

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING-MARCH 3, 2010

A Special Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, was held on March 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at Rho Building, 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, New York. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT: Mr. Geoffrey Finn Councilman
 Mr. Louis Vicari Councilman
 Mr. James White Councilman
 Mrs. Luanne Konopko Councilwoman
 Mr. William E. Sherwood Supervisor

ABSENT: None

POLICE MATTERS:

• **CHIEF BROPHY'S TIME RECORD**

Chief Brophy presented his time sheet for the month of February 2010.

A motion was made by Councilman Vicari and seconded by Councilman Finn to approve Chief Brophy's time record for the month of February 2010.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor
 Sherwood

NAYS:None

• **POLICE OFFICER VACANCY**

Chief Brophy indicated that filling this position would have a positive impact on the schedule and budget, specifically on the overtime and part-time officers' line and would enable them to maintain the School Resource Officer/Dare Program as well as providing an officer for the INTEL Program, with a savings of approximately \$22,000 per year. Additionally:

- Salary for this position was budgeted for 2010.
- Current list from Rockland County Personnel is certified until April 16th.
- This position is a replacement for a retired officer.
- Would recommend the following schedule:
 - March 9th meeting interview the candidate
 - April 7th meeting nominate the candidate
 - This time frame would leave a month to get through Rockland County Personnel
 - May 12th meeting candidate could be appointed

It was decided that the candidate recommended by the Police Department would be interviewed at the March 9th meeting.

• **DEPARTMENT OVER-TIME REPORT**

The over-time report for the month of February 2010 was presented and discussed. Increase in overtime is due, in part, to two large investigations.

• **DEPARTMENT SICK LEAVE REPORT**

The sick leave report for the month of February 2010 was presented and discussed, including the contractual item of family sick leave.

• **MUTUAL AID ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE/ORANGETOWN**

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Vicari to provide manpower from Stony Point PD to assist in coverage at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Orangetown pursuant to Chief Brophy's request.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

- **STONY POINT POLICE DEPT. GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL**
Chief Brophy explained that the Town Board is asked to accept the Department Rules & Regulations on an annual basis. These have been slightly revised and reviewed by Special Counsel.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

- **DRUG TESTING CONFIDENTIALITY FORMS**
These forms were distributed to the Town Board members for signature.
- **DESIGNATE POLICE SURGEONS**
A motion was made by Councilman Vicari and seconded by Councilman Finn to designate Stuart Rasch, Michael Variuer and Mid Rockland Best Care as police surgeons for the year 2010.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

- **DESIGNATE POLICE CHAPLAINS**
A motion was made by Councilman Vicari and seconded by Councilwoman Konopko to designate Deacon John Crapanzano and Rev. Paul Zorn as police chaplains for the year 2010.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

- **PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT DETECTIVE BUREAU**
A motion was made by Councilman Vicari and seconded by Councilman White to authorize the use of the asset seizure funds for the purchase of equipment for the detective bureau up to the amount of \$7,600.
The following roll call vote was recorded and the motion was duly **adopted**:

AYES: Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Finn

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Chief Brophy announced that the Citizens Police Academy will begin on March 24th and anyone interested in attending should speak to him.

TOWN BOARD

Special Permit – Dattilo Petroleum

Public hearing has been closed on this matter. Action will be considered at March 9, 2010 meeting.

Zoning Amendments to Allow Emergency Services in Certain Locations within the Town of Stony Point

- Town Planner advised the Town to contact the Department of State
- According to Dept. of State if Fire District
 - submits plans
 - accepts input from planning board & town board
 - meet all requirements
 - building and height codes would still apply
- Town
 - could exempt fire district from zoning
 - not necessary to do a zone change
- This would also extend to the ambulance corps with their proposed new location

Land Use Leadership Alliance Program

This is a very worthwhile, intensive, four-day program presented by Pace University. The Town is being asked to adopt a resolution supporting the program.

Usage Policy (Buildings & Parks)

Policy previously adopted, after a year of being in place Supervisor Sherwood asked the Recreation Leader to review and make suggestions.

RFP – Special Counsel

Ten proposals have been received and will be discussed at the regular town board meeting.

RFP – Grant Writer

- Three RFP's were issued
- Nine proposals received in total
- None of the proposals are to operate on a contingency basis
- A resident, without grant writing experience, is interested in learning and working on a contingency basis

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Councilwoman Konopko will act as Town Board liaison and together with Steve Porath, Director of the Rockland County Economic Development Committee, will organize this committee.

Cedar Pond Dry Hydrant

David Zigler, a local surveyor, has existing maps and has kindly given them to the Town, eliminating the necessity of having additional survey work done.

Mellin v. Town of Stony Point

Since this involves litigation, this matter will be discussed in Executive Session.

Appointment Planning Board Member

To be moved to executive session

Appointment Zoning Board Member

To be moved to executive session

Appointment of Architectural Review Board

To be moved to executive session

Appointment of Ethics Board Member

Supervisor Sherwood tendered his appointment to the Board of Ethics.

ACTION

A motion was made by Councilman Vicari and seconded by Councilwoman Konopko to appoint Elizabeth Verrier as a member of the Board of Ethics to fill the unexpired term of William Sherwood. The term will end in June 2010.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

Request to Purchase and Bid Golf Equipment

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Supervisor Sherwood to authorize Golf Course Maintenance to purchase the following items from state bid:

- Toro Greensmaster 3150 (award #21459 PF) - \$24,806.79 = \$270 delivery charge
- Vehicle Lift (award #21819 PF) - \$11,310.00

and further to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for a 175 Gallon 4 Wheel Dedicated Pesticide Spray Applicator with Electric Hose Reel Kit and Sonic Boom.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

Use of Municipal Parking Lot

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko and seconded by Councilman White to approve the request to use the Route 9W commuter parking lot on April 17, 2010 (April 18 rain date) for a tag sale for the benefit of the Children of Mary Nursery School upon receipt of a certificate of insurance naming the town as an additional insured.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

RiverTowns of Rockland

Councilwoman Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood and Jim MacDonnell have been active in this area. Councilwoman Konopko explained that this is an initiative started by the Rockland County Department of Tourism consisting of a coalition of people from the different towns who have come together to help promote tourism.

Reinstallation of Traffic Light at 9W/Lowland Hill

Dan Hogan of Hogan’s Family Diner addressed the Board explaining that due to the location of his building, and what he feels to be safety issues, it would be beneficial to have the traffic light at Route 9W and Lowland Hill reinstalled.

After much discussion and since this is a state road, Councilman Finn agreed to contact the NYSDOT with this concern on behalf of Mr. Hogan.

Use of Facilities – Home Care Limited

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Vicari to approve the request of At Home Care Limited for use of Rho Building as coordinated by the Recreation Dept. for the purpose of recruiting home health aides who live in the North Rockland area.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

Use of Facilities – Stony Point Little League

A motion was made by Councilman Finn and seconded by Councilman Vicari to approve Stony Point Little League’s request to use the fields at Veterans Memorial Park commencing March 15 – November 15, 2010 – Monday – Friday 4 pm to 10:30 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 8 am to 10:30 pm. The use of Rho Community Center was also approved for January – December 2010 for the batting cages, monthly meetings and yearly drafts.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

TOWN CLERK’S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Councilman Vicari and seconded by Councilman Finn to approve the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk’s attendance at the Town Clerk’s Association meeting in Saratoga Springs, April 25-28, 2010 at an approximate cost of \$1,550. All charges are to be proper town charges.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

Bond Resolution for Capital Equipment

Supervisor Sherwood explained that after review and research it was determined that bonding is a cheaper way to purchase needed equipment. Five year or less bonds would be handled as BANS. Under state law, prior to purchasing any equipment in this fashion for the sewer district, it is necessary to hold a public hearing, therefore, bond counsel has prepared the necessary paperwork.

Resolution Establishing Standard Work Week/Day for Elected & Appointed Officials

This is to establish a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for retirement crediting purposes.

Park Attendants (Recreation Facility Attendants)

Seasonal employees need to be hired to fill the positions of park attendants (recreation facility attendants).

GOLF COURSE – Halfway House

Supervisor Sherwood indicated he has been working with the Director of Golf and Inn Credible Caterers regarding the proposed Halfway House (refreshment stand) at the golf course. When this project fell through last year, the Town returned the \$50,000 donated by Inn Credible Caterers for the project. They are now willing to build the refreshment

stand and run the sewer line to the building. The parks and highway departments will assist by providing the concrete pad for the structure. Inn Credible Caterers would like credit for the contribution to be deducted from the \$50,000 they are obligated to contribute for this project.

ACTION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko and seconded by Councilman White to authorize the Supervisor to amend the agreement with Inn Credible Caterers to allow them to directly purchase the refreshment stand and sewer line and be credited for their actual cost against the \$50,000 contribution they were obligated to make to the refreshment stand construction.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

Purchase Orders

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilwoman Konopko to approve the following purchase orders:

Golf Course Maintenance P.O. # 2187	Wittek Golf Supply Inc.	\$3,422.99
Finance Department P.O. #2193	Dell	\$ 542.50
Police Department P.O. #2150	Amchar Wholesale	\$2,450.40

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

Supervisor Sherwood reported the following:

- Memorial Day Parade - Councilman Finn will work as the Town Board liaison on the Memorial Day Parade Committee.
- Verizon/Orange & Rockland Storm Response - During the last snow storm, the Stony Point Police Department lost their communications system and were unable to receive any calls. The Rockland County Sheriff's Dept took our 911 calls for at least twenty-four hours. We got very limited response from Verizon and Orange & Rockland. Supervisor Sherwood will address this issue with them.
- Town Newsletter - with the assistance of Rich Ryder and Rosemarie Caramanno, working on a plan to issue a town newsletter.
- Risk Management Seminar - all department heads have been asked to attend a Risk Management Seminar presented by our insurance agent/carrier at Patriot Hills Golf Course, on March 10th at 8:30 am.
- Stony Point Seals holding a thank you luncheon on March 7th

Discussion developed regarding the North Rockland Crew Team and several phone calls that had been received by the Town Board.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Vicari, seconded by Councilman Finn and carried by a voice vote to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of legal updates and personnel matters at 9:38 pm

Reconvene

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Vicari and carried by a voice vote to reconvene at 11:17 pm

Tax Certiori – Stony Point Stop & Shop Shopping Center

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilwoman Konopko to authorize settlement of the tax certiori on the Stony Point Stop & Shop Shopping Center for \$62, 520.28 as recommended by the tax assessor and Paul Goldman, Counsel on this matter.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:None

CSEA Grievance

A motion was made by Councilman Vicari and seconded by Councilman Finn to authorize Supervisor Sherwood to settle a grievance with three CSEA laborers by giving each of the three CSEA laborers, Frank LoPresti, Kenny Reynolds and Curt Wicks, four hours comp time for their agreement not to bring any formal grievance in this matter.

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

AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Supervisor Sherwood

NAYS:Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Vicari and carried by a voice vote to adjourn back into executive session at 11:30 pm.

ADJOURN

Executive Session was adjourned at 11:59 pm

Respectfully submitted - Joan Skinner - Town Clerk