

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – May 14, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Stony Point Senior and Community Center, 19 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY. 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. Michael Puccio	Councilman
	Mr. Keith Williams	Councilman
	Mr. Paul Joachim	Councilman
	Mr. Todd Rose	Councilman
	Mr. James Monaghan	Supervisor
	Mr. Dylan Lockyer	Esquire

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Monaghan reported as follows:

- This week is Police Week. The flags throughout the town will be flown at half mast on May 15th to honor Police Week Memorial Day.
- On Saturday, May 18th the Highway Dept will be hosting an open house from 11am-1pm.
- The Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 27th beginning at 9:30am. The parade will start at TenEyck Street and finish at Town Hall where there will be a Memorial Service. Refreshments will be served.

Supervisor Monaghan read the following proclamation:

Town of Stony Point, NY

Proclamation

HONORING



WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, EMS week is a perfect time to honor those frontline heroes who provide vital emergency medical care to members of our community; and

WHEREAS, through service, compassion and dedication, EMS providers represent the very best of the American spirit; and

WHEREAS, members of the Stony Point Ambulance Corps are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Monaghan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Stony Point, hereby proclaim May 19th through May 25th, 2024 as EMS Week in the Town of Stony Point

IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, I affix my signature and the Seal of the Town of Stony Point to this proclamation this 14th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS

Chief Finn read the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of April 2024.

Number of calls for service:	788
Number of reported accidents:	23
Number of arrests:	21
(0) Felonies (14) Misdemeanors (2) Violations (5) Warrants	
Fuel Usage :	1199.0 gallons
Sum Total of all traffic enforcement action:	141
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	6
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	0
Number of traffic/special enforcement details:	4
Number of training hours:	184 hrs
Total fees collected:	\$243.25
(Foil \$18.25, Prints \$200.00, and Reports \$25.00)	

Youth events: April: NR Youth Police Academy-4/8, 10, 30, PAL Meeting 4/16, NR Sports Day event 4/27, PAL 5K Color Run 4/28.

Upcoming Youth Events: NR Youth Police Academy, PAL Movie Night 5/17, NR Community 5K at Bowline 6/2, PAL Bike Safety/Touch a Truck Event 6/9.

Chief Finn’s Time Record

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Puccio and unanimously carried by a voice vote of all board members present to approve Chief Finn’s time record for the month of April 2024 as presented.

Overtime and Sick Leave Reports

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 overtime and sick leave reports as presented for the month of April 2024.

Golf Course Report

The following report was presented for April 2024:

• Green Fees	\$	281,784.00
• ID Cards	\$	5,475.00
• Merchandise	\$	14,485.36
• Range Fees	\$	14,948.00
• Club Rental	\$	9,990.00
• Total	\$	327,528.36

Ambulance Report-April 2024

April 2024

Calls for service	118
Calls provided by mutual aid	13
Calls for mutual aid	11

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

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

Golf Course Maintenance PO#3724	Carriere Materials	\$6,396.00
Golf Course: PO#3734	Regal Industrial Service	\$1,500.00
Highway Department: PO#3727	KER Service and Repair	\$12,869.08
PO#3728	All American Masonry	\$4,800.00

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 Williams and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the bills as presented for payment:

GENERAL FUND -May 14, 2024

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM#</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	491-588	\$425,339.97
Cap Projects	31-40	\$82,643.93
Highway	199-239	\$91,160.81
Sewer	152-184	\$52,121.67
Special District		
Enterprise	130-167	\$103,413.65
Sewer Cap Projects	11-13	\$150,305.00
Solid Waste	14-16	\$6,040.29
Ambulance	19-21	\$83,490.28

MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Rose and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the minutes of April 23, 2024.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Architectural Review Board

From: 4/01/2024 To: 4/30/2024

Applications Received	3
Applications Approved	3
Applications Pending	0

Fees Collected \$300.00

Building & Zoning Department

April 2024

Applications Received	53
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Denied	1
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	42
Applications Pending	10
Certificate of Occupancy	23
Certificate of Compliance	15
Fees Collected	\$27,260.00

Planning Board

From: 4/01/2023	To: 4/30/2023	
Applications Received		1
Applications Approved		0
Applications Pending		
Amended Subdivision		0
General Category		0
Informal Discussion		0
Lot Line Change		0
Site Plan		5
Subdivision		1
Fees Collected		\$0.00

Submitted by the Planning Board Clerk

Zoning Board of Appeals

8/1/2023	to	8/31/2023	
Applications Received			0
Applications Returned/Withdrawn			0
Applications Denied			0
Applications Pending			1
Applications Approved			0
Fees Collected			\$0.00

Town Clerk

April 2024

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets		
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$	9.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$	202.50
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$	738.79
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$	<u>5,272.61</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$	6,222.90

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC INPUT

None

Supervisor Monaghan presented the following proclamation:

Town of Stony Point, NY
Proclamation
HONORING
ALS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person’s brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, ALS has no cure; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association, as the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally, has committed over \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

WHEREAS, our commitment to accelerating the pace of discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day, ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it.

WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with ALS' dire circumstances, and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person but on his or her family and the community, and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Monaghan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Stony Point do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as ALS Awareness Month in the Town of Stony Point. I call upon all Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, I affix my signature and the Seal of the Town of Stony Point to this proclamation this 14th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Continued Public Hearing-Oak Ridge Sewer Extension

At 7:23pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to continue the public hearing for the Oak Ridge Park Sewer Extension.

No Public Input

Close Public Hearing-Oak Ridge Sewer Extension

At 7:23pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to close the public hearing for the Oak Ridge Park Sewer Extension.

Approve Oak Ridge Sewer Extension

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the Oak Ridge Sewer Extension:

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF TOWN BOARD APPROVING PETITION
FOR SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT #3**

RESOLUTION 2024/11

WHEREAS, a written Petition dated **March 25, 2024** signed and acknowledged by **Jose Vargas**, has been presented to and filed with the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point requesting the Extension of a sanitary sewer and laterals in a proposed Extension of District **#3** to be known as the Extension of Sanitary Sewer District **#3** as more particularly described in said Petition, and

WHEREAS, the map and plan aforesaid has been approved by the State Department of Health, and copies thereof filed with said Department, and with the Town Clerk, pursuant to Section 192 of the Town Law.

Now on motion of **Supervisor Monaghan**, seconded by **Councilman Williams** all members present voting therefore, it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED that said petition dated **March 25, 2024** for the creation of the Extension of Sanitary Sewer District **#3** in the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, is signed, approved and acknowledged, as required by law, and is otherwise sufficient and complies with the provision of Section 191 of the Town Law, constituting Chapter 62 of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York, and such other sections of said chapter as are applicable thereto; and that there is annexed to said petition a map and plans showing the boundaries of the proposed Extension of Sanitary Sewer District **#3** and a general plan of the proposed district, and it is

FOUND, ORDERED AND DETERMINED by the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point that it is in the public interest to grant the whole relief sought by said petition, and that all of the property, property owners and interested persons within said proposed Extension of District **#3** are benefited thereby, and that all property, or property owners benefited are included therein, and that no property or property owners or interested persons benefited thereby have been excluded therefrom, and it is

ORDERED that the petition for the creation of the extension of Sanitary Sewer District **#3** be established in said Town of Stony Point, as described in said petition, may and plan, to be known as the Extension of Sanitary Sewer District **#3** and to include the following property:

Schedule "A"

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the town of Stony Point, County of Rockland, State of New York and being more particularly known and designated as Lot Nos 1 through 8, inclusive, on that certain map entitled "Final Subdivision for Jessup Valley", and filed in the Rockland County Clerk's Office on August 9, 2007, as Map No. 7941.

Nominate New Police Officer Candidate

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to accept Chief Finn's nomination of Alex Morgese. This nomination will allow Rockland County Personnel to continue the testing of the candidate.

Approve Hires Patriot Hills Golf Club Operations

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Rose and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the following hires for Patriot Hills Golf Club Operations:

Cart/Range Rate-\$15/hr

Tomas Flores
James Devine
Jack Woodhead
Megan Madden
Ella Schoales
Connor Baisley
Kiara Tirado
Eugene McCarthy
Ben Stamm

Sponsorship-NR Community 19th Annual 5K Run/Walk

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Rose and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve a donation of \$1500.00 for the NR Community 19th Annual 5K Run/Walk.

Award Day Camp Transportation Bid

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to award the bid for Summer Day Camp Transportation to First Student (Haverstraw Transit) in the amount of \$20,755.00.

Surplus Vehicle - Parks Department

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Puccio and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to surplus 2006 Ford Van, Vin #1FTNE24W56HA09403.

Authorize to Retain Counsel to Oppose Rate Increase

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

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION 2024/12

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF STONY POINT

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DICHTER LAW FIRM IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES BY ORANGE & ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC., A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CONSOLIDATED EDISON CORPORATION, BEFORE THE NYS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS PART OF A MUNICIPAL COALITION IN SUPPORT OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES

WHEREAS, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. (“O&R”) is seeking a rate increase in electric and gas delivery in pending proceedings before the New York Public Service Commission (“the Public Service Commission”) (Cases 24-E-0060/24-G-0061); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stony Point (“Town”) seeks to represent the interests of its residents and businesses to ensure that utility rates imposed upon the Town, its residents, and merchants are just and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, a Coalition comprised of various municipalities in Rockland County including Rockland Green, the Rockland County Sewer District, the Town of Clarkstown, Town of Haverstraw, Town of Orangetown, and the Town of Ramapo seek to present a unified voice on behalf of local municipalities and residents thereof before the Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town requires an expert in the field of utility rate cases before the Public Service Commission to review, consult and prepare opposition to the proposed rate increases by O&R on behalf of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Dichter Law Firm is qualified with specific qualifications and background in utility rate cases and has been engaged by other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Dichter Law Firm has agreed to provide such services as outlined in the May 10, 2024, letter, and the share of the Town’s legal fees is an initial cap of \$1,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town (“Town Board”) desires the scope of legal services that the Dichter Law Firm will provide as special counsel for the purposes of the proceedings pending before the Public Service Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Town Board as follows:

- Section 1. All "WHEREAS" paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full herein.
- Section 2. For the rates set forth therein, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, the Dichter Law Firm shall perform all services outlined in the letter dated May 10, 2024.
- Section 3. The Dichter Law Firm shall submit invoices on a monthly basis summarizing work performed in the prior month.
- Section 4. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the attached letter agreement with the Dichter Law Firm authorizing the above work to be performed and to otherwise take necessary actions to facilitate the provisions of the Agreement.
- Section 5. Any other duties and/or services to be provided by the Dichter Law Firm shall be as approved by Town Board Resolution and for such amount as approved by the Town Board.
- Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:27pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Joachim and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to adjourn into executive session to discuss finances with a company that would like to do business with the town.

ADJOURN

At 8:35pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Williams and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to close the May 14, 2024 Town Board Meeting. No further votes were taken.

Respectfully submitted.
Megan Carey, Town Clerk