

**STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – April 14, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing online at <https://zoom.us/j/482465484?pwd=NkFLUU5BY3AvdFBjY3cvYUFwQUJvUT09> and hosted by Brian Nugent, Esq., Attorney for the Town. The meeting was also accessible by telephone at 1-929-205-6099, webinar ID: 482 565 484. Supervisor Monaghan called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Monaghan stated that the meeting would be opened and closed in memory of Stony Point Residents who lost their lives to Covid-19. On a personal note the Supervisor opened and closed the meeting in memory of our Town Clerk, Megan Carey’s mother, Karen Harris, beloved wife of George Harris.

Deputy Town Clerk Holli Finn 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. Alak Shah	Esquire
	Mr. Brian Nugent	Esquire

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Supervisor Monaghan reported as follows:

At this time Supervisor Monaghan addressed the Covid-19 pandemic and stated the following:

We are facing one of the biggest challenges in our lifetime. We have lost 263 Rockland County residents to the Covid-19 virus. Currently 256 confirmed cases of Covid-19 here in the Town of Stony Point.

In an effort to stop the spread of the virus, we have made difficult decisions to make necessary changes. We have closed our town parks, our recreation buildings and Community meetings. We have also cancelled all related public gathering activities. We have delayed the opening of our Patriot Hills Golf Course. As a Town Board we continue to monitor and evaluate our response on a daily basis. I am updated daily with a conference call with the Governor’s staff as well as on a local level with the other Town Supervisors. I am working diligently with Chief Moore, County Executive, Ed Day and Sheriff, Lou Falco to find ways to combat the spread of the virus

Town Hall has limited access at this time. Employees are working remotely and can be reached through voicemail or email. The Supervisor can be reached directly by calling 845-786-2716 ext.111.

Supervisor Monaghan commended all essential workers. Town Hall workers are working with limited staff. All other departments including, Highway, Sewer and Buildings and Grounds are working split shifts. He commended and thanked all our first responders, (Police Officers, Volunteer Ambulance crew, EMT'S) on the outstanding job they are doing keeping our community safe.

Supervisor Monaghan also talked about the financial challenges we as a town will face in the coming months. He is working with our department heads and finance director to work on the challenges ahead of us. As Stony Pointers we will get through this together.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS**

Chief Moore read the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of March 2020

Number of calls for service:	738
Number of reported accidents:	21
Number of arrests:	21
(3) Felonies (14) Misdemeanors (2) Violations (2) Warrants	
Fuel usage :	1,453.7 gallons
Sum total of all traffic enforcement action:	96
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	3
Number of child safety seat installations:	1
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	0
Number of traffic/special enforcement details:	0

Number of training hours: 184 hrs

Total fees collected: \$76.25

(Foil \$1.25, Prints \$40.00, and Reports \$35.00)

Youth events: NR Youth Police Academy orientation and 2 Training Sessions. All other youth activities were cancelled due to the coronavirus.

### **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 March 2020 as presented.

- **Overtime and Sick Leave Reports**

A motion was made by Councilman Basile, seconded by Supervisor Monaghan 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 March 2020.

At this time Chief Moore read the following statement:

### **COVID-19 Update to Town Board**

I wanted to give you a brief update on our actions to combat Covid-19 by limiting our exposure while still providing the necessary service to the community. My command staff has worked tirelessly to obtain and outfit our staff with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) through County, State and private sources. A special thanks to our Supervisor, the Ramapo Deputy Supervisor and Assemblyman Schmitt for their help in securing PPE.

We have introduced numerous new policies and procedures to safeguard the officers and the public. I have participated in numerous conference calls with local, County and State representatives along with biweekly communications with the Sheriff and the other RC Police Chiefs to obtain information and formulate best practices. This has also benefitted us with opportunities to obtain additional supplies.

We have set up virtual court arraignments in both the County and local justice courts.

We have handled approximately 60 Covid-19 related calls for service in the last 4 weeks.

I would also like to recognize the Stony Point PBA who along with the Haverstraw PBA will be bringing food and drinks to the nurses, doctors and staff at Helen Hayes Hospital on Wednesday morning in recognition of all their hard work during this pandemic.

In closing I would like to thank my entire staff for their hard work to prepare the police department for operational readiness to combat this pandemic. Their bravery and commitment to serve on the front lines and provide life saving measure to our residents is commendable and deserving of recognition. I would be remiss if I also didn't thank and recognize our ambulance corps and paramedics for their bravery and hard work. Thank You.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

**Alan Horowitz** thanked the Chief and Town Board on all their efforts on behalf of the citizens of Stony Point during this tough time and thanked the board for setting up the Zoom Conference.

**George Potonovic** commended the town board on setting up the Zoom conference. George spoke of working at Nyack Hospital and watching firsthand as the entire hospital is set up as ICU's and all the hours the nurses and doctors are working to help patients.

**Walter Cintron** commended everyone on all efforts to keep the community safe and informed. Walter asked if the closure of Indian Point was being worked on by anyone locally.

**Supervisor Monaghan** mentioned that there was talk of a lawsuit due to concerns of the financial abilities of the company hired to close the plant. He suggested the best course of action was to contact Assemblyman, Colin Schmitt and Senator, James Skoufis.

**Councilman Basile** noted that the Nuclear Regulatory Committee as a hotline for any questions or concerns. He believes they are taking a significant role in monitoring the progress of the closure.

**Tom Ossa-62 East Main St-** Thanked everyone for setting up the Zoom Conference. He specifically wanted to address the sale of the Golf Course and the 150 Acres. He wanted to be on record as stating that he is in favor of the deal. He has also spoken to many local business owners who are in favor as well. He feels that the building of a hotel and conference center will benefit everyone.

**Susan Filgwares-87 Mott Farm Road-** Susan thanked the chief and his brave staff for all their efforts and said we will get through this together.

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST**

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

Golf Course:		
PO#3347	Metro Turf Specialist	\$5,695.00
Police Dept:		
PO#3340	Cedar Pond Tree	\$3,500.00
Sewer Dept:		
PO#3346	Controlex Service Corp.	\$3,015.00

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Holli Finn, Deputy 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 all board members present to approve the bills as presented for payment.

**Contractual General – March 24, 2020**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	299-328	\$ 394,011.09
Highway	116-120	\$ 30,977.62
Sewer	103-108	\$ 14,388.39
Enterprise	61-66	\$ 15,391.99

Solid Waste	13-14	\$	6,293.71
Street Lighting	5-5	\$	18,376.86
Sewer Cap.Proj.	3-3	\$	6,930.00

**General – April 14, 2020**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	329-414	\$ 390,491.45
Highway	121-145	\$ 43,245.30
Sewer	109-128	\$ 49,823.32
<u>Special Districts</u>		
Ambulance	8-9	\$ 64,835.58
Enterprise	67-88	\$ 68,958.64
Solid Waste	15-15	\$ 4,826.98
Street Lighting	6-6	\$ 177.00
Sewer Cap.Proj.	4-4	\$ 5,225.00

**MINUTES** – 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 the minutes of March 10, 2020. **The March 24, 2020 town board meeting was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Holli Finn, Deputy Town Clerk offered the following reports for the record:

**Town Clerk**

March 2020

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets	
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 20.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$ 45.00
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$ 420.42
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$ 1,778.77
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$ 2,264.19

**Correspondence-** None

**Authorize Town Clerk to Go out for Bid for Aeration Systems Labor Bid-WWTP**

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 the Town Clerk to go out to bid for Aeration Systems Labor for our Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Authorize Town Clerk to Go Out for Bid for Day Camp Bus Transportation**

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 the

Town Clerk to go out to bid for Day Camp Bus Transportation for the 2020 summer season.

**Renew Service Contract-Centurion Telephone**

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to renew the annual service contract for telephone systems at Town Hall, the Police Dept, Justice Court and Patriot Hills Golf Club in the amount of \$5,900.00 with Centurion Telephone Sales and Service Inc.

**Re-Appoint ARB Member**

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to re-appoint Dolores Morlang to the Architectural Review Board for a 3-year term due to expire April 2023.

**Approve-Cornell Cooperative Extension Stormwater II Education Agreement 2020**

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to renew the 2020 Stormwater II Education Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension that will help the Town meet the educational and outreach requirements of EPA Phase II Stormwater Regulations. This agreement is at no cost to the Town of Stony Point.

**Appoint Confidential Assistant**

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by voice vote of those board members present to approve the Supervisors Appointment of Amy Stamm as Confidential Assistant effective March 30, 2020 at a salary of \$52,383.00/year.

**Renew 2020-2021 Property/Casualty Insurance Policy**

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to accept the quote from Trident Insurance Company in the amount of \$219,199 for the 2020-2021 Property & Casualty Insurance for the Town of Stony Point as solicited by our insurance agent, Ducey Agency, on behalf of the Town.

**MEETING CLOSED IN MEMORY**

As indicated at the opening of the meeting Supervisor Monaghan again announced that the April 14, 2020 Stony Point Town Board meeting was being closed in memory of all Stony Point Residents who lost their lives to Covid-19 and Karen Harris, loving mother of our Town Clerk, Megan Carey.

**ADJOURN**

The April 14, 2020 Stony Point Town Board meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. No further votes were taken.

Respectfully submitted

Holli Finn, Deputy Town Clerk