

## STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 11, 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. Louis Vicari	Councilman
	Mr. James White	Councilman
	Ms. Luanne Konopko	Councilwoman
	Mr. William E. Sherwood	Supervisor

ABSENT: None

### RECOGNITION

Supervisor Sherwood recognized three members of Wayne Hose Company for their heroic work at a house fire on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Curt Wicks, Fire Fighter Tom Cass Jr., and Fire Fighter Ryan Flood were presented with certificates praising their efforts for rescuing the second floor resident, who was found unconscious in the smoke filled building.

### PUBLIC INPUT

Irene Ginal, Gilmore Dr. urged the Town Board to consider adopting the same policy that the Town of Haverstraw uses for collecting school taxes in installments.

Susan Filgueras, Mott Farm Rd, Tomkins Cove updated the status of the grant process by the Stony Point Historical Society, indicating that Governor Cuomo has totally revamped the New York State Grant Program and that the application is due by October 31, 2011. Three documents must be submitted with the grant application; municipal endorsement, authorizing resolution, certified copy of the deed for the property.

George Harris, Willow Grove Rd. spoke against a sports camp in his residential neighborhood and suggested that fines for zoning violations be increased.

Eva Seavey, Buckberg Rd., Tomkins Cove spoke about property maintenance at a home on Wayne Avenue, a route she travels regularly.

George Potanovic, Gate Hill Rd.

- Urged the Town Board to do whatever it can to save the Pyngyp School building and to work with Susan Filgueras and the Stony Point Historical Society in their efforts to save the building.
- SPACE will be hosting two candidate debates on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of all board members present to approve the following purchase orders:

Police

PO#2345	Acoustical Solutions	\$2,728.90
PO#2346	Total Recall Corp	\$3,369.50

### 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, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the bills as presented for payment.

**Contractual General – September**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>BILL TOTAL</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	1087-1135	\$ 705,400.13	\$ 775,400.43
Highway	394-406	\$ 87,673.21	\$ 87,673.21
Sewer	372-687	\$ 70,611.10	\$ 70,611.10

(Above numbers reflect a typographical error jumping from 383 to 684  
Missing numbers 384-683)

Special Districts

Enterprise	448-464	\$ 92,258.78	\$ 282,258.78
Street Lighting	10-10	\$ 21,021.61	\$ 21,021.61

**General – October**

General	1136-1202		\$ 58,193.97
Highway	407-434		\$ 62,396.08
Sewer	688-707		\$ 47,835.07

Special Districts

Ambulance	20-20		\$ 26,220.25
Enterprise Fund	465-491		\$ 16,572.57
Solid Waste	24-26		\$ 24,290.41

**MINUTES**

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 minutes of September 27, 2011.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS**

Chief Moore presented the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of September, 2011

Number of calls for service:	633
Number of reported accidents:	20
Number of arrests:	35
Fuel usage:	1315.5 gallons
Sum total of all traffic enforcement action:	203
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	5
Number of child safety seat installations:	4
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	1
Number of traffic enforcement details:	11
	11 STEP
Number of training hours:	168:00hrs
Total fees collected:	\$92.50
	(\$32.25 - FOIL; \$20.00 - prints; \$40.00 - reports)

Miscellaneous:

Youth sponsored events: 2 NR Police Academy sessions & 2 Community Service days.

Chief Moore addressed the board regarding the following matters:

- **CHIEF MOORE'S TIME RECORD**

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 Chief Moore's time record for the month of September 2011 as presented.

- **OVERTIME REPORT**

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 report for the month of September 2011 as presented.

- **SICK LEAVE REPORT**

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 sick leave report for the month of September 2011 as presented.

- **COPS HIRING GRANT STATUS**

Stony Point was unsuccessful in obtaining this grant on the first round held 9/28/11 which means that we are now in a pending status with regard to possibly obtaining it.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilwoman Konopko reported as follows:

- Attended seminar on Funding, Financing & Redeveloping Brownfields
  - Brownfields Opportunity Areas grant process has not yet been changed
  - Next round of applications for the project is due in March
    - Three step application process should be followed
- Environmental Protection Agency grants are available and must be submitted by November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT** – None

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

We have a lot going on including our budget which the board received at the last meeting. I have heard from at least 1 board member regarding additional cuts and savings and I appreciate the input.

I suggest that we should set our next regular meeting as the Public Hearing on the budget so it can be advertised and we can get public input and then the board can act on adoption either at that meeting or at a special meeting in November.

We have been getting much renewed interest in economic development in the town, particularly commercial development and I credit our committee for the continued effort to create interest.

One of the consistent complaints from new businesses has to do with substantial filing fees the town has imposed. I believe we should revisit our fee structure and explore how our filing fees compare with other towns.

Candidly everyone is competing for the few businesses that are out there and high initial costs are a stumbling block. I would like to do a comparison side by side with other towns in the county to see if we should consider reductions in filing fees to encourage development. It is possible that lower fees will actual increase revenue as John F. Kennedy established when he lowered tax rates.

I also want to discuss in Executive Session our sewer fee charge that exists with the Joint Regional board. I'm sure it was well intentioned at the time the agreement was made but I was shocked to find that after all of the investment made to get the badly needed Shop-Rite stores in here they got socked with a \$135,000 bill from Joint Regional for sewer hookups. Frankly I was outraged and think that contract needs to be revisited.

I would also like the board's permission to post a for sale sign near the entrance to Patriot Hills in our continuing effort to market the surplus property at this location.

I attended with several other elected officials a wonderful dinner for our Little League teams this week and honored our champions and the volunteers who made them so successful.

The town participated in the Columbus Day Parade and honored our little league champs with displays on our float.

I want to report that I attended two separate meetings to fight for continued funding of the county's joint policing efforts that are so important to our community. Funding has been threatened for the Narcotics task force and the Intel task force and frankly without the funding we would not be able to participate in what I know are very important programs.

The supervisors met as a group with the police chiefs and I attended and spoke at the county legislature last week imploring them to maintain the funding for these programs.

I attended a day-long seminar on the 2% tax cap program at New Paltz. We already know that in order to maintain town services we have to be creative and seek additional revenue sources to protect our residents who are being priced out of existence with the property taxes especially from our school district. The seminar just reinforced that knowledge but offered no great assistance on how to move forward -- in fact I found that we have already been doing just about everything they suggest to help out taxpayers.

We have had a so far a very disappointing response or more correctly lack of response from FEMA for our infrastructure problems as a result of Hurricane Irene and we continue to push them for firm commitments on the drainage, highway and sewer issues related to that storm.

**GOLF COURSE REPORT**

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk read the following report for Dave Fusco Director of Golf for September, 2011:

- Green Fees                   \$ 203,265.28
- ID Cards                     \$       255.00
- Merchandise               \$   9,707.08
- Range Fees                 \$   7,259.00
- Club Rental                \$     387.48
- Misc. Golf                 \$     410.00
- Total                        \$ 221,283.84

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

**Architectural Review Board**

From:	9/1/2011	To:	9/30/2011
Applications Received		1	
Applications Approved		0	
Applications Pending		1	
Fees Collected:		\$ 100.00	

**Building & Zoning Department**

September

Applications Pending In September	9
Applications Received	17
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Denied	0
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	16
Applications Pending	10
Certificate of Occupancy	11
Certificate of Compliance	5
Fees Collected	\$10,750.00

**Dog Control Officer**

September

Dogs seized and sheltered	4
Dogs returned to owner	4
Number of complaints received	6
Miles traveled patrolling the Town and transporting dogs	403

**Fire Inspector**

September

	Month	Total
Number Buildings Inspected	5	111
Number Buildings Re-Inspected	4	14
Field Correction Issued	1	7
Violations Issued	0	0
Violations Complied With	0	0
Violations Outstanding	0	0
Number of Permits Issued	0	0
Requests by Police Dept.	0	3
Requests by Fire Dept.	7	56
Fires Investigated	1	10
Miscellaneous	0	

**Planning Board**

	From: 9/1/2011	To: 9/30/2011
Applications Received		
Amended Site Plan	1	
Applications Approved	0	
Applications Pending	2	
Site Plan	3	
Amended Site Plan	1	
Subdivision-Major	2	
Subdivision-Minor	3	
Fees Collected:	\$2,162.50	
Money in Lieu of Land	\$0.00	

**Sewer Department**

**September**

Total Overtime Hours	
Sundays	20 hrs.
Saturdays	4 hrs.
Call Ins	27 ½ hrs.
Monday	8 hrs.
Monthly Flow	
Plant	26,987,300 gallons
Kay Fries	13,519,000 gallons
Fuel Usage	242.8 gallons
Heating Oil	20 gallons
Total to Sludge Compost Facility	35 Cu. Yds.
Solids	21.2%
Screenings	106.5 Cu. Ft.
Septage	3400 Gals.

**Zoning Board Of Appeals**

	From: 9/1/2011	To: 9/30/2011
Applications Received	0	
Applications Approved		
Area Variance	1	
Applications Pending		
Area Variance	1	
Fees Collected:	\$ 0.00	
Money in Lieu of Land	\$ 0.00	

**Town Clerk**

**August**

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets	
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 30.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$ 135.00
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$ 7,209.26
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$ 5,364.02
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$ 12,738.28

Councilman White questioned the overtime report and whether it was being prepared properly.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT-PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman Finn and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those board members present to reclassify the two assistants in the Recreation Department to part-time employees.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT-WINTER ACTIVITIES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to approve the following Recreation Departments activities as contained in memo dated 9/30/11:

- Frosty the Snowman at Westchester Dinner Theatre – Dec.10<sup>th</sup>
- Breakfast with Santa at Noels – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Eve Arts & Crafts for Kids – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Holiday House Decorating Contest
- Yogalates Classes – Nov. 22 & 29 and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

### **BUDGET REVIEW MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to conduct budget review of the tentative budget at the next regular Town Board meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> and to set the public hearing on the preliminary budget for November 10<sup>th</sup> and 7:00 pm.

### **BUDGET RESPONSE LETTER – OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman Vicari and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to approve the draft letter, dated 9/30/11, from Supervisor Sherwood to the Office of the State Comptroller with the changes as suggested by Councilman White by inserting “as submitted to the Town Board” in the fourth line of the eighth paragraph.

### **TRAINING – TOWN ENGINEER**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Finn and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to authorize the Town Engineer’s attendance at Stormwater Management Training consisting of six classes at a cost of \$1,215.

### **QUOTES – DETENTION BASIN DUNDERBERG ROAD**

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to award the quote for cleaning out excess vegetation from the Dunderberg Road Detention Basin to Northeastern Landscape & Lawn Care in the amount of \$9,250.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:14 pm a motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Supervisor Sherwood and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation issues.

### **RECONVENE**

At 8:44 pm a motion as made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Supervisor Sherwood and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to reconvene the October 11, 2011 Stony Point Town Board meeting.

### **PBA GRIEVANCE/PENSION PLANS**

Brian Nugent, Special Counsel explained that there was no appearance by the PBA even though they were noticed that this matter would be heard at 8:00 or as soon thereafter as possible and that no inquiries or any other communication from the PBA as to rescheduling the hearing were received.

### **ACTION**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Supervisor Sherwood and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to deny the Stony Point PBA Grievance regarding pensions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:45 pm a motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Supervisor Sherwood and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of those board members present to return to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation matters.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Vicari and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to adjourn the October 11, 2011 Stony Point Town Board Meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skinner  
Town Clerk