

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on February 11, 2014 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Michael J. Grace, Supervisor
Terrence P. Murphy, Councilman
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman

Absent: Nicholas J. Bianco, Councilman

Alice E. Roker, Town Clerk
Jeannette Koster, Town Attorney
Patricia Caporale, Town Comptroller
David Rambo, Water Superintendent

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Michael Grace called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Patel, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss a law enforcement insurance matter.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Town Board moved out of Executive Session.

INSURANCE CLAIM
RESOLUTION #70

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Murphy,

WHEREAS, Travelers Insurance, the insurer for a policyholder (John Scuderi) whose vehicle collided with Yorktown Police Department vehicle plate #531 on July 8, 2013, has denied the claim, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated and has concluded that the operator of Mr. Scuderi's vehicle caused the collision; and

WHEREAS, the amount of damages to the Town vehicle is less than the Town's deductible on its automobile policy, and as a result, the Town's insurer is not under an obligation to subrogate; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Attorney to take all necessary steps, including commencing litigation if required, to recover from the owner and/or operator of Mr. Scuderi's vehicle for the Town's repair costs.

Grace, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Patel, the Town Board moved into Executive Session on Advice of Counsel and to discuss a personnel matter concerning a particular person..

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Town Board moved out of Executive Session

APPOINTMENT – PEGGIANN THORP
RESOLUTION #71

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Murphy,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Peggian Thorp of Yorktown Heights, NY, is hereby appointed contingent permanent to the civil service title, Office Assistant (Auto Systems), job class code 0750-01, from Eligible List No. 02-140, effective February 24th,

2014, to be paid at the rate set forth in Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A1, Group 8, Step 1, which is \$47,345.00 annually, with benefits, such as, sick days, personal days, and floating holidays to follow the CSEA agreement,

BE IT RESOLVED, contingent upon successful completion of a drug test and reference checks,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Peggiann Thorp will report to work at the Yorktown Legal Department on February 24th, 2014 and this date will be used as the first date of appointment.

Grace, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

DISCUSSIONS

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Distribution Superintendent David Rambo provided the Town Board with the details of the plan to fix the 2,000 new electronic water meters that were installed during a pilot project. The company that sold these meters to the Town of Yorktown will replace the head of each meter that was installed.

Councilman Murphy asked Mr. Rambo if the company will also reimburse the Town of Yorktown for the labor costs incurred when representatives of the Water Company went out to test approximately 80 meters after being informed of the problem. Mr. Rambo stated that he will inquire.

In furtherance to get fluoride back into the Town's water, Mr. Rambo stated that he will be asking the Town Board for authorization to allow the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Northern Westchester Joint Waterworks.

Mr. Rambo also spoke about his department's GIS system. The company that maintained the software program is no longer in business. He will be asking the Town Board for permission to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this service at the next Town Board Meeting.

YORKTOWN SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Robert Giordano and several members of the newly formed association spoke about the mission and goals of this new venture.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Mrs. Anne Cutter and Mr. William Kellner, organizers of the Arbor Day Celebration provided the Town Board with details of this year's event which will take place on April 25, 2014. They also handed the members of the Town Board a copy of the proposed budget for the event.

Town Comptroller Pat Caporale stated that the Board placed money in this year's budget to cover the expenses.

SPARC

Mrs. Rose Rothe, the head of SPARC, an organization that helps people with developmental disabilities appeared before the Town Board. Several parents whose children are provided with services by SPARC also joined this discussion.

Mrs. Rothe spoke about some of the educational and social programs provided by her organization and how SPARC benefits the community.

Supervisor Grace explained that the Town Board currently contracts these types of services with another provider, Norwest. They are given \$40,000 a year. The Town has been working with Norwest for decades.

One of the parents who sat with the Town Board stated it was not her desire to take anything away from Norwest because her child also participates in activities

provided by Norwest. Her reason for being here tonight was for the Town Board to consider providing some type of funding to SPARC as well.

Supervisor Grace asked Patricia Caporale, the Town Comptroller who is a member of the Recreation Commission to look into this matter.

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Jean-Francois de Laperouse, Chairman and several members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission; Dr. Edwin Pell, Dr. Michael Gordon and William Primavera asked the Town Board for permission to conduct an Historic Survey of buildings in the Yorktown Heights business district. This cost of the survey is approximately \$4,000.

Mr. Primavera stated that his company is willing to pay half the cost of the survey, if the Town pays the other half.

Supervisor Grace stated that the Board would take this request under advisement.

END OF DISCUSSIONS

BUDGET TRANSFER - A1625.110 - A1625.508

RESOLUTION #72

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following 2013 budget transfer is approved:

Transfer \$5,800.00 from YCCC Part Time Salaries (A1625.110)
To YCCC Fuel Oil (A1625.408)

Grace, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLUTION #73

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) to Third Party Administrators to manage the Town's self-insured Worker's Compensation Program.

Grace, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO SET UP A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH JP MORGAN CHASE FOR ACH VENDOR PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION #74

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to establish a checking account with JP Morgan Chase for the sole purpose of ACH (Automated Clearing House) vendor payments in order to streamline the disbursement process by electronically transferring payments directly to the vendor's bank account.

Grace, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO REGISTER AS A COOPERATIVE MEMBER OF THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK PROGRAM (TCPN)

RESOLUTION #75

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Yorktown desires to participate in the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) and

WHEREAS,, the participation in the TCPN can provide cost savings to the Town and complies with the State of New York Laws for competitive bids and proposals,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown authorizes the Comptroller to register as a cooperative member of the TCPN at no cost to the Town.

Grace, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

CONVALESCENT HOME
RESOLUTION #76

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to confirm to Tom McCrossan and Mark McGoldrick, the applicants for a Special Use Permit to operate a Convalescent Home at 482 Underhill Avenue, and Linda Gironda, the spokesperson for the surrounding neighborhood, that the Town Board Room at Town Hall will be made available to them on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00PM, for a public informational meeting to be hosted by the applicant, that will not be televised or emceed by Town officials.

Grace, Murphy, Patel Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Patel, the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

Alice E. Roker
Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown