

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 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. Karl Javenes	Councilman
	Mr. James McDonnell	Councilman
	Mr. James White	Councilman
	Ms. Luanne Konopko	Councilwoman
	Mr. Geoffrey Finn	Supervisor

PUBLIC INPUT

George Harris – Willow Grove Rd. spoke in support of Jack O’Shaughnessy retaining his position with the Town.

Keith Hansen – Stony Point PBA President spoke in relation to Agenda Items 5, 6 & 7, Police Dental Insurance, Police Life Insurance and Medicare Primary Retirees Insurance stating that these were contract items and they should not be changed unless they are negotiated.

Susan Filqueras, Mott Farm Rd spoke:

- Giving an update on the progress of the renovations of the Pyngyp School building.
- Against the Champlain Hudson Power Express project and urged everyone to attend a scheduled meeting on October 23, 2012, 1-4 pm at Rho Building with elected state representatives.

PURCHASE ORDER

It was moved by Councilman White, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the following Purchase Order:

Sewer		
PO#2442	Clean Waters Inc.	\$1,594.00

AUDIT OF BILLS - None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **carried** by a voice vote of those board members present, with Councilwoman Konopko voting no, to accept the minutes of August 14, 2012.

REPORTS

POLICE – None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Konopko reported as follows:

The EPA site assessments, which were to have taken place on September 25th, have been postponed until Wednesday, October 10th from 10am until 2pm. As reported earlier, the EPA’s representatives will be assessing possible contamination at specified properties in Stony Point, at no cost to the Town, as a follow-up to the Sustainable Communities workshop. I am hoping to include the Letchworth Village property, the Lovett site, and the end of Holt Drive, which is the site of the former Kay Fries plant. I would appreciate other suggestions from the rest of the Board and am inviting Supervisor Finn to accompany us on the tour.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Finn recognized Tom DiDomizio and the Robert Huslinger family:

Tom DiDomizio, a Stony Point resident was recognized for outstanding achievement on becoming worthy of the Rank of Eagle Scout. Tom designed and supplied all the necessary tables, shrubs and containers for a beautiful picnic area on the right lawn of Town Hall.

The Huslinger Family was recognized for their many years of volunteering and serving in Wayne Hose Fire Co. No. 1. Robert Huslinger for 64 years of service, Kevin Huslinger for 30 years of service, Christopher Huslinger for 26 years of service, Kevin Huslinger II for seven years of service, Christopher Huslinger Jr. for 5 years of service and Joseph Huslinger for beginning his service with Wayne Hose.

GOLF COURSE REPORT - None

AMBULANCE REPORT - None

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Finn reported that the Assessor would be giving a monthly report starting at the Oct. 9, 2012 meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW - FILMING

Supervisor Finn opened this continued public hearing at 7:41 pm.

Councilwoman Konopko explained that the Film Committee had met and suggested certain revisions to the proposed law.

Public Input

Ava Seavey, a member of the Film Committee and a film producer herself, reviewed several of the suggested changes, indicating that the committee felt if these areas were left as first proposed they would be a great deterrent to filming in Stony Point. One of the major areas of concern was review of a permit by the Town Attorney.

Frank Collyer, a member of the Film Committee, urged the board to listen to Ava's expertise and to consider amending the proposed local law as submitted by the committee.

George Potanovic, Old Gate Hill Rd. asked how the proposed law applied to still photography and urged the board not to use wording that would discourage people from shooting photos that could benefit the town from a publicity standpoint.

Malcolm Dean, Chair of the Film Committee, thanked Ava for donating her time, energy and expertise and urged the board members to listen to her advice and to help Stony Point move forward economically.

Fran Mullin, a member of the Film Committee stated that they compared the proposed law to many other established ones and that the Town Attorney is not included in the permit process in other towns.

Susan Filgueras, Mott Farm Rd. questioned the process.

Brian Nugent, Special Counsel indicated that this is only the first draft and first drafts tend to sometimes be over inclusive and reiterated that this is only the first draft and input from everyone is needed to make this work.

Ava Seavy, Committee Member, indicated that the committee was bruised from their former encounter with Special Counsel.

Councilman McDonnell stated that he went to the Towns of Orangetown and Clarkstown to pickup copies of their filming permits and that Clarkstown indicated that these were all handled by their Town Attorney.

Susan Filgueras, Mott Farm Rd. suggested that the process be clearly outlined on the town website.

Frank Collyer, Committee Member, urged that the process be kept as simple as possible.

Malcolm Dean, Committee Chair stated that if the process is too cumbersome no one will come to the town for filming.

At 8:21 pm, Supervisor Finn indicated that the draft would be updated with recommendations and reviewed at the next meeting. He also indicated that the public hearing would be kept open.

PRESENTATION OF 2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Town Clerk Joan Skinner presented the 2013 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Supervisor Finn gave the following Budget Message:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jennifer Sciscente for all the time and effort she put in to this year's budget. I would also like to thank all my department heads for understanding how important it is that we continue to find ways to do more with less.

It has been my goal since taking office as councilman 7 years ago, to keep taxes as low as possible and to continue to give the people of Stony Point the services they deserve. Now as Supervisor, I see how important it is that we, as employees and department heads, work together as a team in order to provide the necessary services we have all come to expect.

Since taking office in January of this year, I have worked on budget issues every single day. I know we have many seniors on fixed incomes as well as others who are losing their jobs. That being said, I am happy to say that my budget does not call for any layoffs of the employees we have. Laying employees off is not the way to make cuts. Keeping an eye on every penny spent and making sure that our tax dollars are not being wasted is the way we do things around here.

We are working on many possibilities of future tax ratables for our town. We have properties throughout our town that I feel can be a very positive attribute to our community. We have the former Lovett site, our Letchworth property site, the USG site, our Light Industrial site located on Holt Drive and our waterfront property.

We have made great strides and have interested parties on these properties but of course, projects of this magnitude are not drawn up overnight. We will continue to work on these projects until we have made each of them an asset to our Town.

The best way to ease the tax burden on our citizens is to bring in clean commercial ratables. We have that opportunity and will not stop until we have them completed.

With all the hard work of my Town Board, Department Heads, employees and of course, our Finance Director, I am very happy to announce here tonight that my budget is coming in at the State imposed 2% tax cap. That certainly was not an easy task especially with the \$200,000 plus the County has passed off on us.

We will continue to provide the services we all expect from our great town and I will continue to watch every cent spent. I say it often to

the employees of Stony Point...teamwork pays off and in this case, it certainly has! Thank you team!

BUDGET REVIEW

A motion was made by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to conduct a review of the 2013 tentative budget with department heads, at the October 9, 2012 town board meeting.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell, and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to set a public hearing on the 2013 preliminary budget at the regular town board meeting on October 23, 2012 at 7 pm.

MEDICARE PRIMARY RETIREES INSURANCE

Dan Southard from Ulster Insurance, an insurance broker for the Town of Stony Point, introduced Alexandria Taylor, from Hartford Insurance who briefly spoke regarding the Hartford plan for Medicare primary retirees.

No action was taken on this item.

RECREATION FACILITY SUPERVISOR – SET SALARY

A motion was made by Councilman McDonnell, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to set the salary for Karenanne Nigro, Recreation Facility Supervisor at \$55,000 per year commencing October 1, 2012.

POLICE DENTAL INSURANCE

This item was tabled to the October 9, 2012 town board meeting.

POLICE LIFE INSURANCE

This item was tabled to the October 9, 2012 town board meeting.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Cynthia Branca, Benson's Point Ct. spoke on behalf of the Newsletter Committee indicating that the committee's goal is to keep town residents informed. They are in the process of getting quotes and may have a local bank who will subsidize them.

Jennifer Sciscente, Finance Director indicated that no monies have been budgeted for this endeavor.

EPA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BUILDING BLOCKS WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilwoman Konopko reported as follows:

Copies of the final draft of the EPA's recommendations and comments from the Town Planner have been distributed to all Town Board members. With some exceptions, it echoes the plan laid out by the Economic Development Committee last summer and subsequently adopted by resolution of the Town Board. That's good news, because it means that we're on the right track. With this information, what steps do we as a Town Board want to take to implement a plan that creates an economic strategy for the Town? The Bottom Line: What are our next steps?

REVISION OF CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

Kevin Maher, Town Engineer explained why it is necessary to revise the Town's agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to authorize the Supervisor to modify the lease between the Town of Stony Point

and Cornell Cooperative Extension with regard to lease of the building and consortium activities.

ELM AVENUE DRAINAGE BID

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present:

RESOLUTION ALLOWING PARROTT ENTERPRISES, INC. TO WITHDRAW ITS BID

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point (the "Town") solicited sealed bids for an Elm Avenue Drainage Project, which bids were opened and read on August 30, 2012 and the apparent lowest responsible bidder was Parrott Enterprises Inc., and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2012, the Town has tabled the awarding of such bids until further notice; and

WHEREAS, Parrott Enterprises, Inc. on September 7, 2012 verbally notified the Town that it made errors in its calculations and did not intend to bid the price it had bid on said contract, and by letter dated September 10, 2012, a copy of which is attached hereto, has notified the Town in writing that it was requesting to withdraw said bid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point in regular session duly convened as follows:

1. The request of Parrott Enterprises, Inc. to withdraw its bid, dated September 10, 2012 is granted and such bid is hereby withdrawn.
2. The awarding of the bid on said project remains tabled until further notice; and
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:59 pm a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to adjourn into executive session to discuss a litigation matter.

ADJOURN

At 10:30 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to adjourn the September 25, 2012 Stony Point Town Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skinner
Town Clerk