

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – January 12, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened on January 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88244462646?pwd=ZnZVdXhVMnBneDQ0YW52ZGIwU0hTdz09> hosted by Brian Nugent, Esq., Attorney for the Town. The meeting was also accessible by telephone at 1-929-205-6099, webinar ID: 882 4446 2646. Supervisor Monaghan called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Megan Carey called the following roll:

PRESENT:	Mr. Thomas Basile	Councilman
	Mr. Karl Javenes	Councilman
	Mr. Paul Joachim	Councilman
	Mr. Michael Puccio	Councilman
	Mr. James Monaghan	Supervisor
	Mr. Brian Nugent	Esquire

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Monaghan reported as follows:

State of the Town

Good evening. Welcome to our first Town Board meeting of 2021. As we reflect on 2020, we faced one of the biggest challenges of our lifetime due to the ongoing health crisis of Covid-19. The terrible news is that since March we have lost 32 Stony Point residents to the pandemic. Currently there are 195 confirmed cases here in Stony Point.

I must commend our first responders, our police officers, our EMT's and firefighters who have and continue to answer the call; placing themselves and their families at risk.

Working with a great team I am proud of the accomplishments that we achieved during such a difficult time. Our Town Board had to make difficult decisions for both the safety and the financial security of our Town.

In early April we talked about the financial challenges that we faced. Working together with our department heads and our finance director, we confronted those challenges head on, achieving a 5% Town Property tax reduction for our residents, without cutting essential services and while maintaining a 20% prudent reserve in our fund balance.

On behalf of the Town Board, I must commend our Town employees who have and continue to do an outstanding job during the most challenging times. Working with our Department heads and our hard-working employees, we implemented training and safety improvements and drastically reduced workplace injuries. This resulted in an 8% reduction in our insurance premiums, saving \$26,000 for our residents.

Our residents pay some of the highest water rates and utility rates in the country. As we have done in the past, we banded together with the other Rockland County Towns to oppose rate hikes and demand better quality, infrastructure upgrades and response.

Our Wastewater treatment plant was on the verge of failure. In fact, looking back on previous supervisors reports, all recommended that our wastewater treatment needed repair and upgrading. However, it was never done. This Town Board formed a steering committee, led by Councilman Javenes and Councilman Puccio, who took on the task of upgrading the plant. Working with our engineers, our employees and JCO our tanks have been upgraded with a new aeration system, digesters, sludge pumps and enclosed blowers. This is a much-needed improvement to the quality, efficiency and safety of our plant resulting in an immediate savings in both overtime and utility costs.

We created a new part-time position for Code Enforcement, to help enforce code violations and to protect the safety, peace, and tranquility of Stony Point.

Moving forward, we are working to enhance our current laws by establishing comprehensive zoning regulations to protect and preserve the character of Stony Point.

Over the years, as far back as 2003, the Town has actively worked to market and develop the Letchworth property, including setting up a reuse committee, hiring a marketing firm, conducting a survey, sending out

requests for proposals (RFP) and requests for expression of interest (RFEI) with NO success. The main reason for that is the cost associated with renovating or removing the buildings due to asbestos and lead paint contamination.

Currently, we are continuing to explore the options to develop the property including the sale of the golf course.

If the town should sell the property, and I believe it is in the best interest of the town to do so, we would require the following from the purchaser:

- That the Golf Course remain as a golf course – open and available to our residents.
- Building a new community center for our residents and seniors.
- The removal or renovation of the existing Letchworth buildings, keeping the Kirkbride building available for recreational use.

While I know and appreciate that some will disagree about what course of action is best for the Letchworth Property, I also know that continuing down the path of inaction will clearly not benefit the town. Our great democratic system allows for criticism of our actions and we accept that. However, I also know that being the critic is the easy thing to do. Standing by and doing nothing is even easier. But taking action and moving the vision forward is the difficult role that we on the Town Board are charged with.

The challenges that we continue to face can be won by working together.

Like former Supervisor Marino once stated, we can answer the call in one of two ways. Let politics rule the day and finger point or forget what party we belong to and tackle the problems head on!

As in the past I am always available for our residents.

Thank you and be well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS

Chief Moore read the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of December, 2020.

Number of calls for service:	711		
Number of reported accidents:	32		
Number of arrests:	26		
(3) Felonies	(17) Misdemeanors	(2) Violations	(4) Warrants
Fuel usage:	1320.8 gallons		
Sum Total of all traffic enforcement action:	40		
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	1		
Number of child safety seat installations:	0		
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	0		
Number of traffic/special enforcement details:	0		
Number of training hours:	48 hrs		
Total fees collected:	\$63.00		
(Foil \$18.00, Prints \$0.00, and Reports \$45.00)			

Miscellaneous:

Youth events: PAL Holiday Portraits at Town Hall, Pal/Town “Light up the Town of Stony Point” event, and a Holiday Scavenger Hunt.

Supervisor Monaghan commended Det. Kryger.

Chief Moore’s Time Record

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of all board members present to approve Chief Moore’s time record for the month of December 2020 as presented.

- **Overtime and Sick Leave Reports**

A motion was made by Councilman Basile, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the overtime and sick leave reports as presented for the month of December 2020.

Chief Moore added an update of the NYS Reform on the Town website. Public comment is welcome during a Community Engaging meeting to be held via Zoom January 21, 2021, at 7pm.

Golf Course Report

The following report was presented for December 2020:

- Green Fees \$ \$19,064.92
- Merchandise \$ \$ 1,144.11
- Range Fees \$ 758.00
- Total \$ 20,967.03

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

A motion was made by Councilman Puccio, seconded by Councilman Javenes and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the following purchase orders:

Police Dept.			
PO#3364	Van Bortel Ford		\$33,818.64
Sewer Dept.			
PO#3406	Andritz Separation		\$ 589.19
PO#3409	GA Fleet Pump & Service Group, Inc.		\$ 8,784.00
PO#3410	GA Fleet Pump & Service Group, Inc.		\$ 3,675.00
Highway Dept.			
PO#3411	Expanded Supply		\$2,299.00

AUDIT OF BILLS

Megan Carey, Town Clerk, presented the following bills to the Town Board for audit and a motion was made by Councilman Puccio, seconded by Councilman Javenes and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the bills as presented for payment:

Contractual General- December 30, 2020

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	1244-1309	\$249,149.13
Highway	429-445	\$ 29,910.72
Sewer	403-421	\$ 21,119.07
Special Districts		
Enterprise	359-380	\$ 15,032.83
Ambulance	30-31	\$ 31,390.13
Solid Waste	44-44	\$ 1,486.56
Street Light	20-20	\$ 19,445.34

General – January 12, 2021

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	1-84	\$ 304,339.44
Highway	1-27	\$ 46,931.01
Sewer	1-26	\$ 133,947.00
Special Districts		
Ambulance	1-1	\$ 434.58
Enterprise	1-12	\$ 11,937.13
Solid Waste	1-2	\$ 4,939.60
Streetlight	1-2	\$ 331.42

MINUTES - A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Joachim and carried by a voice vote, with Councilman Basile abstaining, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Megan Carey, Town Clerk offered the following reports for the record:

Architectural Review Board

From: 12/01/2020	To: 12/31/2020
Applications Received	2
Applications Approved	2
Applications Pending	0
Fees Collected:	\$ 200.00

Building & Zoning Department

December 2020

Applications Received	28
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	11
Applications Denied	1
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	35
Applications Pending	72
Certificate of Occupancy	19
Certificate of Compliance	37

Planning Board

From: 12/01/2020 To: 12/31/2021

Applications Pending	
Amended Subdivision	1
General Category	3
Informal Discussion	0
Lot Line Change	1
Site Plan	9
Sub-division Minor	1

Submitted by the Planning Board Clerk

Town Clerk

December 2020

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets	
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 20.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$ 202.50
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$ 44.41
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$ 3,061.40
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$ 3,328.31

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Annual - 2020

Applications Received	456
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	384
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	20
Applications Denied	7
Certificate of Compliance Issued	152
Certificate of Occupancy Issued	142
Applications Pending	72

TOWN CLERK

Annual Town Clerk Report -2020

Amount Paid to NYS Agriculture and	\$ 355.00
Markets for Spay/Neuter Program	
Amount Paid to NYS Health Department	\$ 1,890.00
For Marriage Licenses	
Amount Paid to NYS Dept. Of Environmental	\$ 11,120.94
Conservation	
Amount Paid to Supervisor	\$ 43,401.33
Total Amount Remitted	\$ 56,767.27

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC INPUT

Susan Filgueras, 87 Mott Farm Rd, question Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment for the MHC Zone.

Tina Traster, Editor, Rockland County Business Journal, questioned the status of the sale of the Golf Course and surrounding property.

Continue Public Hearing-Zoning Amendment

At 7:25pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to continue the public hearing for the proposed local law to consider amendments to Chapter 215 of the Town's Zoning Code to establish comprehensive regulations governing public assembly within homes, places of worship, schools and dormitories.

Public Input

Susan Filgueras, 87 Mott Farm Rd.,

- commended the Town Board for keeping the Public Hearing open.
- Questioned comment from prior meeting regarding involvement of the NRCSD

Kevin Maher, 130 Central Highway, questioned:

- SEQRA
- Master Plan
- ZBA involvement
- Federal Religious Land Use and Institutional Persons Act.

Continue Public Hearing-Zoning Amendment

At 7:31pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to continue the public hearing for the proposed local law to consider amendments to Chapter 215 of the Town's Zoning Code to establish comprehensive regulations governing public assembly within homes, places of worship, schools and dormitories to the January 26, 2021 Town Board Meeting at 7pm.

Public Hearing-Text Amendment-MHC Zone

Special Counsel, Brian Nugent, introduced Amy Mele, 4 Laurel Dr., New City, Attorney, representing petitioner for the zone amendment in the Town Code for MHC Zone:

Amy Mele, requested an adjournment of the Public Hearing of zone amendment of the Town Code for MHC Zone.

Action

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to decline the consideration of the text amendment to Chapter 215-21(G) of the Zoning Code based on recommendations from the Town Engineer and Building Inspector.

Approve 2021 Town Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to set the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month as the meeting dates for the Regular Stony Point Town Board meetings. The meetings on the fourth Tuesday of August and December will be cancelled. All meetings are expected to be held at 7:00 pm at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY. In the event there are changes due to Covid-19 updated information will be posted on the town's website.

Standard Workday – Full & Part Time Elected and Appointed Officials

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

**Resolution No. 1 of 2021
Establishing Standard Workday 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 workday 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

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 Workday – Part Time Non-Elected & Appointed Officials

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

**Resolution No. 2 Of 2021
Establishing Standard Workday 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 workday 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

Approve Partners in Safety Agreement

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to authorize Supervisor Monaghan to sign the renewal agreement with Partners in Safety for 2021 as outlined in the agreement and on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Authorize Supervisor to Hire an Appraisal Firm

A motion was made by Councilman Basile, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to authorize Supervisor Monaghan to hire Valuation Plus, Inc. for the purpose of an appraisal to estimate the market value of 75+ acres of the Patriot Hills Golf Club.

Approve Professional Services Consulting Agreement to Support the 2020 Financial Audit

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve services rendered with Leslie Tillotson to assist with the December 31, 2020 Audit.

Surplus Golf Course Maintenance Equipment

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to surplus the below listed equipment. The vehicles/equipment listed have been out of service for a minimum of 5 years.

1100 1	Toro	07252	220000454	Workman 1100 Utility Vehicle	08/27/2002	1,104.00
1100 10	Toro	07252	220000467	Workman 1100 Utility Vehicle	08/23/2002	1,339.00
1100 6	Toro	07252	220000506	Workman 1100 Utility Vehicle	09/12/2002	1,093.00
1100 7	Toro	07252	220000389	Workman 1100 Utility Vehicle	09/12/2002	1,387.00
1100 8	Toro	07252	220000517	Workman 1100 Utility Vehicle	08/27/2002	952.00
1100 9	Toro	07252	220000465	Workman 1100 Utility Vehicle	09/12/2002	1,598.00
1880 1	Jacobsen	67924	6792401933	Super LF 1880 Fairway Mower (4wd)	05/10/2005	2,738.00
Agri 1	Agrimetal	BWT180	26802	BWT180 Pull Blower	08/30/2006	271.00
N/A	Jacobsen	PGM22	62280	Walk Behind Greens Mower	5/1/2002	N/A
N/A	Toro	41358	200000166	Spray Hawk	5/1/2002	0.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to adjourn into executive session to discuss negotiations with union contracts.

RECONVENE

At 8:28 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to reconvene the January 12, 2021 Town Board Meeting.

ADJOURN

At 8:28pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to close the January 12, 2021 Town Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted
 Megan Carey, Town Clerk