

The July 27, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Stony Point Town Board, Rockland County, New York, was held at 7:00 P.M. at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, New York. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

George Harris, Willow Grove Rd. spoke about the town assessments and the rise in school taxes.

Patrick Magee, Old Gate Hill Lane praised the planning board for their performance and spoke about the need for more rateables in town.

George Potanovic, Old Gate Hill Rd spoke about the Ambulance Corps request to waive zoning requirements for the new ambulance building.

Lucille Studdard, Phillips Dr. voiced her concerns regarding the water conditions in the town.

Susan Filgueras, Mott Farm Rd. spoke about:

- United Water
 - Problems being experienced throughout the Town
- Mirant becoming a new entity
 - Responsibility for coal ash pile at Lovett
- Praised the Police Department and especially Officer Tobin helping an elderly woman in distress
- Pyngyp School - refurbishing
 - Seniors had very good ideas
 - Three volunteers to work on committee
 - Looking for grants
- 1909 Map located at Town Hall
 - Would like to preserve it
- Praised the fire department for their work

PURCHASE ORDERS

It was moved by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Finn to approve the following Purchase Order:

POLICE DEPT		
PO# 2231	Botach Tactical	\$1,274.88

The following roll call vote was recorded and the motion was duly **adopted**:
AYES: Mr. Finn, Mr. Vicari, Mr. White, Ms. Konopko, Supervisor Sherwood
NAYS:None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

AUDIT OF BILLS – None

Minutes – None

Reports – None

Correspondence – None

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Sherwood reported as follows:

- Demand Response Partners - This group would act as an interface party for the town. The Sewer Plant would switch to generator power in times of peak usage, generating a savings to the town.
- Letter to United Water requesting they provide all water tests done in the town January – July. Would like to have an independent reviewer look at reports, make suggestions, etc. to alleviate the problem being experienced throughout the town. The town has no authority over the water company. The county and state health departments and the public service commission do.
- 1909 Map – Susan Filgueras pledged \$100 towards preservation. Supervisor will pledge matching funds up to \$250 for any contributions.

SCHOOL TAX ISSUE

Discussion developed between Town Board members regarding the school tax issue and the potential shift in school taxes from the Town of Haverstraw to the Town of Stony Point. Stephen Cole-Hatchard (Stony Point resident and former Councilman), Paul Goldman, Esq., and William Beckmann of Beckmann Appraisals discussed the situation with members of the Town Board.

AMBULANCE CORP – REQUEST FOR WAIVER – ZONING USE REQUIREMENT

Ambulance Corp President Shelly Englemen addressed the Board, updating them on planning board action. This item was put off to the August 10, 2010 meeting.

STONY POINT FIRE DISTRICT SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TOWN CHARGES

A motion was made by Councilman Finn and seconded by Councilman Vicari to refund the \$17,500 held in escrow for the Stony Point Fire District Substation Construction Project and for the Town to cover any further consultants charges regarding the project.

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

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

DISCOUNTS ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Town received correspondence from the Fire Department regarding discounts on municipal services. It was the general consensus of the Town Board that the Supervisor should forward the Town Board's previous resolution granting 10% discounts on municipal services for municipal volunteers to the fire district with an appropriate letter.

MASS GATHERING PERMIT

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Finn to waive the public hearing and grant a Mass Gathering Permit for the Virgin Mary & St. Pachomious Coptic Orthodox Church for their events during the month of September.

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

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

REQUEST FOR REFUND – BUILDING PERMIT

A motion was made by Councilman Finn and seconded by Councilman White to authorize the refund of 100% of the building application fee of \$200.00 for 5 Griffin Street, Stony Point, NY, since the application was not processed.

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

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

ABSENET: None

REQUEST FOR REFUND – DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilwoman Konopko to refund the day camp registration of \$150 to Yvette Nathan-Burke as her child was not the proper age for the camp.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

USE OF FACILITY – STONY POINT SENIOR GROUP II

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko and seconded by Councilman Finn to approve the request by the Stony Point Senior Citizens Club II for use of Rho Building, for a Tag Sale on October 7 and 8, 2010 and a Fish Fry Dinner including the kitchen equipment, on September 23, 2010 from 3-7 pm for the purpose of fundraisers.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

REPLACEMENT COUNSELORS-SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Finn to hire Jennifer Cole-Hatchard, Daniel Shea, Geena Gokey, and Jaimee Nigro, as already approved by the Supervisor, as replacement counselors for the Summer Playground Program at a salary of \$7.25 per hour.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF CAMPO PROPERTY

Discussion developed regarding the offer made to the Town to purchase approximately 22 acres of land known as 31 Lowland Hill Road. This offer had been before the Board prior to this. No action was taken on this item.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – SHARED FUNDS

A motion was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilman Finn to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement regarding Transfer of Shared Funds between the Town of Stony Point and the County of Rockland in the form approved by Special Council.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

LI ZONE PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGE-ACCESSORY OUTDOOR STORAGE

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko and seconded by Councilman White as follows:

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Town Board that the use of properties in the LI zoning district is limited because the zoning code does not allow accessory outdoor storage for uses permitted in the LI zoning district; and

Whereas, the draft report of the Stony Point Comprehensive Plan Advisory Commission recommends modifying zoning restrictions that will encourage economic development activity, particularly activities that will increase the Town's tax base and provide jobs; and

Whereas, an amendment to the zoning code that will increase the desirability of the LI zoning district while meeting the objectives identified above is desirable; and

Whereas, under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act the proposed amendment is considered to be a Type 1 Action as it potentially affects more than 25 acres of LI zoned land within the Town; and

Whereas, under the provisions of SEQRA, because the Town Board is the sole agency with jurisdiction to enact the zone change and no other agency has permit authority, the Town Board is undertaking an uncoordinated review; and

Whereas, due to statutory requirements the proposed amendment is being referred to the Stony Point Planning Board, the Rockland County Planning Board, the Town of Haverstraw and the Village of West Haverstraw; now, therefore, it is

Resolved that the Town Board directs the Town Planning Consultant, Robert Geneslaw Co. and the Town Clerk to prepare, distribute and coordinate the necessary documentation to meet the requirements of SEQRA, including but not limited to, the preparation of a Full Environmental Assessment Form, Parts 1 and 2 and Part 3, if necessary, and a Negative Declaration, as well as the documentation relating to the proposed zoning amendment.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – RHO BUILDING

The refrigerator located at Rho Building is in need of immediate replacement and the Stony Point Senior Citizens Groups offered to pay for half of the replacement cost.

ACTION

A motion was made by Councilman Finn and seconded by Councilman White to purchase a refrigerator for the Rho Building at a cost of \$1,800 for use by those who use that building.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAM – SEWER DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko and seconded by Councilman White to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Demand Response Partners, Inc. to act as the Town's interface party for participation in the NYISO ICAP SCR Demand Response Program with regard to voluntarily switching to emergency generator power at electrical peak demand times at the Stony Point Sewer Department.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Supervisor Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Finn and carried by a voice vote to adjourn into executive session at 9:23 pm for the purpose of litigation and personnel matters.

RECONVENE

The July 27, 2010 meeting of the Stony Point Town Board reconvened at 10:35 pm

JOINT REGIONAL SEWER BOARD

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko and seconded by Councilman Vicari to authorize the Supervisor to settle the claims of the Joint Regional Sewer Board with a 20% reduction for the years 2006, 2007 & 2008, with the amount to be credited to the 2008 outstanding bill.

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

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

NAYS:None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENET: None

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Sherwood, seconded by Councilman Finn and carried by a voice vote to adjourn the July 27, 2010 Stony Point Town Board meeting at 10:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skinner
Town Clerk