deadline is not met the next opportunity is in September.
 - Grant would be for cost of studies etc. for remediation of asbestos, etc. from the Letchworth buildings.
 - State would provide 90% of the monies
 - Town would be responsible for 10%
 - Steve Porath is working on a presentation of the economic revitalization program for the Holt Dr/West Main St retail corridor and hopes to obtain outside funding for the project.

CEREMONIAL SWEARING- IN –Police Department

Chief Patrick Brophy explained that at the last meeting, PO Schoales was appointed to the position of Sergeant that was vacated due to retirements and that the customary swearing-in ceremony was not able to be scheduled until this meeting.

Town Clerk, Joan Skinner, administered the oath of office to Sgt. Daniel J. Schoales.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Supervisor Sherwood announced that the following people completed the recertification class presented by the Rockland County Municipal Planning Federation; John Fox, Karl Javenes, James McDonnell, Tom McMenamin, Robert Morlang Sr. and Joseph Vasti Jr.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

We have not had a meeting for 1 month but I will try and keep my report brief. It has been a busy time and the weather has been a challenge.

I want to let you know that I did attend the Association of Towns meeting in February for 2 days of seminars.

I understand the town special counsel has filed an application for a special segment rate with the advice of Beckman Associates and Steve Cole-Hatchard who is a member of the school board and a former member of the Town Board. They have advised that this may give us some relief when the school district determines the apportionment of the tax levy between the towns. I have spoken to the superintendent of schools and I know they are having the same budget problems every town and every municipality in the state is suffering.

She was not optimistic about this year's school tax picture as the district looks toward further reductions in revenue from Mirant and from state lands as well as dropping property values.

Everyone should understand as this board does that the school district sets the taxes and apportions those taxes between Stony Point and the portions of Haverstraw in the school district based on the value of properties in each district.

The assessor and I have been working very hard once again this year to get the best rate we can for our town. We were quite successful last year in getting a very high equalization rate. Unfortunately the dropping property values in Haverstraw hurt all the property owners whose property did not suffer as large a drop in value.

We will once again keep a close eye on the rate and if we get the rate we request as we did last year we will not challenge it. Some even on this board have the idea that we can challenge the rate but it is not arbitrary and it is based on pretty complex computations.

Many suspect that Haverstraw has distorted their numbers and whether or not that is true we cannot challenge the Haverstraw figure. We can only challenge our own and of course we will only do that if the state does not agree with the numbers we provide. So far this year they have accepted our numbers as they did last year.

In the meantime the Master plan committee is still meeting to finalize their proposals; I know our economic development committee is working hard to make our town attractive to new businesses.

I have negotiated a proposed sale of a small portion of the Patriot Hills property located near Veteran's Park to the county. Councilperson Finn is trying to finalize those negotiations and if we can finish the deal with the county that has been in the works for the last 6 months we will get some much needed cash to complete money saving projects on this site and help finance the Police Department until the down-sizing is completed. I expect the board will schedule a public hearing to discuss the proposed sale.

We have also had renewed interest in other surplus property and while some real estate people have overstepped in marketing the land and buildings we do not need it is encouraging to see the new interest that has been sparked by the board's efforts.

We also have been working with the North Rockland Midget Football League to find them a home in Stony Point so they can complete their own facility. They have had a meeting with the United Water Co. and we hope to be able to accommodate them near the town pool.

Plans are moving ahead for the annual community walk that we sponsor with the Town of Haverstraw that raises a substantial amount of money for people in need due to medical or other issues.

Finally I want to alert the board and the public that some construction work is planned for the end of this month on the transmission lines crossing the Hudson. I understand they intend to reinforce some of the towers and add some anti-swaying weights to the wires themselves.

There will be construction helicopter over the Hudson so we may have some noise issues for a week or two. Check the town website for more details.

Councilman Finn spoke regarding:

- Proposed sale of property (former horse barn) to RC Sheriff's Department
 - Property to be used to house the horses for the mounted patrol
 - Property has been appraised in the \$250,000 range
 - County Executive is now reviewing
- Equalization Rate
 - Stony Point needs to fight for a fair equalization rate
 - Past two years tax levy has increased 7.2 million dollars
 - Stony Point paid 6.3 million dollars of that amount
 - School Board does not set the equalization rate
 - Analysis by Stephen Cole-Hatchard showed
 - House sold in Stony Point for \$550,000 taxes \$10,369
 - House sold in Haverstraw for \$545,000 taxes \$ 8,062
 - House sold in Stony Point for \$530,000 taxes \$11,288
 - House sold in Haverstraw for \$545,000 taxes \$ 7,278
 - We need to act now and stand up for the taxpayers of the Town of Stony Point

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk, Joan Skinner, read the following:

1. Supervisor Sherwood-I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of your proposed 2011 Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding. This continues the same level of funding from 2010-11. CHIPS is a State funded, formula driven program which provides State aid to municipalities for costs related to transportation capital projects. CHIPS monies are normally budgeted within your municipality under the line for capital improvements only. The funds are reimbursed after the work is completed and certified to by the Highway Superintendent/Superintendent of Public Works. Please do not hesitate to contact me whenever I can be of assistance to you. Nancy Calhoun-Member of Assembly
2. I have wanted to write a letter for months to the Supervisor to let him know how much we truly appreciate the help the town Parks and Golf crews provide the North Rockland food pantry each month when we have to pick up our orders. The boxes are too heavy for us to pick up and they are always there to lend a hand and never complain about how cold, rainy or sweltering hot it is. They are truly a great group of men and we are lucky

to have them working for our town. As you are well aware, the food pantry is facing greater demands each month as more and more families are requesting help. Without the Stony Point Parks crew we would not be able to provide healthy food for the many families in need. Please let them know that both I and Janice Philbin thank them for all they do for us. Sincerely-Paula Klein, Coordinator-North Rockland Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church.

3. Dear Joan – I am writing to thank you, Barbara Oyer and Megan Carey for donating the monies collected for notary services to the North Rockland Food Pantry for our 2010 Christmas food distribution. As you are all aware, the demands for food at the pantry have more than doubled these past few years and it is through caring, generous people such as those in the Town Clerk’s Office that enable us to continue serving the North Rockland community. Thank you so much. Paula Klein, Coordinator-North Rockland Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Police Department

Chief Brophy presented the Board with the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of February, 2011

Number of calls for service:	512
Number of reported accidents:	24
Number of arrests:	34
Fuel usage:	1340.8 gallons
Sum total of all traffic enforcement action:	129
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	5
Number of child safety seat installations:	5
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	0
Number of traffic enforcement details:	1
Number of training hours:	96:00hrs
Total fees collected:	\$42.25

(\$20.00 for prints; \$22.25 for reports)

POLICE BUSINESS

- **CHIEF BROPHY’S TIME RECORD**

A motion was made by Councilman White (joined the meeting at 7:37 PM), seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present (Vicari absent) to approve Chief Brophy’s time record for the month of February 2011 as presented.

- **STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR WAYNE DAY PARADE**

- 22 posts are required – the following are available
 - 10 fire police
 - 5 sheriff’s deputies and 1 supervisor
 - 3 auxiliary police
 - 4/5 police officers
 - Use of barricades for some posts

- **LEGAL COUNSEL FOR 207-C CASES**

Discussion developed between the Town Board and Chief Brophy regarding appointment of two possible candidates to represent the Town in these matters. **No action** was taken at this time.

- **OVERTIME & SICK LEAVE REPORTS**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the overtime and sick leave reports for the month of February 2011 as presented.

- **SECURED CITIES GRANT UPDATE**

Chief Brophy explained that a grant was given to the City of New York from Federal Homeland Security monies to place vehicles in the outlying

suburbs in New Jersey and New York to try to prevent a radiological attack in NYC. The program is being administered by the Rockland County Sheriff's Department and all the Towns in Rockland County were supplied with these vehicles. Stony Point has received the vehicle which is now being equipped.

- **POLICE STATION BATHROOM PROJECT UPDATE**

Chief Brophy explained that a handicapped assessable bathroom is being installed in the lower level of the police station to serve the training room and the emergency operations center. Work is progressing quickly on the project and federal seizure monies are being used to support it.

Supervisor Sherwood explained that monies had been received from Rockland County Community Development Block Grants which were originally slated for this project. Chief Brophy agreed that seizure monies could be used and, with permission from the County, those monies received were transferred to a project installing a similar bathroom at Kirkbride Hall.

- **SURPLUS POLICE EQUIPMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to surplus a 2000 green Chevy Lumina 4-door sedan (vin #2G1WL52JOY1242610), to place the vehicle on Auctions International and to allocate the funds derived from the sale to account A2665B, Sale of Equipment Revenue, Restricted.

- **REQUEST FOR TRAINING**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to approve training for PO Tobin at a Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Operations Course hosted by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Service in Oriskany, NY. The training and lodging are free and REACT has agreed to cover the meal and gas allowance. Use of a department vehicle was also approved.

- **PROJECT LIFESAVER**

PO George Zayas has been working on this international program that helps provide rapid response to adults and children who wander due to cognitive conditions. Bracelets are assigned and dispensed to any individual in danger of becoming lost. Initial expense of approximately \$3,500 would be covered by a federal program. Approximate expense of \$1000 for training could be covered by federal seizure monies. Chief Brophy would like to precede researching and attempt to bring some nearby departments on board for the training. He will report back to the Board at a later date.

- **GRAND FONDO BICYCLE RACE**

Chief Brophy explained that this bike race, to be held on Sunday, May 8th, originates in NYC, travels to New Jersey, lower, middle and upper Rockland County and will involve a great number of participants. The organization made a presentation to the Chief's Association and was informed that they would need to cover the cost of traffic control. He will advise the board when more information is received.

Golf Course

Dave Fusco Director of Golf presented, the following report for February, 2011:

- Memberships \$2,560.00

Announcements:

- Driving range will open on March 10th, weather permitting
- I.D. cards available for purchase and renewal March 14th

- 2010 I.D. cards are valid until 4/15/11
- Anticipated opening of course next two/three weeks, weather permitting
- New website going up within the next two-three weeks
 - Ezlinks
 - new system and process for reserving tee times through the internet
 - utilizes a reservation service based in Chicago
 - tee times can be booked around the clock
 - e-mails are utilized and tee time reminders are sent two days in advance
 - software is extremely valuable
 - tremendous amount of marketing and advertising opportunities available at no cost to the town

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Councilwoman Konopko presented the following:

- First meeting of the volunteer Recreation Committee will be March 21st
- North Rockland Community Race will be held, in conjunction with the Town of Haverstraw, on Sunday, June 5th.

PARKS DEPT/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Councilwoman Konopko indicated:

- 9 people are responsible for more than 30 properties throughout the town, not including the Patriot Hills complex
- Spoke with Little League regarding cooperation for traffic control, parking, and cleanup
- Possible surplus of oak benches and marble/granite stone

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk, offered the following reports for the record:

Architectural Review Board

From:	2/1/2011	To:	2/28/2011
Applications Received	0		
Applications Approved	0		
Applications Pending	0		
Fees Collected:	\$ 0.00		
Money in Lieu of Land	\$ 0.00		

Building & Zoning Department

February

Applications Pending In February	18
Applications Received	7
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Denied	1
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	8
Applications Pending	16
Certificate of Occupancy	7
Certificate of Compliance	8
Fees Collected	\$ 3,635.00

Dog Control Officer

February

Dogs seized and sheltered	0
Dogs returned to owner	0
Number of complaints received	5
Miles traveled patrolling the Town and transporting dogs	407

Fire Inspector

<u>February</u>	Month	Total
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Number Buildings Inspected	4	12
Number Buildings Re-Inspected	2	3
Field Correction Issued	2	2
Violations Issued	0	0
Violations Complied With	0	0
Violations Outstanding	0	0
Number of Permits Issued	0	0
Requests by Police Dept.	0	0
Requests by Fire Dept.	3	6
Fires Investigated	1	1
Miscellaneous		
NYS DOS School NYC RCNYSBOC meeting		

Planning Board

	From: 2/1/2011	To: 2/28/2011
Applications Received		
Site Plan	1	
Subdivision-Minor	1	
Applications Approved	0	
Applications Pending		
Site Plan	5	
Subdivision-Major	1	
Subdivision-Minor	3	
Fees Collected:	\$2,400.00	
Money in Lieu of Land	\$0.00	

Sewer Department

February

Total Overtime Hours	54 hrs
Holiday	17
Sundays	16
Vacation	5
Call Out	16
Monthly Flow	
Plant	17,210,800 gallons
Kay Fries	2,616,000 gallons
Fuel Usage	192.5 gallons
Heating Oil	321 gallons
Total to Sludge Compost Facility	58 Cu. Yds.
Solids	18.3%
Screenings	63.11 Cu. Ft.
Septage	2400 Gals.

Zoning Board Of Appeals

	From: 2/1/2011	To: 2/28/2011
Applications Received		
Area Variance	1	
Applications Closed		
Area Variance	2	
Applications Pending		
Area Variance	1	
Fees Collected:	\$300.00	

Town Clerk

February

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets	
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 22.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$ 45.00
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$ 1,061.04
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$ 2,367.18
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$ 3,495.22

Audit of Bills

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk, presented the following bills to the Town Board for audit and a motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Finn to approve the bills as presented for payment.

The following roll call vote was recorded and the motion was duly **adopted**:

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. White, Supervisor Sherwood
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Ms. Konopko
ABSENT: Mr. Vicari

Contractual General – February

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>BILL TOTAL</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
<u>General</u>	196-249	\$ 769,269.63	\$ 1,708,269.63
<u>Highway</u>	59-77	\$ 157,992.83	\$ 599,992.83
<u>Sewer</u>	60-80	\$ 65,243.58	\$ 540,243.58
<u>Special Districts</u>			
Enterprise	50-69	\$ 47,944.85	\$ 63,944.85
<u>General – March</u>			
<u>General</u>	250-317		\$ 115,815.66
<u>Highway</u>	78-104		\$ 97,763.97
<u>Sewer</u>	81-105		\$ 107,236.79
<u>Special Districts</u>			
Ambulance	9-10		\$ 117,973.25
Enterprise Fund	70-95		\$ 39,341.30
Sewer Cap.Proj.	1-1		\$ 73,850.00
Solid Waste	8-8		\$ 21,356.25

PRESENTATION – SCHOOL TAX ISSUE

Dennis Lynch and Mary Marzolla of Ferrick Lynch MacCartney (Special Counsel) spoke regarding the shift in school taxes and the steps taken by the Town of Stony Point to protect the taxpayers. Stony Point has been faced with an increase in the school tax levy of 6.3 million dollars over the past two years compared to Haverstraw’s increase of less than one million dollars and as a result Stony Point taxpayers paid an average of 17% more in school taxes than the taxpayers in the Town of Haverstraw. In conjunction with Stephen Cole-Hatchard who volunteered to help, an in depth study was conducted to see whether the number that ORPS (Office of Real Property Services) was using and that Haverstraw was submitting was correct. A tremendous discrepancy was found and based on this a very detailed and extensive document was presented to ORPS on 2-18-11 in the hopes of correcting that discrepancy. Equalization rate is very important in that it’s the number used in the calculation to figure out how much school tax is apportioned to each town. Stony Point is now being proactive to make sure the town has the best equalization rate and that Haverstraw’s number is fair and correct. The goal is to make the tax on a house valued at \$500,000 the same in both Stony Point and Haverstraw. Through the submission of this latest document, ORPS has been made aware of the inequities. This process will not get money back for the Town of Stony Point, but going forward, the goal is to get a better rate and put everyone on equal footing. This is a process that must be looked into every year.

Agenda Item 24 – Patriot Hills was addressed next.

The town board requested an explanation from Jani Realty & Investments Inc. since Councilman Finn discovered that this company has listed for sale on the internet, the Patriot Hills Golf Course and the surrounding property at a price of \$30,000,000; apparently without town board authorization. After addressing the board, Mr. Jani stated he took responsibility for this misunderstanding and would remove the listing.

APPOINT SPECIAL COUNSEL

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present

(Vicari absent) to approve hiring Kimberlea Shaw-Rea as the attorney to handle the Stony Point Technical Park matter (pipe replacement along Holt Drive) at a rate of \$225 per hour.

APPOINT IRRIGATION MECHANIC

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to conditionally appointment James Bruntfield to the position of Irrigation Mechanic at the Golf course, commencing immediately. The salary for this position is budgeted at \$56,825.

APPOINT COUNSEL – 207 C CASES

This matter was **tabled** until the March 22, 2011 meeting.

APPOINTMENT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

This matter was **tabled** until the March 22, 2011 meeting.

RECYCLING CONTRACT

Supervisor Sherwood explained that the Board had voted on February 8, 2011 to go out to bid for collection of comingled recyclables but after that had realized that there was a clause in the current contract to extend for one year at the discretion of the board. The current contractor, Charles Capasso, had offered to extend the contract for five years under the same terms, conditions and price. The consensus of the board was to advertise for bids for the contract.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE BONDING

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize bond counsel to prepare the resolution necessary to bond retirement payouts and to be presented to the state legislature at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

RESERVE ANNUAL RESTRICTED BALANCES

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to reserve the annual restricted balances in existing accounts as presented by the Finance Director and filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR 2010

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize budget transfers for 2010 as submitted by the Finance Director and filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

DAY CAMP FEES

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to set the fees for the 2011 Day Camp Program the same as last year; \$250 for the 1st child; \$150 for the 2nd child, \$100 for the 3rd child, and all other siblings \$50.

BID-DAY CAMP BUS TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for day camp bus transportation for the 2011 season.

BID-FERTILIZER & PESTICIDES

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for fertilizer and pesticides for the 2011 golf course season.

BID-MACHINERY GOLF COURSE

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for a bunker machine for golf course maintenance.

AWARD BID – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This matter was **tabled** until the March 22, 2011 meeting to enable the Superintendent of Highways to inspect the machinery.

STREET LIGHTS – HOLT (KAY FRIES) DRIVE

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to approve installation of two (2) street lights along Holt Drive (Kay Fries Drive) at a cost of \$5,659.

RELOCATION OF HIGHWAY GARAGE

After discussion between town board members and in the absence of the Superintendent of Highways this matter was **tabled** until the March 22, 2011 meeting.

DISCUSSION-SNOW REMOVAL BUDGET

Discussion developed between town board members regarding snow removal overtime and expense. According to the analysis prepared by the Director of Finance, actual snow removal costs are in line, however, over 70% of the overtime budget has been utilized to this point. Councilman Finn advised that he just spoke to the Foreman and Superintendent of Highways and they are reviewing the contractual change in hours and will present the board with a concept to be reviewed.

SALE OF PROPERTY-ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPT

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **carried** by a voice vote (Konopko-Nay/Vicari-Absent) to authorize the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING COUNCIL MEMBER GEOFFREY FINN TO TAKE ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ROCKLAND COUNTY CONCERNING THE SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT FOR MOUNTED PATROL USE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Stony Point desires to explore the sale of an improved parcel of land currently owned by the Town of Stony Point to the County of Rockland at fair market value for use by the Sheriff’s Department Mounted Unit; and

WHEREAS, the County of Rockland has indicated its interest in purchasing said improved parcel of land for use by the Mounted Unit of the Sheriff’s Department; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal of said parcel has been conducted and reviewed by both the Town of Stony Point and the County of Rockland;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Stony Point desires to receive and consider public input from residents of the Town with respect to any such sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved as follows:

Section 1. The Town Board authorizes Council Member Geoffrey Finn to proceed with appropriate actions required to negotiate the possible sale of an improved parcel of land, the precise boundaries of which are to be determined, consisting of an approximate ½ acre portion of a parcel currently owned by the Town, Parcel ID 19.02-1-3, upon which is located a part one-story, part-two story existing building used for cold storage. Said authorization requires that any decision to sell shall be made only by Town Board approval and after Public Hearing.

Section 2. The Town Board desires any such sale to be no less than fair market value for the subject property.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk, in accordance with applicable law, to properly publish notice of a Public Hearing to be conducted by the Town Board on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., and to be closed or continued thereafter as determined by the Town Board.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

DISCUSSION-POLICE BUDGET

Led by Councilman White, discussion developed between the Town Board regarding the overall police budget to date. The Director of Finance prepared an analysis for Town Board review.

In addition to the board reviewing at each meeting, the finances, bills and purchase orders for all departments, quarterly review of budgets is performed by the finance director and supervisor with department heads. It's an ongoing process and regularly followed up on.

HUDSON VALLEY MUNICIPAL PURCHASE GROUP

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize Supervisor Sherwood to sign the agreement with Interactive Procurement Technologies by BidNet, a division of International Data Base Corp. for participation with the Hudson Valley Municipal Purchase Group.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize Commonwealth Electrical Inspection Service Inc., 90 Lakes Rd., Monroe, NY to perform electrical inspections in the Town of Stony Point.

KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Vicari absent) to authorize a \$500 contribution to the Keep Rockland Beautiful 2011 Campaign. It was also announced that the clean up for the Town of Stony Point will be April 9th from 9-1. Anyone interested should meet at the Farley Middle School at 9 am.

VCS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM DONATION

No action was taken on this item. Supervisor Sherwood will contact the organization.

PERSONAL USE OF TOWN VEHICLES

Discussion developed between town board members regarding use of town vehicles after working hours, especially employees using town vehicles to travel back and forth to work. Supervisor Sherwood advised that our current policy is that no one is authorized to take a car home except for emergency responders and those who are under contract to do so and he will send a memo to that affect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:05 pm a motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote by those board members present (Vicari absent) to adjourn into executive session for personnel matters.

ADJOURN

The March 8, 2011 Stony Point Town Board meeting was adjourned at 11:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Skinner, Town Clerk