

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY. Supervisor Monaghan called the meeting to order and asked Brian Heavner from Boy Scout Troop 61 to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Joan Skinner called the following roll:

PRESENT: Mr. Thomas Basile Councilman
Mr. Karl Javenes Councilman
Mr. Michael Puccio Councilman
Mr. James Monaghan Supervisor

ABSENT: Mr. James White Councilman

Supervisor Monaghan stated that since there are several family members in attendance for the three police officer appointments tonight he was going to invite Chief Moore to give the Police Department report before any further business is conducted.

APPOINT POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Brian Moore spoke as follows - On July 25th and again on August 8th this board chose to nominate three candidates for police officer positions that have been vacant since February of this year. During that process since these nominations the County of Rockland has continued their testing of the candidates and has provided me with an appointing certificate which I provided to the Town Board. So at this time I would ask the Board to move forward with a permanent police officer position for the names I have given to you.

ACTION

A motion was made by Councilman Basile and seconded by Councilman Javenes to appoint Christopher Jordan, Matthew Gaynor and James Monaghan to the three permanent police officer positions on the Stony Point Police Force, beginning September 14th, 2017.

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

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Basile	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Javenes	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman White	()	()	()	(x)
Councilman Puccio	(x)	()	()	()
Supervisor Monaghan	()	()	(x)	()

At this point Town Clerk Joan Skinner administered the oath of office to each of the following:

- Christopher Jordan
- Matthew Gaynor
- James Monaghan

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS

Chief Moore read the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of August 2017

Number of calls for service:	798	
Number of reported accidents:	40	
Number of arrests:	41	
(17) Felonies	(18) Misdemeanors	(6) Violations
Fuel usage:	1085.9 gallons	
Sum total of all traffic enforcement action:	115	
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	4	
Number of child safety seat installations:	4	
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	1	
Number of traffic/special enforcement details:	2	
DWI Enforcement details (1)		
Number of training hours:	64 hrs	
Total fees collected: June	\$120.50	
(Foil \$25.50, Prints \$20.00, and Reports \$75.00)		

Miscellaneous:

Youth events: (1) PAL meeting, preparation for Fall Festival, preparation for the Fall class of the NR Youth Police Academy, and attended the NYS Juvenile Officers Conference.

Chief Moore's Time Record

A motion was made by Councilman Basile, seconded by Supervisor Monaghan and **carried** by a voice vote of all board members present (Councilman White was absent), to approve Chief Moore's time record for the month of August 2017 as presented.

Overtime and Sick Leave Reports

Basile, seconded by Supervisor Monaghan and **carried** by a voice vote of all board members present, to approve the overtime and sick leave reports as presented for the month of August 2017.

RECESS

At 7:15 pm a five minute recess was taken so that those wishing to leave the meeting could do so.

RECONVENE

The September 12, 2017 Stony Point Town Board meeting reconvened at 7:20 pm.

PUBLIC INPUT

Susan Filgueras 87 Mott Farm Road spoke about the Champlain Hudson Power Express project. She read excerpts from the following letter sent to the Public Service Commission by the SPACE:

STONY POINT ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

September 5, 2017

Subject: PSC Case 10-T-0139: Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) HVDC Transmission Cable
<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?Mattercaseno=10-T-0139>

Dear Secretary Burgess:

On April 18, 2013, CHPE was issued an Article. VII Permit for a 1,000 MGW HVDC transmission cable project connecting Quebec, Canada to New York City. The project includes one entry AC-DC Converter Station located at Hertel, Quebec, and one Exit DC-AC Converter Station located at Astoria, New York City.

CHPE/TDI, has recently told the Towns of Haverstraw, Stony Point and Clarkstown (within Rockland County) that they will move the trajectory from the stated course in the Joint Proposal dated Feb 24, 2012, to the Route 9W, which serves as a main retail business district corridor for North Rockland and as an evacuation route. I have looked on Matter Master, CHPE 10-T-0139 on the Commissions website and have seen that no new applications have been made by CHPE to the Commission concerning not just a slight deviation but a significant proposed route change within the Rockland County, especially within the Town of Stony Point.

I am writing to request (1) a description of the permit requirements and procedures needed to review, approve, construct and operate this new transmission trajectory and (2) if it is the opinion of the NYS Public Service Commission that this new CHPE/TDI route within Rockland County and the County of Rockland and the Town of Stony Point will meet all the terms and conditions of the existing Case IO-T-0139, and (3) must the existing case be reopened for a permit modification, or whether a new permit with a new PSC case number would be necessary. Please also indicate the proposed timeline, how the public can access the revised maps of the proposed new route and if and when a public hearing is being planned.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name: Susan Filgueras
 Board of Directors, SPACE
 Email: sfilgueras@optonline.net
 Phone: 845-429-3229

PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Building Dept.:			
PO#2948	GBS		\$2,019.74
Highway Department:			
PO#3025	The Gorman Group		\$3,000.00
Police Dept:			
PO#2830	Centurion Telephone Sales & Service		\$28,500.00
PO#2831	Amchar Wholesale Inc.		\$7, 373.54
Town Hall:			
PO#3021	Dykes Lumber		\$20,488.98

AUDIT OF BILLS

Joan Skinner Town Clerk presented the following bills to the Town Board for audit and a motion was made by Councilman Javenes, seconded by Councilman Puccio and **carried** by a voice vote of all board members present (Councilman White was absent), to approve the following audit of bills:

Contractual General – August 31, 2017

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
<u>General</u>	869-916	\$ 247,928.52
<u>Highway</u>	318-325	\$ 27,550.98
<u>Sewer</u>	261-272	\$ 24,368.42
<u>Special Districts</u>		
Enterprise	303-315	\$ 38,292.73
Street Lighting	8-8	\$ 24,336.93

General – September 12, 2017

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	917-1114	\$ 325,140.72
Highway	326-350	\$ 43,612.60
Sewer	273-293	\$ 36,362.89
<u>Special Districts</u>		
Ambulance	21-23	\$ 29,959.57
Enterprise	316-342	\$ 23,402.65
Solid Waste	18-19	\$ 5,222.59
Street Lighting	9-9	\$ 338.75

MINUTES – A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Councilman White was absent), to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Monaghan spoke regarding the following subjects:

- Thanked everyone who participated in and attended the 911 Service on Monday night, including Boy Scout Troop 61, Wayne Hose Co. No. 1, and Stony Point Ambulance Corp. Once again it was a very moving service to commemorate the attack on our Country.
- September 23rd PAL is sponsoring a Fall Festival at Kirkbride from 10-5
- September 23rd Wayne Hose is sponsoring their clambake from 10-6
- Champlain Hudson Power Express – he has been in touch with Senator Larkin and has reached out to CHPE and TDI (Transmission Developers Inc.) through their liaison, Jenn White (Mayor of Nyack, NY). She indicated that they are listening to Stony Point and our concerns about disturbing the historic Waldron Cemetery and are looking into the possibility of locating the line along the Route 9W corridor. No permits have been issued or applied for, no SEQRA has been done, and they do not have permission to run through the 9W corridor. The Town Board will stand up for and fight for what is right for the Town of Stony Point.

Councilman Basile advised that he would be writing to the Public Service Commission with regard to CHPE, asking for some straight answers regarding the situation.

AMBULANCE CORP REPORT – Kathy Leroy, President of the Ambulance Corp reported as follows:

July 2017

Cash on Hand Beginning of Month:		\$ 387,206.00
Peoples Reserves	\$ 192,143.00	
Peoples Association	\$ 1,843.00	
Peoples Auxiliary	\$ 6,319.00	
Peoples Youth Corp	\$ 2,406.00	
Sterling Billing	\$ 49,535.00	
Sterling General	\$ 20,682.00	
Sterling Money Market	\$ 114,278.00	
 Income		
Donations	\$ 588.00	
Interest	\$ 5.00	
Government Grant Income	\$ 0.00	
Net Rental	\$ 0.00	
Service Receipts	\$ 48,015.00	
Total Monthly Deposits	\$ 48,608.00	

Disbursements	
Building Maintenance	\$ 6,097.00
General Administration	\$ 2,091.00
Mortgage	\$ 28,887.00
Sign	\$ 0.00
Stretchers	\$ 87,563.00
Insurance	\$ 4,566.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 19,704.00
Total Monthly Disbursements	\$ 148,908.00
Cash on Hand End of Month: \$ 286,905.00	
Peoples Reserves	\$ 104,541.00
Peoples Association	\$ 1,843.00
Peoples Auxiliary	\$ 6,319.00
Peoples Youth Corp	\$ 2,944.00
Sterling Billing	\$ 50,936.00
Sterling General	\$ 24,039.00
Sterling Money Market	\$ 96,283.00

Alan Horowitz, a Corp member announced that the Corp had received a grant in the amount of \$95,239 earmarked for stretchers.

GOLF COURSE REPORT

The following report was presented for August 2017:

- Green Fees \$ 202,820.44
- ID Cards \$ 345.00
- Merchandise \$ 18,207.35
- Range Fees \$ 10,149.00
- Club Rental \$ 645.80
- Total \$ 232,167.59

Supervisor Monaghan and Dave Fusco, Director of Golf, will be attending a meeting with Suez Water with the hope of being able to lower water costs at the Golf Course.

Dave Fusco also reported that during recent months Patriot Hills received recognition on a national level:

- In June, NBC's Meteorologist Dylan Dreyer announced that Patriot Hills Golf Club was one of her favorite courses to play in the New York area.
- Golf Digest's September 2017 issue listed Patriot Hills as one of New York City's golf getaways.
- On August 22nd the Golf Channel did a segment on "courses under the radar" in terms of value, price, playability, etc. Patriot Hills was one of three that were mentioned, but all the pictures shown were of Patriot Hills.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Architectural Review Board

From: **08/01/2017** To: **08/31/2017**

Applications Received	
Solar Panels	1
Applications Approved	
Solar Panels	1
Applications Pending	0
Fees Collected:	\$100.00
Money in Lieu of Land	\$0.00
Submitted by the ARB clerk	

Building & Zoning Department

August 2017

Applications Received	31
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Denied	0
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	28
Applications Pending	33
Certificate of Occupancy	15
Certificate of Compliance	13
Fees Collected	\$22,197.00

Dog Control Officer

August 2017

Dogs seized and sheltered	1
Dogs returned to owner	0
Number of complaints received	4
Miles traveled patrolling the Town and transporting dogs	190

Fire Inspector

August 2017

	Month	Total
Inspections Performed	11	157
Field Correction Issued	4	39
Violations Issued	0	0
Violations Outstanding	0	0
Permits Issued	0	0
Requests by Police Dept.	0	4
Requests by Fire Dept.	0	41
Fires Investigated	0	5

Planning Board

From: **08/01/2017** To: **08/31/2017**

Applications Received	
Local Law	1
Applications Approved	0
Applications Pending	
Amended Subdivision	1
General Category	2
Informal Discussion	1
Site Plan	9
Fees Collected:	\$0.00
Money in Lieu of Land	\$0.00

Submitted by the Planning Board Clerk

Sewer Department

Unavailable due to illness

Zoning Board of Appeals

08/01/2017 to 08/31/2017

Applications Received	0
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Closed	0
Applications Pending	0
Fees Collected	\$0.00

Town Clerk

August 2017

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets	
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 49.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$ 180.00
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$ 4,313.18
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$ <u>3,823.72</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$ 8,365.90

Continued Public Hearing – Zone Change – Solar Fields

Special Counsel Brian Nugent spoke and indicated that an updated version of the proposed local law that contains recommendations from the Rockland County Board and the Stony Point Planning Board has been presented to the Town Board and asked that it be placed on the Town website tomorrow. He also recommended that to give everyone an opportunity to review the revised version, that the public hearing be continued at the next Town Board meeting.

Public Comment (opened at 7:43 pm)

Susan Filgueras 87 Mott Farm Road spoke stating that solar power is very economical and asked if the Town had contacted Orange & Rockland Utilities regarding any specific tariff requirements that solar fields for retail use are subject to.

Anthony Mallozzi 6 Don Bosco Lane spoke voicing concern about the peacefulness of his back yard being disturbed by the installation of a solar field.

Kathy Leroy Highridge Road asked if a solar field would be considered a rateable.

Discussion developed between the Town Board and William Beckman Assessor regarding tax implications. Councilman Basile asked if he could ascertain what the typical deal is throughout the Hudson Valley with similar solar fields.

Jennifer Griffith 12 Don Bosco Lane also voiced concern about peacefulness of her back yard being disturbed by the installation of a solar field.

Continue Public Hearing

At 7:59 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to continue this public hearing at the next Town Board meeting on September 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Surplus Vehicle – Buildings and Grounds

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Puccio and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to surplus a 2001 Ford Crown Vic Vin # 2FAFP71W314X172128 (Fire Inspector’s Vehicle).

Accept DANSY Grant Town Hall Renovations

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to accept the DANSY Grant for Town Hall renovations in the amount of \$250,000.

Supervisor Monaghan thanked Senator Larkin for all of his efforts in securing this grant for the Town of Stony Point.

Spyglass Group Audit Engagement (Communication Contracts)

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to authorize Supervisor Monaghan to enter into an agreement with Spyglass Group to perform an audit on all Town communication contracts at no charge to the Town.

Approve TORO NSN Service Agreement – Golf Course

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a service agreement and extended warranty with TORO for the Golf Course irrigation system.

Re-New 2017 Heating Equipment Contract

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a service contract with Barry Burners of Nyack, Inc. for 2017 in the amount of \$9,985 for the boilers at RHO, Justice Court, Kirkbride and Patriot Hills Club House.

Assessor's Seminar – Assessment Administration

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to authorize the Assessor to attend the NYS Assessors' Association Seminar on Assessment Administration in Lake Placid from October 1 – 4, 2017.

Designate Skate Park Location

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to designate Lowland Park as the future site of the Skate Board park. The Town Board and PAL have met and the park will be placed in the rear of Lowland Park in the vicinity of the horseshoe pits.

NYS Magistrates Training Conference

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Puccio and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to authorize Town Justice Franks to attend the annual NYS Magistrates Association conference at an approximate cost of \$755 plus \$50 registration.

Hire Student Laborer

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried (Councilman Javenes abstained and Councilman White was absent)**, to hire Kenneth Javenes as a student laborer in the Recreation Dept. at the rate of \$9.70 an hour from August 18th through Columbus Day (closing of parks).

Hire Temporary Assistant Building Inspector

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to hire Michael Mandikas as a temporary assistant building inspector for 17 hours per week at \$25.00 per hour commencing September 13, 2017.

Use of Commuter Lot

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Puccio and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to approve use of the Commuter Lot on Sept. 23, 2017 by the Catholic Daughters Court Joan of Arc #604 for a tag sale to benefit the victims of the recent devastating hurricanes.

Hire Cart Attendant/Range

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to approve hiring Jared Finn as a cart attendant/ranger for Patriot Hills operations at \$9.70 an hour.

Property Maintenance – 10 Thiells Rd.

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to exercise Section 161-12 (B) of the Property Maintenance Law of the Town of Stony Point at 10 Thiells Rd. (SBL-20.09-1-15).

Property Maintenance – 34 River Rd.

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** (Councilman White was absent), to exercise Section 161-12 (B) of the Property Maintenance Law of the Town of Stony Point at 34 River Road (SBL 7.01-1-10).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:08 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **carried** by a voice vote of those board members present (Councilman White was absent), to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters. No further votes were taken.

ADJOURN

The September 12, 2017 Stony Point Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk