

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – April 28, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing online at <https://us02web.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: 482 465 484. 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:	Tom Basile	Councilman
	Karl Javenes	Councilman
	Paul Joachim	Councilman
	Michael Puccio	Councilman
	James Monaghan	Supervisor
	Brian Nugent	Esquire
	Alak Shah	Esquire

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Monaghan made the following statement:

We continue to face one of the biggest challenges in our lifetime. As a town board we continue to monitor and evaluate our response. We acquired a limited supply of face masks through the NYS Health Department that were distributed from the Rockland County office of Emergency Management to our Town. We started distributing masks to our most vulnerable residents, our senior citizens, volunteer food pantry workers and our disabled and special needs residents. This Friday we will be distributing masks to Stony Point Residents. The distribution will be at Charles Eccher Lowland Hill Park, from 9-10:30am while our limited supply lasts.

The terrible news is that we have lost 13 residents to the Covid-19 virus. According to NYS there are currently 350 confirmed cases here in Stony Point.

I must commend our First Responders who continue to answer the call. I also want to thank and commend our essential workers. Our town employees have been working split shifts to keep everyone safe during this time.

Thanked volunteers for the NR Food Pantry led by Paula Klein. Paula has a wonderful team of volunteers. Thank you to the NR Teachers Association for donating and volunteering for the food pantry as well.

As a Town we face serious financial challenges including loss of sales tax revenue. In anticipating of re-opening our business community, I have set up a local task force with the goal of re-starting local businesses. I believe that this task force can play an important role in supporting our local businesses. Our group's objective is challenging. We hope to establish practical ideas and plans that will help our businesses get back on their feet as quickly and successfully as possible. We will be following the guidelines of our County, State and Nation. I have asked private citizens who bring expertise and experience from various sectors to be a part of the task force. They have been asked to join as a private citizen and not as a representative of their respective organizations.

Joining me on the task force is the following:

Mike Puccio-Councilman with a business background

Kevin Lynch- A local restaurant owner with a background in finance

James Keenan- A local business owner with a wide range of training experience

Tom Javenes-Local small business and restaurant owner

Dave Fusco-Golf Course Director who brings a municipal business background

Tom Rau- A regional president of a local bank

Rich Fernandez- A local volunteer and a member of the North Rockland School Board

Dina Nejman Charamella-President of the North Rockland Chamber of Commerce

Stephen Porath-Chair of the task force. He is an executive director of IDA and brings a vast knowledge of economic development.

Police Business

Supervisor Monaghan introduced Stony Point Police Chief Brian Moore to discuss Police Business.

Retirement of Sergeant

Chief Moore announced the retirement of Sergeant Douglas Bertrand and read the following memo:

To: Chief BJ Moore
From: Sgt DG Bertrand
Date: 02/19/2020
Re: Service Retirement

On July 25, 1983, I started my Police career as a member of the NYPD. For the next 12 years I proudly served the City of New York as a Police Officer with the 47th Precinct and the Emergency Service Units Truck 3 and Truck 4 in the Bronx. In December of 1989, I moved to the Town of Stony Point with my wife Marie and began to raise a family in a community I considered the best in Rockland. It became my goal then to seek a Police career that would give me the satisfaction that is inherent in being a Police Officer but with the pride of serving my own community. On September 1st, 1995 I achieved that goal when I was sworn in as a member of the Stony Point Police Department. For the past 24 years I have had the pleasure of serving the Town of Stony Point as a Patrol Officer and Patrol Sergeant. During these past 24 years I have strived to maintain the high standards of the Stony Point Police Department and in addition have strived to pass on these standards to our next generation of Police Officers.

It is with pride that I inform you that I will be retiring from service on April 30th, 2020 and that you should feel confident that our department is in good hands for the future and the Town of Stony Point is still the best in Rockland.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Douglas Bertrand #639

Supervisor Monaghan thanked Sgt. Bertrand for his dedicated years of service on behalf of the Town Board.

Declare Weapon as Surplus

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 request of the Chief of Police to surplus Glock Model 23, .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun, serial #RTV800 to be presented to Sergeant Douglas Bertrand who will retire on April 30, 2020.

Promotion of Police Sergeant

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present, to promote Police Officer Robert Bertrand to the position of Sergeant effective May 1, 2020. Chief Moore introduced retiring Sgt. Douglas Bertrand to present PO Robert Bertrand with his shield.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

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

Golf Course:			
PO#3349	DeLea Landscape		\$1,632.00
Police Dept:			
PO#3216	Gentech LTD		\$3,095.00
Sewer Dept:			
PO#3343	GA Fleet		\$3,015.00

AUDIT OF BILLS – 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 bills as presented for payment.

Contractual General – April 28, 2020

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	415-445	\$ 284,524.95
Highway	146-155	\$ 35,563.68
Sewer	129-138	\$ 27,539.78
<u>Special Districts</u>		
Ambulance	10-10	\$ 3,500.00
Enterprise	89-98	\$ 37,110.39
Solid Waste	16-17	\$ 2,483.16
Street Lighting	7-7	\$ 18,923.70

MINUTES – A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and unanimously carried by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020.

PROCLAMATION-POLICE WEEK – Supervisor Monaghan read the following proclamation and praised the Police Department for the great work that they do:

***PROCLAMATION
POLICE WEEK***

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 10-16, 2020 to be dedicated as “National Police Week” and May 15th of each year to be “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day”, and

WHEREAS, Police Officers’ Memorial Day is to be dedicated to Police Officers who have died in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has requested that all municipalities honor Police Officers’ Memorial Day by flying all flags within the municipality at half-mast.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Monaghan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Stony Point, hereby proclaim May 10th through May 16th, 2020 as Police Week in the Town of Stony Point and in honor of those Police

Officers who have died in the line of duty in this Country, all flags in the Town of Stony Point shall be flown at half-mast on May 15th, 2020

I DO FURTHER call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express their thanks to our men and women who make it possible for us to leave our homes knowing they are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, I affix my signature and the Seal of the Town of Stony Point to this proclamation this 28th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC INPUT

George Potanovic – spoke on the following:

- Update on the status of the availability of the Contract of Sale of the Golf Course and surrounding property.
- Asked Town Counsel for an update on the status of the vote for the permissive referendum on the Sale of Town Property.
- Asked for a public informational meeting with Mr. Amar to explain proposed plans for the Letchworth property.

(Full letter from Mr. Potanovic is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office)

Discussion ensued with input from:

- Supervisor Monaghan
- Councilman Basile
- Town Counsel, Brian Nugent

Alan Horowitz- spoke on the following:

- Availability of grants or funding for the Ambulance Corp.
- Thanked EMT Volunteers from SUNY Binghamton and Oneonta for coming to Stony Point to offer their services during the Pandemic.
- Visiting volunteers using available living quarters

Supervisor Monaghan thanked all the EMT’s on behalf of the Town for their outstanding service and dedication during this health crisis.

Kevin Nolan spoke in favor of selling the Golf Course.

Greg Julian questioned the following on the Sale of the Golf Course:

- Difference between assessment and appraisal
- Anticipated tax revenue
- Bond responsibility
- Lost revenue

Christine Silverstein questioned the opening of the Golf Course and Day Camp.

Supervisor Monaghan expressed uncertainty of the Pool and Day Camp opening and introduced Dave Fusco, Director of Golf to outline the protocol put in place to safely open the Golf Course this weekend (May 2, 2020)

Dave Fusco described the following measures that have been put in place:

- Groups reduced from foursomes to threesomes, with single occupancy carts
- Each cart will be disinfected after each use
- Pro Shop will be closed to the public
- Nonresident players will prepay with no contact of pro shop staff
- Resident players will have access to pro shop staff with and outside service counter and plexi-glass protective shields have been installed.
- Flag sticks will remain in place
- Benches and ball washers have been removed
- social distancing will be enforced at the Driving Range and parking lot to ensure no gathering of golfers.

Refund Use of Park Facilities

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 a refund in the amount of \$50 to Brian Neary who reserved Charles Eccher Park on May 23, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 circumstances we will not be renting out the pavilions at the parks.

Approve Lease Agreement for Police Tasers

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 Chief Moore to enter into a lease agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to replace existing outdated police tasers.

Approval of Agreement with County of Rockland for Reimbursement for Counter Terrorism Training

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 enter into an agreement with the County of Rockland for reimbursement of Law Enforcement Overtime for Counterterrorism Training. The Town will be reimbursed from the Rockland County a sum of \$3,684.41

Approve Seasonal Workers-Patriot Hills Golf Course

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the Director of Golf's request to hire the following seasonal employees:

<u>Starter/Bag Drop</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Al Standish	\$11.87	\$12.67	\$12.96
Anthony Losquadro	\$11.87	\$12.67	\$12.96

<u>Pro Shop</u>			
Ralph Felice	\$12.49	\$13.33	\$13.63
Anthony Mezzio	\$12.49	\$13.33	\$13.63

<u>Rangers/Cart/Range</u>			
Tony D'Ambrosio	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80
Bruce Cloer	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80
Mike Welby	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80
Nick Mugavero	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80
Bob Marino	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80

<u>Carts/Range</u>			
Chris Hilliard	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80
Ryan O'Grady	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80
Daniel Lemoine	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80
Peter Monteforte		\$11.10	\$11.80
Louis Ret		\$11.10	\$11.80

ADJOURN

The April 28, 2020 Stony Point Town Board meeting adjourned at 8:03PM and no additional votes were taken.

Respectfully submitted – Megan Carey, Town Clerk