

**STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 26, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY. Supervisor Geoffrey Finn called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Joan Skinner called the following roll:

PRESENT:	Mr. Tom Basile	Councilman
	Mr. Karl Javenes	Councilman
	Mr. James White	Councilman
	Mr. Jim Monaghan	Councilman
	Mr. Geoffrey Finn	Supervisor

**PUBLIC INPUT**

JoAnn Babcock – spoke regarding the location of the proposed dog park indicating that the markings are no more than 100 ft. from her property line and brought up concerns she has about the park, including location of the park, noise, smell and disturbance to her family life.

Councilman Basile explained that the hours of operation, the length of time the park will be opened throughout the year, and also the rules & regulations for use of the park have not yet been established. The boundaries for the park have been moved back at least one hundred feet more from her property line and the “large dog” section will be even further away from her property. He indicated that there will be trees, landscaping and fencing to separate the two properties. He also invited Mrs. Babcock to join the planning committee.

Susan Filgaris: – Mott Farm Rd spoke about recent brush fires in West Haverstraw and Haverstraw caused by maintenance work on the CSX railroad and asked if the Town of Stony Point has any contact with or notification from CSX when work of this type is performed. She also thanked the PBA for helping to clear one of the old cemeteries in town.

Mike Ehlers – Jenkins Ave thanked the Supervisor for inviting the Skate Park Committee and PAL to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. The support from the public was wonderful.

George Potanovic - Old Gate Hill Rd. spoke in support of what Susan Filgaris said regarding CSX railroad and also about the transformer explosion and resulting oil spill at Indian Point Plant. He felt that it was necessary to have a better coordinated response between the County and the Town as well as with Indian Point. He also inquired as to the status of the Pyngyp School restoration.

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST**

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **carried** by a voice vote of all board members present, with Councilman Basile abstaining, to approve the following purchase orders:

Buildings & Grounds		
PO#2654	Schultz Ford Inc.	\$49,511.00
Highway		
PO#2659	Schultz Ford	\$49,511.00
Sewer		
PO#2722	Clean Waters Inc.	\$1,594.00

**AUDIT OF BILLS** - None

**MINUTES** - A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Monaghan and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Finn reported as follows:

- Tonight's meeting will be closed in loving memory of town resident, Joe Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey, a World War II veteran passed away on May 19, 2015. He has always been extremely community minded and assisted with many projects throughout the town, including designing the welcome to Stony Point signs and donation of his art works depicting the Battle of Stony Point.
- Special Counsel for the Town and Counsel for the PBA have been working on the RFP for design of the skate board park and hopefully it will be ready for release shortly.
- Recognized the fact that the battle of Iwo Jima took place seventy years ago.
- A bill is being sponsored by Assemblyman Skoufis, Assemblyman Zebrowski and Senator Larkin which would allow additional school tax relief in any district affected by loss of rateables such as a power plant.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS** - None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Joan Skinner Town Clerk read the following letter dated May 15<sup>th</sup>, from Siobhan Walsh, 10 Waldron Drive, Stony Point:

Re: Resurfacing Housing Development

Dear Mr. Brissing:

I have lived on Waldron Drive in Stony Point for twenty years and my development's roads were resurfaced shortly after I moved in. I know money is tight in most towns, however the streets in my development are a disgrace. I pay high taxes like everyone else in Stony Point, and after 20 years it is time to resurface, not patch these roads.

The potholes and cracks are so big I am afraid my car will be damaged when I drive home. I should not be afraid to walk in my neighborhood because I am nervous about twisting an ankle or tripping. Patching is no longer the answer here; the roads have just deteriorated too much. You would have to use so many patches on this development that it would create a huge tripping hazard in itself.

In short, I am hoping you inspect our development and agree that our roads are in desperate need for resurfacing.

### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – CABLEVISION FRANCHISE**

This continued public hearing was opened at 7:45 pm.

Jeffrey Clark, Director of Government Affairs for Cablevision was present and briefly addressed the Board.

#### **Public Input**

George Potanovic - Old Gate Hill Rd spoke:

- Was a comparison made with other franchise agreements
- Does the franchise fee go into the general fund
  - It should be used toward improving communications with the public such as TV equipment, etc.

Councilman Basile asked that the Pyngyp School be placed on the list of public buildings eligible for free cable service.

#### Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to close this public hearing at 7:51 pm.

#### Approve Cable Franchise Agreement – Resolution 2015/28

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present as follows:

RESOLVED, that:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Franchise Agreement between the Town and Cablevision of Wappingers Falls, Inc., subject to approval of Town Special Counsel and Cablevision's legal counsel and subject to the inclusion of DVR service and the addition of the Pyngyp School as an additional Town Building to receive free cable service as discussed before the Town Board.
2. The Town Clerk as well as any other officers and employees are authorized to take any and all actions, as directed by the Supervisor, in order to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

#### **MS4 ANNUAL REPORT**

John O'Rourke of Lance & Tully briefly reviewed the MS4 Annual Report for the period ending March 9, 2015 indicating that the report will be mailed tomorrow and the Town will be in compliance.

#### **2015 DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to accept the Disclosure Statements as presented to the Town Clerk and reviewed by the Ethics Committee.

#### **ACCEPT 2014 AUDIT REPORT**

Since the auditors from O'Connor and Davies could not be present at this meeting this matter was held over to the next regular Town Board meeting on June 9, 2015.

#### **ROCKLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to authorize a \$150 full page ad to be taken by the Town of Stony Point for the Rockland County Historical Society's Event Journal.

#### **STANDARD WORK DAY – ELECTED & APPOINTED**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to adopt the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION 2015/29 ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORK DAY FULL & PART-TIME ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS/NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point be and hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for full-time elected and appointed officials for the purpose of reporting to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

ALL FULL-TIME ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SEVEN HOUR DAY

ALL TITLES/ALL POSITIONS (AS LISTED)

Town Supervisor  
Confidential Assistant to the Supervisor  
Town Clerk  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Receiver of Taxes  
Superintendent of Highways  
Assessor  
Finance Director  
Engineer

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point be and hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for part-time elected and appointed officials for the purpose of reporting to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

ALL PART-TIME ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

SIX HOUR DAY

ALL TITLES/ALL POSITIONS (AS LISTED)

Town Council Members  
Zoning Board Members  
Planning Board Members  
ARB Members  
Town Justices  
Deputy Tax Receiver

STANDARD WORK DAY NON-ELECTED & APPOINTED

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2015/30**

**ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORK DAY PART-TIME NON-ELECTED AND APPOINTED EMPLOYEES/NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point be and hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for part-time non-elected and appointed employees for the purpose of reporting to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

ALL PART-TIME NON-ELECTED & APPOINTED EMPLOYEES

SIX HOUR DAY

ALL TITLES/ALL POSITIONS (AS LISTED)

Recreation Facility Attendants  
Custodial Worker  
Court Attendant  
Fire Inspector  
Dog Control Officer  
Part Time Police  
Clerical PD  
Dispatchers  
Security Aid  
Seasonal Clerk/Tax Receiver  
Camp Counselors/Life Guards  
Golf Course Seasonal Maintenance Workers  
Golf Course Seasonal Operations Workers

### **USE OF SOUND STAGE**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Monaghan and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to allow the Town of Highlands to use our sound stage for the First Annual Freedom Ride on June 28<sup>th</sup>. They have agreed to pay for any costs involved and must present the Town of Stony Point with a certificate of insurance for the event.

### **DOG PARK – AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS**

A motion was made by Councilman Basile, seconded by Councilman Monahan and **carried** by a voice vote of all board members present, with Supervisor Finn voting no, for the Town Board to authorize the Supervisor to submit a letter to DASNY confirming the Town's willingness to pay the \$2000 difference between the submitted budget for the construction of the Town Dog Park and the grant award of \$75,000.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to adjourn into executive session at 8:11 pm to discuss personnel matters and legal matters. Supervisor Finn announced that no further votes would be taken.

### **ADJOURN**

The May 26, 2015 Stony Point Town Board meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm and no further votes were taken.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Skinner - Town Clerk