

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on December 1, 2015 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Michael J. Grace, Supervisor
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman
Gregory M. Bernard, Councilman
Susan M. Siegel, Councilwoman
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman

Diana L. Quast, Deputy Town Clerk
Jeannette Koster, Town Attorney
John Tegeder, Planning Director

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Michael Grace called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Bernard, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular person.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilwoman Siegel, the Town Board moved out of Executive Session and proceeded with the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Grace led the salute to the flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces and the people of Paris.

DURING REPORTS TO THE TOWN, Supervisor Grace stated that he hoped everyone had a nice holiday weekend. He announced that this Saturday is the 4th Annual Holiday Electric Lights Parade. There will also be a kick-off party which is sponsored by Yorktown Auto Body before the parade starts. Supervisor Grace encourage everyone to attend.

DURING REPORTS FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

Councilwoman Siegel stated that the Budget Hearing will be held next Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM and will be televised. She encouraged everyone to participate in the budget process.

Councilman Patel stated that the budget is very important and everyone should come to the budget hearing to see how their money is being spent.

Councilman Diana stated that he hoped everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and he noted that the Yorktown Citizens Task Force Against Heroin will be attending the drug court on December 21, 2015.

DURING COURTESY OF THE FLOOR, the following people spoke:

Ms. Sue Katz asked that the Town Board increase the highway paving line by one million to one and a half million dollars so that Old Logging Road, Hunterbrook Road and Baptist Church Road can be repaved. These roads are in horrendous condition and she has many safety concerns.

Mr. Paul Moskowitz stated that he did an online petition to repave Hunterbrook Road, Old Logging Road and Baptist Church Road and many residents were in favor of this petition. He explained that the roads have deteriorated over many years. They have ruts, ridges and pot holes. He read comments that were included in the petition to the Town Board.

Mrs. Jane Daniels stated that she feels that the funds received from Spectra Energy should be directed to parks and recreation. She suggested acquiring the Boniello property adjacent to the pipeline which contains part of the Mohegan Granite quarry, building a parking lot at the site of

the barn on Granite Knolls East, set funds aside to pay for replacing the turf field at Woodlands Legacy Park, acquire property north of Granite Knolls East and improving the infrastructure of parks, such as fencing, tennis courts, and playgrounds.

Mr. James Heller stated that the new owner of the Hilltop Gas Station has removed plants and the fence which is a violation of the site plan. He suggested having the owner replace the 8 foot fence and do replanting's to remedy the situation.

Mr. Ed Ciffone spoke about a petition against moving the highway garage and the budget hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

Mr. Douglas Cabot stated that Old Logging Road, Baptist Church Road and Hunterbrook Road are in deplorable condition. There are many safety concerns and the Town is now on notice of them.

Courtesy of the Floor was closed.

Supervisor Grace thanked Ms. Katz and Mr. Moskowitz for their comments. He stated that the highway budget was severely cut. It has taken almost four years to build the Highway Budget back up. There are many projects that need to be done and a priority list is being created.

Councilwoman Siegel stated that the Town Board should consider using the Spectra money to do repaving, infrastructure improvements, parks and for drainage.

Councilman Bernard stated that the highway budget was decimated over the last few years and it has taken years to build up again. The Town Board will have an open discussion on the use of this money and some will be going towards paving roads.

APPOINTMENT LABORER
BRYAN O'KEEFE – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #456

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bryan G. O'Keefe of Cortlandt Manor, NY, is hereby appointed Laborer, job class code 0425-05, within the Parks & Recreation Department, effective December 1, 2015 to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 5, Step 1 which is \$40,841.00 annually;

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bryan G. O'Keefe will report to work at the Parks & Recreation Department on December 14th, 2015, and this date will be used as the first date of appointment,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on December 14th, 2015.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Siegel, Diana Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

Town Justice Sal Lagonia welcomed Assistant Court Clerk Tara Guerrero to the Yorktown Justice Court along with Town Justice Gary Raniolo and Chief Court Clerk Isabel Klein. Ms. Tara Guerrero thanked the Town Board for her appointment.

APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFER - JOHN C. HART MEMORIAL LIBRARY
RESOLUTION #457

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

Resolved, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$28,500 from the Library Salary Line L7410.101 to L7410.0110 Part Time Help.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Siegel, Diana Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH USAGAIN FOR TEXTILE RECOVERY
PROGRAM – REFUSE AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #458

Upon motion made by Councilman Patel, seconded by Councilwoman Siegel,

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a resolution on October 21, 2014, for a one-year agreement with USAgain, 18 Sargent Place, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550, as sole contractor for the new Textile Recovery Program proposed by the Refuse & Recycling Department;

WHEREAS, the contractor did fulfill the following requirements to:

1. Provide a turnkey program, at no-cost to the Town of Yorktown that includes placement of a 20-yd stationary container to be sited at the Refuse & Recycling Department, for those used textiles collected by the Refuse & Recycling Department; as well as three to five standard sized used clothing bins to be placed on other Town-owned properties for residents to directly deposit textiles; and
2. Empty the collection pod and used clothing bins on a scheduled and/or on-call basis; provide monthly collection reports detailing the weight of the recovered contents; and compensate the Town of Yorktown \$.10/pound for the recovered contents;

THEREFORE, per the recommendation of Kim Angliss Gage, Recycling Coordinator, an additional one-year contract, beginning on January 1, 2016, is to be signed with USAgain, 18 Sargent Place, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Siegel, Diana Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Town Board accepted the monthly reports from the Receiver of Taxes for November 2015.

ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Siegel, seconded by Councilman Diana, the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

Diana L. Quast, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown