

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on October 4, 2016 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
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman
Edward Lachterman, Councilman

Also Present: Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Michael McDermott, Town Attorney

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Michael Grace called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Lachterman, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to conduct interviews for the employment of a particular person. Upon motion made by Councilman Patel, seconded by Councilman Diana, the Town Board moved out of Executive Session and proceeded with the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Grace led the salute to the American Flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

DURING REPORTS FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR, Michael Grace reminded everyone that the street fair is being held on Sunday, October 9th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Commerce Street and is sponsored by the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce.

DURING REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL, Councilman Diana announced the 7th Annual Veterans' Breakfast on Thursday, November 10th at the Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. He also mentioned that the Roma Building lot has now been filled in but there is still more work to be done, which will be completed at no cost to the town.

Councilman Bernard mentioned that on October 7th from 8:30 am to 12 noon there will be "Coffee with a Cop" at Jefferson Valley Bagel. Chief Noble will be there with some of the other officers, many of them new hires, for a meet and greet with residents.

Councilman Patel asked for donations to the YCCC Thrift Store. Donations are used to help buy food. He also mentioned that with the inclement weather scheduled for this weekend, how will people know if the street fair is still going to be held? Supervisor Grace stated that the fair is rain or shine.

Councilman Lachterman mentioned that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Support Connection's website lists many ways in which you can support them. Councilman Lachterman then read a letter from a resident thanking James Waterhouse, Yorktown's Animal Control Officer, for helping them through the death of their cat.

Town Clerk Diana Quast stated that in-person voter registration will be held in Town Hall on Thursday, October 13th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, October 15th from 12 noon to 9:00 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Jim Ratschmidt from United for the Troops, an organization which collects and ships items for soldiers overseas, announced a big fundraiser that is coming up in the next couple of weeks. Since there are many members of the armed forces who do not have family or whose families cannot afford to send items overseas, United for the Troops collects and ships items that are most missed by the troops. These boxes cost about \$15.00 per box to ship and they will be sending about 1,000 boxes so they are also collecting monetary donations to cover postage. Mr.

Ratschmidt read a sample letter from a child to a soldier and a thank you letter from a soldier. Please visit the website to learn more: www.unitedforthetroops.org. Mr. Ratschmidt ended his presentation by mentioning the generosity of Yorktowners and how proud they should be of their community.

Mr. Tom Pomposello, organizer of Yorktown's San Gennaro Festival, spoke about a suggestion that was made by Grand Marshall Tony Grasso to have donations made to the Pinesbridge Monument Project. Mr. Pomposello then presented the Yorktown Historical Society with a check for \$4,100 from the Feast of San Gennaro Festival. He thanked the Board, Mary Capoccia, and Town Clerk Diana Quast for their assistance in the organization of the festival. Mr. Grasso then spoke about being named Grand Marshall and what an honor it was. He spoke about being the child of an immigrant and growing up in poverty and how that inspired him to do better in life. He thanked Mr. Pomposello and the people of Yorktown.

Mr. Michael Kahn spoke about how appreciative he is for the donation. He then spoke about how the monument is a recognition of the diversity the troops represented by the monument. A Continental Army Troop from Rhode Island was comprised of Caucasian, African American, and Native American soldiers. The monument honors these soldiers. Donations may still be made towards the cost of the monument and can be made to the Yorktown Historical Society, mentioning the Pinesbridge Monument. There is also a "Bricks Are Us" donation campaign. Information can be found on Yorktown Historical Society's webpage, Facebook, and Weebly.

Supervisor Grace thanked the organizers of the San Genaro Festival for their donation and holding the event.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT KENNETH SGORI – POLICE DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #446

Upon motions made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Council Patel,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Kenneth R. Sgori is hereby appointed contingent-permanent as a Police Sergeant, job class code 0133-01, from Eligible List No. 71-198, effective October 5th, 2016 to be paid from Yorktown PBA Salary Schedule, which is \$117,733.00 annually;

BE IT 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 October 5th, 2016.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT TIMOTHY KOLKMANN – POLICE
DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #447

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Timothy Kolkman is hereby appointed contingent-permanent as a Police Sergeant, job class code 0133-01, from Eligible List No. 71-198, effective October 5th, 2016 to be paid from Yorktown PBA Salary Schedule, which is \$117,733.00 annually;

BE IT 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 October 5th, 2016.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT FERREIRA PARK GROUNDSKEEPER–PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #448

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Scott R. Ferreira is hereby appointed Park Groundskeeper, job class code 0288-05, within the Parks & Recreation Department, effective October 5th, 2016 to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 10, Step 2 which is \$51,872.00 annually;

BE IT 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 October 5th, 2016.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Todd Orlowski, introduced Scott Ferreira and mentioned that Scott has been with the Town and has a very good skill set. Scott thanked the Board for the opportunity.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL RESKO AS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN C. HART MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLUTION #449

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

Be It Resolved that Michael Resko is hereby reappointed as a member of the John C. Hart Memorial Library Board for a five-year term expiring on August 31, 2021.

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF BID FOR STONE, GRAVEL AND CONCRETE MATERIALS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #450

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Council Lachterman,

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York, until 11:00 A.M., on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 for Stone, Gravel and Concrete Materials for the Highway Department for the year 2017.

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF BID FOR AMAZON PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING FOUNDATION REPAIR AND SWALE

RESOLUTION #451

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Council Lachterman,

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York, until 11:00 A.M., on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 for the Amazon Park Community Building Foundation Repair and Swale Bid.

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

ADVISE PUBLIC HEARING TO REPEAL CHAPTER 300-39 ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING” AND ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 300 ARTICLE XXX1

RESOLUTION #452

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Council Lachterman,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be convened by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York at 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598 on the 1st day of November, 2016 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, to repeal Chapter 300-39 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled “AFFORDABLE HOUSING” and enact a new Chapter 300 Article XXX1 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled “INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS.”

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REPEAL IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 102 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" AND ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 102
RESOLUTION #453

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be convened by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York at 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598 on the 1st day of November, 2016 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, to repeal in its entirety Chapter 102 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" and enact a new Chapter 102 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "BELOW MARKET HOUSING INCENTIVES."

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

ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING TO ENACT A NEW ARTICLE X ENTITLED "YORKTOWN COMMUNITY HOUSING BOARD" CHAPTER 10
RESOLUTION #454

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be convened by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York at 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598 on the 1st day of November, 2016 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, to enact a new Article X entitled "YORKTOWN COMMUNITY HOUSING BOARD" of Chapter 10 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown.

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

REFER OUT PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS TO REPEAL CHAPTER 300-39; AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 102; AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 102, AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 10; YORKTOWN COMMUNITY HOUSING BOARD
RESOLUTION #455

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to refer out the following proposed local laws:

To repeal Chapter 300-39 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" and enact a new Chapter 300 Article XXX1 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS."

To repeal in its entirety Chapter 102 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" and enact a new Chapter 102 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "BELOW MARKET HOUSING INCENTIVES."

To enact a new Article X entitled "YORKTOWN COMMUNITY HOUSING BOARD" of Chapter 10 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown, now

Therefore Be It Further Resolved, the Town Board declares its intent to act as Lead Agency and would like your comments and/or recommendations back by October 25, 2016.

To: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York City Department of Environmental Protection

Westchester County Planning Department
Westchester County Planning Board

Town of Cortlandt – Town Clerk
Town of Somers – Town Clerk
Town of Putnam Valley – Town Clerk
Town of New Castle – Town Clerk
Town of Ossining – Town Clerk

Yorktown Central School District
Lakeland School District
Ossining School District
Croton on Hudson School District

Yorktown Chamber of Commerce
ABACA
Building Inspector
Community Housing Board
Conservation Board
Highway Department
Planning Department/Board
Town Attorney
Town Board
Town Engineer

Be It Further Resolved, that notice is hereby given that these three Public Hearings will be convened by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York on the 1st day of November, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock PM.

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

ACCEPT GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CRANBERRY HILL, INC.
RESOLUTION #456

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Yorktown promotes the preservation of existing open and/or natural conditions as undeveloped wooded land without improvements; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2016 Cranberry Hill, Inc., which owns parcels of property described as tax map ID number part of 5.17-1-1.4. 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8 and tax map ID number part of 16.05-1-1.1, 1.2 and 1.3, granted to the Town a conservation easement and a declaration of restrictive covenants for the purpose of maintaining and preserving the existing open and/or natural conditions as undeveloped wooded land without improvements as more fully stated in the Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown accepts the Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants over a parcel of property known as tax map ID number part of 5.17-1-1.4. 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8 and tax map ID number part of 16.05-1-1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 for the purpose of maintaining and preserving the existing open and/or natural conditions as undeveloped wooded land without improvements as more fully stated in the Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the Grant of Conservation Easement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants together with any required documents or forms and to take such further acts as may be necessary to accept the Conservation Easement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

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

ACCEPT GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CRANBERRY HILL, INC.
RESOLUTION #457

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

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2016 Cranberry Hill, Inc., which owns parcels of property described as tax map ID number part of 5.17-1-1.7 and 1.8, granted to the Town a General Utility Easement Agreement for the purpose of entitling the Town to enter onto the Easement Area as defined in the General Utility Easement Agreement to perform work on parcels described as tax map ID number part of 5.17-1-1.7 and 1.8 necessary for the construction, installation, maintenance, operation, reconstruction, repair, replacement, extension and use of the municipal utility systems, including water mains and lateral lines, as well as structures and facilities associated with each of the foregoing and parcels described as tax map ID number part of 16.05-1-1.9 and 1.10 necessary for the construction, installation, maintenance, operation, reconstruction, repair, replacement, extension and use of the municipal utility systems, including storm and sanitary sewers and drainage facilities, as well as structures and facilities associated with each of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, a survey and description reflecting the perimeters of the Utility Easement have been prepared and submitted as a schedule attached to the General Utility Easement Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown accepts the General Utility Easement Agreement over a parcel of property known as tax map ID number part of tax map ID number part of 5.17-1-1.7, 1.8 and 16.05-1-1.9 and 1.10; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the General Utility Easement Agreement together with any required documents or forms and to take such further acts as may be necessary to accept the General Utility Easement Agreement.

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

APPROVE TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING FOR TAX PARCEL 16.08-1-45 – LAKE
OSCEOLA REALTY CORP.

RESOLUTION #458

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

WHEREAS, tax certiorari proceedings were instituted challenging the assessment for parcel known as Section 16.08 Block 1 Lot 45, 489 East Main Street, on the Tax Map of the Town of Yorktown, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the tax certiorari proceedings affecting tax parcel 16.08-1-45 Account Number 2219000, owned by Lake Osceola Realty Corp for assessment roll years 2013, 2014 and 2015 are settled as set forth in the proposed stipulation as follows:

Roll Reduction Year	Assessed Value From	Assessed Value To	
2013	41,500	30,470	11,030
2014	41,500	27,610	13,890
2015	41,500	28,160	13,340

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

APPROVE TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING FOR TAX PARCEL 16.07-1-2 – 3665
BARGER STREET

RESOLUTION #459

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

WHEREAS, tax certiorari proceedings were instituted challenging the assessment for parcel known as Section 16.07 Block 1 Lot 2, 3665 Barger Street, on the Tax Map of the Town of Yorktown, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the tax certiorari proceedings affecting tax parcel 16.07-1-2 Account Number 0238500, owned by Dina Moundroukas for assessment roll years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 are settled as set forth in the proposed stipulation as follows:

Roll Reduction Year	Assessed Value		Assessed Value
	From	To	
2009	8,850	6,000	2,850
2010	8,850	6,101	2,749
2011	8,850	6,346	2,504
2012	8,850	6,517	2,333
2013	8,850	6,787	2,063
2014	8,000	6,150	1,850
2015	8,000	6,272	1,728

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

APPROVE TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING FOR TAX PARCELS 16.08-1-18, 16.12-1-24 AND 16.12-1-30 – MALL AT JEFFERSON VALLEY
RESOLUTION #460

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

WHEREAS, tax certiorari proceedings were instituted challenging the assessment for parcel known as Section 16.08 Block 1 Lot 18, 16.12-1-24 and 16.12-1-30, Route 6 and Lee Blvd., on the Tax Map of the Town of Yorktown, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the tax certiorari proceedings affecting tax parcel 16.08-1-18, 16.12-1-2 and 16.12-1-30 Account Numbers 1884000, 1885500 and 2217500, owned by the Mall at Jefferson Valley for assessment roll year 2014, 2015 and 2016 are settled as set forth in the proposed stipulation as follows:

Section 16.08 Block 1 Lot 18

Roll Year	Assessed Value		Reduction
	From	To	
2014	11,950	11,950	-0-
2015	11,950	11,950	-0-
2016	11,950	11,950	-0-

Section 16.12 Block 1 Lot 24

Roll Year	Assessed Value		Reduction
	From	To	
2014	1,833,100	1,833,100	-0-
2015	1,833,100	1,582,800	250,300
2016	1,833,100	1,520,300	312,800

Section 16.12 Block 1 Lot 30

Roll Year	Assessed Value		Reduction
	From	To	
2014	5,250	5,250	-0-
2015	5,250	5,250	-0-
2016	5,250	5,250	-0-

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO RELEASE ESCROW DEPOSIT FOR ACCOUNT
#014-007
RESOLUTION #461

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Council Bernard,

WHEREAS, a representative of the Highway Department has made an inspection of the following site and found the work to be completed satisfactorily.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the release of the following Escrow Deposit: Street Opening Permit #014-007 in the amount of \$2,000 to Grotto Plumbing, Inc.

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SERVICES
RESOLUTION #462

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

WHEREAS, the Assessor and the Town Engineer solicited proposals for professional services for the following scope of work: (1) convert the Town's digital tax map to geodatabase format, (2) create and provide custom mapping documents for tax map plotting, (3) provide introductory GIS training to Town staff, (4) update tax maps for one year and train Town staff to do the same, (5) meet and provide GIS recommendations and training to other Town Departments (Planning, Water, Sewer, Highway, Police).

In accordance with the Town of Yorktown procurement procedures, proposals were solicited from three (4) firms that had the in-house expertise and expressed interest in providing professional services. The firms that provided written proposals were Bowne Management Services, CAI Technologies, and Geographic Information Systems Inc.

In the professional opinion of the Assessor and the Town Engineer, Bowne Management Services provided the best overall proposal and the lowest cost to the Town.

The proposal for services to be provided by Bowne Management Services as described above will be for a lump sum all-inclusive amount of \$38,300. An additional \$3,000 allowance will be included in the agreement as a contingency, which will only be authorized upon written directive of the Town Engineer. Grand total of the agreement shall be \$41,300.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Bowne Management Services Inc. for the scope of work as described in preceding section.

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

DURING COURTESY OF THE FLOOR, the following people spoke:

Ms. Susan Siegel, resident, commented on the Restore NY Grant Application. She believes the town should be transparent with residents about what they are applying for and cited what she believed to be discrepancies. The issue was raised during last week's hearing regarding hazardous residue at the proposed site of the new highway garage. She stated that the supervisor said there was not a hazardous residue at the site; however, a page from the grant application stated that the portion of the highway garage that was built in 1949 may contain hazardous materials and an item on page 16 of the EAF regarding exposure to hazardous materials is checked "no." Mrs. Siegel then brought up a question on the grant application that asked to describe any public comments either for or against the project during the public hearing. The answer was that there were not any substantive comments. She felt that the people who spoke at that meeting would feel differently. The third issue she brought up was that there seemed to be confusion as to what the application was for. Some parts of the application say that it is for the demolition of the highway garage; other parts say it is for the

demolition, relocation, and building of a new Highway garage; and also for the mixed use building of Depot Square. There is also confusion of the environmental impact form and the budget.

Mr. Howard Frank, resident, spoke of his support of the new highway garage project. He thinks in order to get the grant the Town should hire a lobbyist to push the application. A lobbyist would go to the DOT to put in their own recommendation of the project because the new garage would be on a state road and state DOT trucks would be able to utilize the area for things like reloading salt trucks, as well as serve as our Highway Department. A co-mingled assessment report should be used to amend the grant application and would help get the grant. The Superintendent of BOCES should write a letter supporting the grant application since it would directly benefit them as well. Mr. Frank also stated that the Superintendent of Somers, and NYS Gas and Electric, and the Consolidated Water District should also support the grant application in Albany.

Mr. Robert Puff, a member of the Conservation Board, wanted to thank the Town Board for the consideration that was given to the rewording of the tree ordinance that was recently adopted.

Mr. Ed Ciffone, resident, stated that \$5.8 million of back taxes is still owed to the town; there is also a \$7.2 million unassigned fund balance. If the town can get that money together, it would total \$13 million dollars; therefore, there should be no increase in the tax rate. Mr. Ciffone also stated that he feels each and every one of the board members should state why they are saying yes or no to a decision. He then went on to say that hearings are going on and are always getting passed. He brought up the Affordable Housing Law and stated he was against the “give back” that developers have when building.

Tony Grasso, resident, spoke as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is in favor of getting the grant for the Highway Department and said that the process has been transparent from the beginning. He said that people must remember what numbers mean on budgets and how care must be taken on how funds are utilized. He is in support of the highway garage project.

Supervisor Grace stated that he takes great umbrage at the idea the Town Board has not been transparent. He showed renderings of a possible building that would be where the highway garage is currently located. He showed an overhead view of what the downtown area including Railroad Park and Patriot Park would look like. This building would be done by a private developer, not the town. The Highway Garage, including the Parks Department, would be moved to where the Sewer Plant is currently located. The issue of the cost, different types of building for different types of uses (\$10/sq.ft. - \$100/sq.ft.). We have received money from the state that is being used for the concrete slab foundations for the project. There are developers interested in the property of the current highway garage. The public hearing for the grant application was done at an untelevised meeting due to the deadline for filing the grant; not due to lack of transparency. He stated that responsible government takes a look at every opportunity that may be available for the improvement of the town. If anyone wants to take a look at the current facilities and the conditions that employees are working under, as well as the conditions of town equipment, they may contact the department head to do so. Town equipment is breaking down earlier than they should because it is not being maintained properly at their current locations. The town is spending a lot of money on equipment during the last few years and something needs to be done about it. We have more roads to maintain, as well. They are also looking at grants through DEP for storm water attenuation under the MS4 program.

Councilman Patel wanted to know how water would be processed from washing salt from the trucks, as well as all of the other needs that will be required for workers (parking, electrical, plumbing, etc.). Supervisor Grace stated that there are many ways that this can be done (modular working space, for example). Supervisor Grace said they have also seen wash sheds for the trucks that are pre-manufactured, self-contained, and recycle all of the water that is used for about \$175,000. Councilman Patel said that washing the truck and putting it in cold storage would have the same rate of oxidation as leaving a truck outside. Supervisor Grace said that a lot of fine tuning will be done and progress will be made on the project. He then went on to explain the grant application process and explained how the Town has moved along in this process and are in a positive position. Councilman Diana stated how much more efficient a new highway garage will make the day-to-day operations function.

Supervisor Grace stated that the budget will be ready very soon. The Town has done very well; department heads have done a good job in keeping expenditures down and are very aware how all costs affect taxpayers. Town spending will be down and the levy will be flat; the Town also looks good for 2017. Supervisor Grace enumerated the many improvements that have been made over the last couple of years.

Councilman Patel mentioned water projects that he feels are imperative for the Town to address.

Town Clerk Diana Quast asked to go back and revisit the agreement resolution regarding the TV and AV consulting services. She stated that the Town currently has an issue in the AV room that will prevent the next board meeting from being televised. Mrs. Quast asked if the Board would pass the resolution contingent upon Councilman Patel meeting with the consultant.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH JOHN MICEWICZ FOR TV AND AV CONSULTING SERVICES

RESOLUTION #463

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

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with John Micewicz for TV and AV Consulting Services.

Grace, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye

Patel Voting Nay

Resolution adopted

ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Bernard, the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

DIANA L. QUAST, RMC

Town Clerk

Town of Yorktown