

Work Session held by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown on April 26, 2011. Yorktown Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Susan Siegel, Supervisor
Nicholas J. Bianco, Councilman
James J. Martorano, Councilman
Terrence P. Murphy, Councilman
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman
Alice E. Roker, Town Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Siegel motioned, seconded by Councilman Martorano, to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and collective bargaining. Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Town Board moved into the work session.

WORK SESSION

Supervisor Susan Siegel called the meeting to order. The following Department Heads were also present; Town Attorney Jeannette Koster, Town Assessor Harold Girdlestone, Yorktown Planning Director John Tegeder and Town Comptroller Joan Goldberg.

TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENTS

There was discussion between members of the Town Board on whether to accept the recommendation of the Town Comptroller and the Assessor to transfer \$1 million out of the fund balance which totals approximately \$2.8 million to a reserve fund for tax certiorari's that may will become due this year.

The Board agreed that they would vote to set aside \$600,000 at its meeting next week.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mrs. Ann Kutter, co-author of Tree Preservation Law and several members of the Tree Conservation Advisory Commission (TCAC) including William Kellner and Ron Buehl stated that the current Tree Law encourages landowners with parcels greater than ten acres to implement Forest Stewardship Programs.

The Commission suggested that the Town implements a pilot Forest Management Program on Turkey Mountain. The program would be partially funded by funds from the Watershed Agricultural Council with "in-kind" work done by the Tree Conservation.

The Board agreed to the implementation of the pilot program so long as it does not cost the Town money.

VETERAN'S ROAD PROPOSED NO PARKING ZONE

Highway Superintendent Eric DiBartolo, Chris Schera and the Manager of Solaris Sport Club were part of this discussion with the Town Board.

Christine Theofilogiamaakos, the Manager of the Sports Club complained that the proposed No Parking law for Veteran's Road would prohibit her clients from parking on the street in front of her establishment and that she would lose business.

Highway Superintendent Eric DiBartolo explained that he does not want to do anything that could be seen as harmful to any business in Town. But, earlier this year, a young woman was crossing the street near the gym and was almost hit by a car. She went to his office, but placed the Town on Notice.

Mrs. Schera explained that he was construction manager on this project. During their site plan approval, they met with the Town's Public Safety Committee and did everything they were asked to do. Mr. Schera asked the Highway Superintendent if they could meet out at the site and see if they could come up with a solution.

The Highway Superintendent will meet with Mr. Schera.

HOUSING SET ASIDE LEGISLATION

Mr. Ken Belfer, Chairman of the Yorktown Community Housing Board and several members including Maura Gregory and Claire McNeill as well as Victor Hoeltzel from the Community Housing Resource Center participated in this discussion with the Town Board along with Planning Director John Tegeder.

Mr. Belfer distributed copies of a proposed amendment to the Affordable Housing section of the Town Code to be in compliance with Westchester County’s Housing Settlement. He made comparisons between the current version, the proposed version and the version adopted by Westchester County.

The Board agreed that the proposal will be referred out at the next Town Board Meeting.

CDBG PROJECTS REVIEW

Planning Director John Tegeder provided the Town Board with a draft list of projects that might be eligible for funding.

The Board agreed that the projects should be placed in the following order:

- Funding 2012
- Sherman Court Bridge
- Senior Van
- Improvements to the YCCC

- Funding 2013
- Commerce St. Streetscape
- Mohegan Lake Park
- Downing Drive Streetscape – Veterans to Rte. 118
- Downing Drive Streetscape – Veterans to Rte. Commerce
- Veterans Road Sidewalk – Commerce to Maple Hill St.

The Town Board agreed to vote to advertise a public hearing on May 17, 2011 at the next meeting.

PARKLAND DESIGNATION FOR TOWN OWNED PARCELS

Supervisor Siegel explained that a civic intern working in her office has identified several town-owned parcels that should have been declared parkland.

The Town Board will adopt a resolution at its next meeting to declare the parcels parkland.

Councilman Murphy stated that everything has been prepared for work to begin on Granite Knolls.

Town Attorney Koster stated that there is no easement agreement in place. In order for her to prepare an easement agreement, she must have a title and survey.

Councilman Murphy asked why this was not done.

Town Attorney Koster explained that the Supervisor asked her to place that on the back burner.

Councilman Murphy stated that he wanted this work done now.

AUTHORIZED TOWN ATTORNEY TO DO TITLE SEARCH AND SURVEY FOR GRANITE KNOLLS EASEMENT RESOLUTION #201

Upon motion by Councilman Martorano and seconded by Councilman Bianco,

RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to order a Title Search and Survey on property owned by Phoenix House which lies adjacent to the Granite Knolls Parkland.

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

POSSIBLE SALE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND ON ILLINGTON ROAD

There was discussion on this issue. The Supervisor stated that the Conservation Board did not see a problem with selling this property to this gentleman who wants to build a garage.

Councilman Bianco explained that several years ago, the Town referred this parcel out to several agencies and all of them advised against the sale.

Yorktown Planning Director John Tegeder stated that the Planning Board was never asked what to do with this property.

The Town Clerk explained that this is because the Board voted on a resolution referring it out to a limited number of agencies. If she had been at that meeting, she would have explained that there is already a system in place whereby the Planning Board would have been notified.

Supervisor Siegel stated that she would give the Planning Board the information.

CONTRACTS WITH BMI AND ASACP

Supervisor Siegel explained that because the Parks and Recreation uses music during some of its classes and at its camps, these two companies are telling us that we must sign agreements with them.

The Town Board asked the Supervisor to bring this issue up next year.

ONLINE PAYMENT SOFTWARE

Supervisor Siegel explained that she is in the process of getting information concerning online payments so that residents will be able to pay their taxes or purchase pool passes on line.

This has nothing to do with paying by credit card.

AWARD BID

COMPUTER AND NETWORKING EQUIPMENT TO UPGRADE THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN'S COMPUTER SYSTEMS

RESOLUTION #202

Upon motion by Councilman Martorano and seconded by Councilman Patel,

Whereas, the town solicited bids for the purchase of computer and networking equipment to upgrade the Town's computer system, and

Whereas, two timely bids were received, and said bids were opened Thursday, April 21, 2011, pursuant to the published Notice to Bidders, and,

Whereas, one late bid was received from Onsite Computer Services, stamped received by the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, April 22, 2011, now,

Therefore, be it resolved, the town board hereby awards said bid to Sullivan Data, the low bidder, for the purchase of the specified computer and networking equipment as detailed, for a maximum equipment cost of \$45,000.

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

ADVERTISE BID
TEE SHIRTS – PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #203

Upon motion by Councilman Martorano and seconded by Councilman Patel,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, NY until 11:00 AM on Monday, May 16, 2011 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 for supplying the following goods: T-Shirts and Uniforms for the Parks & Recreation Department.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bianco motioned, seconded by Councilman Martorano, to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Town Board moved back into the work session.

ADJOURN

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

Alice E. Roker
Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown