

Work Session held by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown on June 28, 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 the Town Board's response to the New York State Comptroller's Draft. A personnel matter was discussed with Parks and Recreation Superintendent Jennifer Fava. Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Murphy, the Town Board moved into the work session.

WOODLANDS LEGACY BALLFIELDS

Participants in this discussion were Parks and Recreation Superintendent Jennifer Fava, Recreation Commission members Joe Falcone and Stuart Wadler and Highway Superintendent Eric DiBartolo.

The discussion concerned traffic at the new ball field. Ms. Fava stated that most of the Recreation Commission's concerns are caused when three games are scheduled for the same time:

- a. Due to the limited number of parking spaces, vehicles are parking on the road leading to the ball field.
- b. Vehicles are speeding up and down along this road.
- c. Due to the speeding along Strang Boulevard, we are concerned that there may be a serious accident on the road where it intersects with Woodland Drive, the road leading to the condominium complex.

Yorktown Traffic Safety Officer Larry Eidelman was asked to take a look at the area and come up with recommendations. Police Officer Eidelman's recommendations are as follows:

1. Create a Park Zone
2. Add a three way stop
3. Add this area of Strang Boulevard to the list of roads with No Parking

Highway Superintendent Eric DiBartolo suggested that instead of having No Parking, along the road; why not require parallel parking. This will enable the Parks Department to gain an additional 96 spots on the road.

Ms. Fava was asked to work with the Town Attorney to get local laws for the Park Safety Zone and Three Way Stop. She was also asked to work with the Highway Superintendent and the Traffic Safety Officer to see if they could come up with a parking solution.

REQUEST FOR USE OF DEVITO FIELD

Participants in this discussion were Ms. Jessica D’Amato, Mrs. Catherine D’Amato, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Jennifer Fava, and Recreation Commission members Joe Falcone and Stuart Wadler.

Ms. Fava explained that Ms. D’Amato wants to hold an event at Devito Field. Councilman Martorano has asked the Recreation Commission to forego the \$500 charge for the use of the field. We are now faced with insurance problems.

Ms. D’Amato explained that the event is being sponsored by a new organization that she is heading called Young Yorktown Advocates United (YYAU). Over the past six years 23 young people have died in Yorktown and we believe that some of these deaths could have been prevented. The solution that (YYAU) has come up with is to be an advocate for the youth population, aged 14-25, through the development and utilization of resources which can provide healthy outlets for our youth to express their individuality and pain. The event scheduled for September 24, 2011 features three motivational speakers. They are part of a non-profit organization known as “To Write Love on Her Arms.” The organization is dedicated to finding help for people who are struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide.

Supervisor Siegel stated that even if the Town drops it fee for the rental of the field, we still have a problem. This group doesn’t have insurance.

Ms. D’Amato explained “To Write Love on Her Arms” does have insurance. Unfortunately, they want (YYAU) to use its insurance. We don’t have any insurance.

Ms. Fava explained that she spoke to the Yorktown’s Insurance Representative Bob Spadaccia who told her that “To Write Love on Her Arms” should have insurance and that they should name The Town of Yorktown and Young Yorktown Advocated United on their policy.

Councilman Martorano stated that this is the type of event that the Town of Yorktown should be involved with; we need to help our young people. He went on to say, if we co-sponsor the event, we don’t need additional insurance.

REQUEST FOR USE OF DEVITO FIELD

RESOLUTION #311

Upon Motion by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Murphy

Resolved, the Town Board will co-sponsor To Write Love on Her Arms Event with Young Yorktown Advocates United at Devito Field on September 24, 2011 and be it further Resolved, that the details will be worked out later

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

Supervisor Siegel explained her reasons for voting against the proposal.

Councilman Martorano and Councilman Murphy said that they will deal with the insurance issue themselves.

ADVERTISE BID FOR TWO TRUCKS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.
RESOLUTION #312

Upon Motion by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes advertising for bids for two (2) Ford F350 4x4 diesel trucks with 9' plows for the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

LIBRARY PRESENTATION:

Participants in this discussion were Library Board members Catherine Wald, Linda Girona, Leslie Bendusi and Joan Landzberg. John C. Hart Library Director Patricia Barresi was also present.

Using a power point presentation, Catherine Wald, Chairman of the John C. Hart Memorial Library's Board of Trustees explained their new project, the renovation of the Children's Room. Some of the details of the plan call for the expansion of The Story Time Room, adding more natural sunlight into the room by re-arranging the shelving and the addition of new paint finishes, new carpeting and new tile work. Having a new automated check-out machine in the room is also part of the plan.

No tax payer dollars will be used for this renovation. We will be using a \$45,000 grant that the Library received from former State Senator Leibell. The rest of the \$95,000 will be received from fund-raising by The Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees. Kurt Gallagher is scheduled to perform at a benefit concert on September 17, 2011 at Yorktown Stage to help us.

HOUSING SET ASIDE LAW

Participants in this discussion were members of the Community Housing Board including Ken Belfer, Maura Gregory and Claire McNeill. Yorktown Planning Director John Tegder also participated in the conversation.

Mr. Tegeder read a communication sent from the Yorktown Planning Board to the Town Board with their recommendations. The memorandum asks the Town Board not to use Westchester County's model ordinance which requires one Affordable Housing Unit (AHU) for a 5 lot sub division.

Community Housing Chairman Belfer agreed with the Planning Board's recommendation.

Planning Director John Tegeder will work the Town Attorney to incorporate recommendations by the Planning Board and Westchester County and come back with a revised draft of the law.

PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES

John Tegeder, and the owner of Village Traditions participated in this discussion with the Town Board.

Mr. Tegeder stated that one of the areas that the Town Board still has to work on is the area known as Village Traditions on Route 6.

The Town Board will advertise a public hearing once a local law has been drafted.

Mr. Tegeder also spoke about a request from a company that would like to place a warehouse in the back of Staples Plaza. The plan would require an amendment to the Zoning law.

REFERRAL – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
ZONING CODE – ADDING WAREHOUSES IN A C-1 ZONE
RESOLUTION #313

Upon Motion by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano

Resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to refer out a Proposed Amendment regarding adding warehouses to the list of permitted uses with a Special Permit in a C-1 zone to the following agencies; Westchester County Planning Dept, Westchester County Planning Board, Town of Cortlandt, Town of Somers, Town of Putnam Valley, Town of New Castle, Town of Ossining, New Yorktown Chamber of Commerce, ABACA, Building Inspector, Conservation Board, Highway Department, Planning Department and Planning Board

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

The Town Board discussed a plan to make revisions to the Town Code regarding accessory structures to residences. In the meantime, they agreed that a moratorium should be placed on approvals for these structures.

REFERRAL – THREE MONTH MORATORIUM ON APPROVALS FOR BUILDINGS
ACCESSORY TO RESIDENCES
RESOLUTION #314

Upon Motion by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano

Resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to refer out a Proposed Local Law Imposing a Temporary Three Month Moratorium on Approvals for Buildings Accessory to Residences to the following agencies; Westchester County Planning Dept, Westchester County Planning Board, Town of Cortlandt, Town of Somers, Town of Putnam Valley, Town of New

Castle, Town of Ossining, New Yorktown Chamber of Commerce, ABACA, Building Inspector, Community Housing Board, Conservation Board, Highway Department, Planning Department and Planning Board

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

ZONING AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Siegel spoke about an amendment to the zoning code relating to fence heights that the current Interim Building Inspector, Glen Sneyd says is needed by the Building Department.

REFERRAL - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE REGARDING FENCE HEIGHTS RESOLUTION #315

Upon Motion by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Bianco

Resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to refer out a Proposed Amendment to Chapter 300 of the Zoning Code with respect to Article IV entitled General Regulations, “pertaining to fence heights” to the following agencies; Westchester County Planning Dept, Westchester County Planning Board, Town of Cortlandt, Town of Somers, Town of Putnam Valley, Town of New Castle, Town of Ossining, New Yorktown Chamber of Commerce, ABACA, Building Inspector, Community Housing Board, Conservation Board, Highway Department, Planning Department and Planning Board.

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

Supervisor Siegel also spoke about another request from Mr. Sneyd concerning a change in the Town Code relating to the height of notification signs that the Town of Yorktown uses in conjunction with public hearings by the Zoning, Planning and Town Boards.

Planning Director John Tegeder and Town Clerk Alice Roker were asked if they had any problems with notification signs. Both said no.

ALARM MONITORING

Supervisor Siegel’s Executive Assistant David Humphrey participated in this discussion.

Mr. Humphrey gave the Town Board members a handout reflecting the results of the Alarm Monitoring Request For Proposals (RFP’s) that were recently opened.

Our current provider Marshall Alarm is the apparent low bidder. These new prices reflect a significant reduction from what we are currently paying.

The handout also provided the Town Board with prices if the Board went to newer technology.

Mr. Humphrey will work with the Town Attorney on a new contract.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION RFP

Supervisor Siegel stated that the Town received nine responses to its RFP for an Emergency Notification System. Jacosoft, the provider of the Deltaalert Emergency Notification System was the low bidder.

AWARD RFP

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

RESOLUTION # 316

Upon Motion by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano

Resolved that pursuant to a Request for Proposals for an Emergency Notification System, approved by the Town Board on May 17, 2011, and based on the nine proposals submitted in response to the RFP, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to negotiate an agreement with Jacosoft, Inc., the provider of the Deltaalert emergency notification system for a sum not to exceed \$8,000 per year.

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

OFFER TO DONATE LAND TO THE TOWN

The Town Board discussed the offer by Gundmar Associates to donate more than three acres of land.

REFERRAL - LAND DONATION

GUNMAR ASSOCIATES

RESOLUTION #317

Upon Motion by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Bianco

Resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to refer out a proposed offer to donate a parcel of land known as Parcel 37.14-1-66, consisting of 3.35 acres by Gundmar Associates to the Assessor, Advisory Committee on Open Space, Building Inspector, Conservation Board, Highway Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Planning Department/Board, Receiver of Taxes, Town Attorney, Town Engineer, Recreation Commission and Water Department

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

AWARD RFP

HOLLAND SPORTING CLUB

RESOLUTION # 318

Upon Motion by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano

Resolved that pursuant to a Request for Proposals for Project Management for Holland Sporting Club for asbestos abatement and demolition of structures, approved by the Town Board on June 7, 2011, and based on the proposals submitted in response to the RFP, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with NYCB Engineering for the sum of \$13,200 for the services identified in the proposal.

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

COST OF RECYCLE BIN

Supervisor Siegel stated that the Superintendent of Environmental Conservation has asked the Town Board to approve the cost of a new bin. Residents may want a larger bin now that we can accommodate more types of plastic.

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT LAW

Town Attorney Jeanette Koster explained that the law must be changed. The Town used the State model law in the code. Unfortunately, the State model conflicts with Westchester County Code.

ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT LAW

RESOLUTION#319

Upon Motion by Councilman Bianco, Seconded by Councilman Martorano

The Town Board approves an advertisement for a public hearing on July 19, 2011 amending Chapter 260 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown relating to default payments.

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

ADJOURN

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

Town Board approved the resolutions at its work session held on July 11, 2011.

The Town Clerk's minutes are not approved by the Town Board.

Alice E. Roker
Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown