

Work Session held by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown on November 9, 2010. Yorktown Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Susan Siegel, Supervisor
James J. Martorano, Councilman
Terrence P. Murphy, Councilman
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman
Diana L. Quast, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Nicholas J. Bianco, Councilman

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Siegel motioned, seconded by Councilman Martorano, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining Negotiations. Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Bianco, the Town Board moved into the work session.

WORK SESSION

Supervisor Susan Siegel called the meeting to order. Town Attorney Jeannette Koster was also present.

FACILITIES MANAGER

Supervisor Siegel stated that she wanted to explore the possibility of restructuring the building maintenance department. She would like to advertise a Request for Proposals for a part-time facilities manager to oversee the buildings. Councilman Martorano asked that this issue be deferred until the department head who currently oversees the buildings was present to discuss this. Councilman Murphy agreed.

GIRL SCOUTS

Members of Yorktown Girl Scout Troop #2133 were present to talk to the Town Board. They explained that they are working on a Community Service Badge and are here tonight to learn about what the Town Board does. Town Board members gave an overview of their responsibilities.

RENEWAL CABLEVISION FRANCHISE CONTRACT

Members of the Cable Committee were present to discuss with the Town Board the renewal contract for cablevision.

Councilman Martorano asked if a stipulation could be added to the contract that the studio be continued in Yorktown.

Mr. Robert Hock, Director of Government Relations for Cablevision stated that the studio is a non-negotiable item and he doesn't know what the future of the studio in Yorktown is. If the studio were to close, then we would have people go to our studio in Peekskill. The Town Board agreed to place this on the next Town Board agenda.

GRANITE KNOLLS UPDATE

Members of the Recreation Commission, Acting Town Engineer Sharon Robinson, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Jennifer Fava and members of Yorktown Athletic Club were present to discuss creating fields on the Granite Knolls property recently purchased by the Town Board. Acting Town Engineer Sharon Robinson explained that this property is located in a New York City watershed area and the Town will need an overall footprint in order to move forward. The Town Board agreed to refer out the Granite Knolls property layout for input from the Recreation Commission, Open Space Committee and the Conservation Board.

DECORUM AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Supervisor Siegel stated that she would like to establish a policy to maintain decorum during Town Board meetings. Councilman Martorano stated that it is the prerogative of the Supervisor to recess a meeting if she feels that the proper decorum is not being followed. Supervisor Siegel stated that she will make an announcement regarding this at the next televised meeting.

POLICE TRAINING REQUEST

RESOLUTION #522

Upon motion made by Councilman Patel, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the 2 police officers to attend the Maximum Detection Seminar for November 10, 2010 in Hawthorne, NY.

Their attendance at this one day training will not create any overtime for the attendees nor create any overtime backfill for their absences.

Martorano, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Siegel Voting Nay
Resolution adopted.

REQUEST TO CONNECT TO PEEKSKILL SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #523

Upon motion made by Supervisor Siegel, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

WHEREAS, Paul Silverman, owners of property located at 1360 Whitehill Road, requested their property be included in the Westchester County Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown does hereby request that the County of Westchester incorporate Section 36.10, Block 1, Lot 80 into the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District.

Siegel, Martorano, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

TOWN BOARD AGENDA

November 16, 2010

The Town Board discussed the November 16, 2010 Town Board meeting agenda which will be held at 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598 beginning at 7:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Martorano motioned, seconded by Councilman Murphy, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews for Section Housing Director.

ADJOURN

Councilman Martorano moved, seconded by Councilman Patel, to adjourn the Town Board meeting.

Diana L. Quast
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown