

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – March 12, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 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 led 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. James White	Councilman
	Mr. James Monaghan	Supervisor
ABSENT:	Mr. Michael Puccio	Councilman

PUBLIC INPUT

Susan Filguras-87 Mott Farm Rd. Tomkins Cove spoke about how she had the opportunity to judge the NYS History competition over the weekend.

George Potonavic Jr.-597 Old Gate Hill Rd. Stony Point spoke about notification and timing of the public hearing scheduled for tonight.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

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

Golf Course:		
PO#3198	Metro Turf Specialists	\$65,745.00
PO#3199	Metro Turf Specialists	\$7,635.50
Highway Department:		
PO#3221	RT Evergreen Ind. Inc.	\$3,443.80
Police Dept:		
PO#3109	Business Electronics	\$2,720.00
Sewer Dept:		
PO#3191	Hush Electrical Contracting	\$1,625.00
PO#3192	TAM Enterprise	\$1,547.00
PO#3222	Jack Doheny Companies, Inc	\$1,912.81

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 White and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve the bills as presented for payment.

General – March 12, 2019

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	226-315	\$ 445,159.15
Highway	82-118	\$ 85,130.31
Sewer	72-100	\$ 58,835.14
<u>Special Districts</u>		
Ambulance	6-8	\$ 30,455.03
Enterprise	33-54	\$ 29,125.04
Solid Waste	8-9	\$ 1,875.22
Sewer Cap.Proj.	1-1	\$ 3,250.00

MINUTES – A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Monaghan reported as follows:

- On March 4th Suez Water Company filed for a substantial rate hike with the Public Service Commission. Overall Suez is requesting a \$31.5 million or 19.8% increase over present revenues. This may be one of the most complicated rate cases in memory. Suez is proposing to merge all its New York operations into one entity. Part of the rate increase encourages conservation by charging increasingly higher rates for increased consumption. On tonight’s agenda there is a proposal to hire the Law Firm of Joel Dichter along with the other five towns, the Solid Waste Authority and the RC Sewer District. In the past we have banded together to successfully oppose O&R’s petition for electric and gas rate increases.
- Lilly Anne Wilson is selling bricks for the Patriot Paws Memorial Walk. The bricks are \$50/each and are part of the Beautification Committee.
- North Rockland High School is joining with AARP to offer assistance to Senior Citizens with their Income Tax preparation.
- Commended Councilman Javenes and Building and Grounds on the renovations of Town Hall. The new HVAC system has helped reduce town hall’s utility bills 21%. Councilman Javenes has worked as coordinator for the project.
- Wayne Hose is hosting a pasta night on Saturday, March 30th from 5-9pm. Donation is \$10 per person.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS

Chief Moore read the following report:

Police Department Report for the Month of February 2019

Number of calls for service:	775		
Number of reported accidents:	40		
Number of arrests:	29		
(2) Felonies	(23) Misdemeanors	(4) Violations	
Fuel usage:	1,266.2 gallons		
Sum total of all traffic enforcement action:	166		
Number of Youth Officer sponsored events:	4		
Number of child safety seat installations:	0		
Number of commercial vehicle enforcement details:	1		
Number of traffic/special enforcement details:	0		
Number of training hours:	288 hrs		
Total fees collected:	\$115.00		
(Foil \$5.00, Prints \$70.00, and Reports \$40.00)			

Youth events: 84 hours of Youth Community Service, 14 New Members of Youth Court, 1 PAL recreation Night @ Kirkbride, Harlem Wizards Game @ NRHS with 700+ in attendance and raised nearly \$4000.00, Orientation for 25 new recruits to our NR Youth Police Academy class. We continued the daily security checks of all our schools.

Chief Moore’s Time Record

A motion was made by Councilman Basile, seconded by Supervisor Monaghan and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve Chief Moore’s time record for the month of February 2019 as presented.

• **Overtime and Sick Leave Reports**

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve the overtime and sick leave reports as presented for the month of February 2019.

- **Heroin Problem Update**

At this time Chief Moore spoke about the heroin epidemic in Rockland County and the rise in incidents and deaths here in Stony Point. He also indicated that the police community feels that legalizing marijuana is definitely not a good move.

Retirement of Officer

Police Officer Rob Hurley will be retiring March 29th after 20 years of service to the Town.

- **Request for Police Officer Eligible List**

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present, with Councilman Puccio being absent, to approve the Police Department's request to receive the eligibility list from the Rockland County Personnel.

- **Police Fleet Status**

Chief Moore discussed the condition of the police fleet. They have several cars with over 70,000 miles and others that have broken down recently with one that required a new engine. He is concerned about the aging fleet.

Golf Course Report

The following report was presented for February 2019:

Green Fees	\$	0.00
ID Cards	\$	0.00
Misc. Golf	\$	0.00
Merchandise	\$	438.93
Range Fees	\$	0.00
Club Rental	\$	0.00
Total	\$	438.93

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Architectural Review Board

From: 02/01/2019	To: 02/28/2019
Applications Received	
Solar Panels	6
Applications Approved	
Solar Panels	6
Fees Collected:	\$ 600.00

Building & Zoning Department

<u>February 2019</u>	
Applications Received	21
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Denied	0
Building & Blasting Permits Issued	18
Applications Pending	55
Certificate of Occupancy	14
Certificate of Compliance	8
Fees Collected	\$12,045.00

Fire Inspector

<u>February 2019</u>		
	Month	Total
Inspections Performed	11	28
Field Correction Issued	5	5
Violations Issued	0	0
Violations Outstanding	0	0
Permits Issued	0	0
Requests by Police Dept.	0	0
Requests by Fire Dept.	3	3
Fires Investigated	0	0

Planning Board

From: 02/01/2019 To: 02/28/2019

Applications Received	
Informal Discussion	1
Applications Approved	0
Applications Pending	
Amended Subdivision	1
General Category	3
Informal Discussion	4
Lot Line Change	3
Site Plan	7

Fees Collected:	\$150.00
Money in Lieu of Land	\$ 0.00

Submitted by the Planning Board Clerk

Zoning Board of Appeals

02/01/2019 to 02/28/2019

Applications Received	0
Applications Returned/Withdrawn	0
Applications Closed	0
Applications Pending	3

Fees Collected	\$ 0.00
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Town Clerk

February 2019

Amount Paid To NYS Agriculture & Markets	
For Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 15.00
Amount Paid To NYS Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses	\$ 45.00
Amount Paid To NYS Dept. Of Environmental Conservation	\$ 103.92
Amount Paid To Supervisor	\$ 2,655.51
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED	\$ 2,819.43

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law Patriot Hills Redevelopment Incentive Overlay-Amend Chapter 215 Article XXII

At 7:46pm Supervisor Monaghan opened the public hearing with the following remarks:

Unfortunately there has been a lot of misinformation concerning the proposed sale of the Golf Course and the development of the Letchworth facility. Be assured that there have been no back room deals. In fact the town set a public hearing on January 22, 2019 and has advertised the public hearing on the website, in the newspaper, on WRCR and at every town board meeting since January 22nd. The town wants to hear from the public concerning the Patriot Hills Overlay property. Legislation would have to include that the park property remains the same use; recreational use for the purpose of a golf course, open to town residents and the public and continued use of the Little League fields.

Sale would be contingent on the developer building a new community center for use by our Stony Point Senior Citizens and residents, meeting rooms for use by all Boards, including the Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals and other organizations. The grounds would be enhanced and the golf course facilities would be enhanced.

Public Input

- John Sottile, Central Highway, Stony Point – currently works for the golf course in the pro-shop. The golf course is good for the Town of Stony Point as it brings nonresidents into the town.

- Bruce Clower, Fonda Dr., Stony Point – at the time of acquisition of the property development was not considered. His feeling was that the property should not be sold.
- George Potonavic Jr., Old Gate Hill Rd. Stony Point – wants to see something done with the property. Concerned with the process and transparency. Presented several questions regarding the proposed amendment. Supervisor Monaghan advised him to please present his questions in writing.
- Mary Rodriguez, East Main St., Stony Point – this property was being talked about in this way thirty years ago; very disheartened that nothing has happened.
- George Harris, Willow Grove Rd., Stony Point – why does the town want to sell off its assets instead of maintaining them.
- Steve Porath, J F Kennedy Dr., Stony Point – working in economic development for many years. This plan is being developed to make the property economically desirable and it defines the parameters as to what the town wants and doesn't want on the property. The sole purpose of economic development is to enhance our rate base. If we don't have commercial development the tax burden will be passed on to the homeowners. By taking this deteriorating asset that the town can't afford and putting it back in the tax base we would be easing the burden on the homeowners.
- Tom Wright, Walter Dr., Stony Point – the golf course is not economically feasible and is a very big burden for the town to bear.
- Susan Filguras, Mott Farm Rd. Tomkins Cove – feels that the Letchworth property needs to be developed. Much has been discussed over the years and reports were generated regarding development of this property. These reports should be made available on line. A small section of the property should be dedicated to house the history of the property. Engage the public now in the process, not after.
- Kevin Mahr, Central Highway, Stony Point - has the proper paperwork been distributed to all the necessary agencies?
- Gregg Julian, Ridgetop Dr., Tomkins Cove – make Stony Point a viable entity once again, one that has an affordable tax base. We can't be reactive. We want people to see Stony Point as a new investment place. We need to draw on the expertise of those people living within the Town. We need to form a Stony Point Revitalization Committee.
- Hollis Griffin, Captain Faldermeyer, Stony Point – concerned as a golfer and a town resident that none of the board will probably be here when the person who develops the golf course wants to make more money than he's actually receiving. It would help to describe as you go along how you propose to keep this facility open to the public – how you propose to have, not just the golf course but the ball fields as well, remain recreational facilities. Also point out why the town can't afford to keep the golf course going.
- Rob Dessau, Slater Dr., Stony Point – to ease fears of resale of the golf course you could insert a "right of first refusal" clause in the agreement.

Continue Public Hearing

At 9:00pm, a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present, with Councilman Puccio being absent, to continue the public hearing to the next town board meeting which will be held on March 26th at 7pm.

Request For Use Of Commuter Lot-Children Of Mary

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman

Puccio being absent to approve the request of the Children of Mary Nursery School for use of Commuter Lot on Rt. 9W, April 27, 2019 with a rain date of April 28, 2019 for their Annual Tag Sale.

Seasonal Rehires – Golf Course Maintenance

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve the following seasonal re-hires for the 2019 Patriot Hills Golf Course Maintenance, all with a 1.75% increase per hour over last year salary.

- 1) PEDRO DELOSANGLES - \$20.90/HR
- 2) ANDRE VASQUES - \$14.11/HR
- 3) NELSON LOPEZ - \$12.76/HR
- 4) FAUSTINO ESPINAL-\$11.97/HR PROPOSE \$13/HR
- 5) JOSE LIZ - \$12.76/HR
- 6) RICHARD HERNANDEZ - \$14.11/HR
- 7) ELVIS ESTRELLA - \$12.76/HR
- 8) MANNY ORTIZ - \$12.76/HR
- 9) NEW HIRE - \$12.76/HR
- 10)NEW HIRE - \$12.76/HR

Seasonal Rehires – Golf Course Operations

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

Starter / Bag Drop	2017	2018	2019
Al Standish	\$11.07	\$11.87	\$12.67
Anthony Losquadro	\$11.07	\$11.87	\$12.67
Rich Sloboda	\$11.07	\$11.87	\$12.67
Frank Schultz	\$11.07	\$11.87	\$12.67
Steve Mains	\$11.07	\$11.87	\$12.67

Pro Shop			
Hughann Limpert	\$11.65	\$12.49	\$13.33
John Sottile	\$11.65	\$12.49	\$13.33
Ralph Felice	\$11.65	\$12.49	\$13.33
Anthony Mezzio		\$12.49	\$13.33

Rangers			
Nicholas Loucas	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Pat Sullivan	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Bob Rennie	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Bruce Cloer	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Bill Morris	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Hollis Griffin	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Tony D'Ambrosio	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Mike Reiss	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10

Mike Welby	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Nick Mugavero	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Bob Sheridan	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Peter Hatala		\$10.40	\$11.10

Cart Attendants / Range	2017	2018	2019
Brian Madden	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Chris Hillard	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Ryan Tobin	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
John Tobin	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Ryan O'Grady	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Daniel Lemoine	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Shane Murphy	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Jared Finn	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10
Mariella Yanitelli		\$10.40	\$11.10
Sophie Morello		\$10.40	\$11.10
Matt Tobin		\$10.40	\$11.10
Jake Porr		\$10.40	\$11.10

Sponsor – North Rockland Sports Day

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to sponsor the 5th Annual North Rockland Sports Day for Charity on April 13th in the amount of \$500.

Building Permit Refund

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve a refund to EZ Electric in the amount of \$365.00 for a building permit application fee.

Approve Town Facilities/Permit Application

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve a revised permit application for use of the town facilities.

Approve Purchase of a Magnetometer for Justice Court through JCAP Grant

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve the purchase of a Magnetometer for Justice Court. The purchase is through the JCAP Grant and there is no cost to the town.

Approve Pre-Application Waiver Request-Cell Tower/Stony Ridge Plaza

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to approve the pre-application waivers based upon the town attorney's recommendations.

Approve Authorization to Hire Special Counsel-Suez Rate Hike Request

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to authorize the hiring of special counsel for the purpose of opposing the proposed rate hike with Suez.

Authorize Approval Memorandum of Understanding-Tilcon Quarry Project

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to authorize approval of the memorandum of understanding for the Reclamation of the Tomkins Cove Quarry.

Executive Session

At 9:05 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present with Councilman Puccio being absent to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. No further votes will be taken.

ADJOURN

The March 12, 2019 Stony Point Town Board meeting adjourned at 9:45pm and no additional votes were taken.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk