

Regular meeting held by the Town Board,
Town of Yorktown on January 5, 2010 held at
Yorktown Town Hall, Yorktown Heights, NY.

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

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Susan Siegel called the meeting to order. Town Attorney John Buckley was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eagle Scouts Christopher Lovell and John Wolff 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.

PROCLAMATION

Deputy Supervisor Nicholas Bianco read the following proclamations:

WHEREAS Christopher Austin Lovell a Boy Scout from the Town of Yorktown Troop 38, has achieved the highest rank in Scouting that of Eagle Scout and;

WHEREAS Christopher Austin Lovell has received this honor for his diligent work on behalf of Scouts and this community for having the perseverance to keep with Scouting through his teenage years and to honor its tenets; and

WHEREAS Christopher Austin Lovell is applauded for his leadership for coordinating the beautification of the John C. Hart Memorial Library by building an installing a beautiful arbor for our community to enjoy; and

WHEREAS Christopher Austin Lovell, in having attained this highest rank in Scouting and joining the ranks of an elite cadre of youths, is deserving of the recognition of the entire population of the Town of Yorktown;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD S. PETERS, Supervisor of the Town of Yorktown, along with the Town Board express congratulations to Eagle Scout Christopher Austin Lovell and in recognition of his achievement, this proclamation is presented.

REMARKS BY EAGLE SCOUT
CHRISTOPHER LOVELL

Eagle Scout Christopher Lovell thanked the Town Board for the recognition. He also spoke about his project stating that his goal was to construct an outside meeting room at the John C. Hart Library in Shrub Oak. Mr. Lovell with the help of his fellow scouts and contributions from local stores put in a pergola and patio. It took them approximately 400 hours.

Deputy Supervisor Nicholas Bianco read the following proclamations:

WHEREAS John F. Wolff a Boy Scout from the Town of Yorktown Troop 173, has achieved the highest rank in Scouting that of Eagle Scout and;

WHEREAS John F. Wolff has received this honor for his diligent work on behalf of Scouts and this community for having the perseverance to keep with Scouting through his teenage years and to honor its tenets; and

WHEREAS John F. Wolff is applauded for his leadership for coordinating the restoration of the nativity at St. Patrick Church and adding a new Bethlehem star for all parishioners to enjoy; and

WHEREAS John F. Wolff, in having attained this highest rank in Scouting and joining the ranks of an elite cadre of youths, is deserving of the recognition of the entire population of the Town of Yorktown;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSAN SIEGEL, Supervisor of the Town of Yorktown, along with the Town Board express congratulations to Eagle Scout John F. Wolff and in recognition of his achievement, this proclamation is presented.

REMARKS BY EAGLE SCOUT

JOHN WOLFF

Eagle Scout John Wolff thanked the Town Board for this recognition. He spoke about his project stating that he and his family are parishioners of St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights. He noticed that the St. Patrick's Nativity Scene was showing signs of age. So, his goal was to restore the crèche at St. Patrick's. In addition to restoring the structure, he added a new star of Bethlehem.

DURING HER REPORT TO THE TOWN, Supervisor Susan Siegel announced that although the meetings are advertised in the newspaper to begin at 6:45PM, that's when the Town Board meets in her office for a pre-meeting which is also open to the public. We begin the meeting at 7:30PM on television. The Heating Oil Co-op is \$5.00 to join. The vendors who are a part of the co-op have agreed to charge members 40 cents above the wholesale price of oil on that particular day. In the spirit of open government and transparency, Supervisor Siegel announced that a computer in the Tax Receiver's Office can be used to view the Town of Yorktown's expense ledger and vendor report. The Supervisor further stated that the Town Board is committed to completing the Comprehensive Plan. The Board hopes to have the document completed by the spring. The Town Board will also be completing the Tree Ordinance and working on getting the Town's Dog Park opened. There are two openings on the Planning Board. The Town Board would like to re-establish the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

DURING THEIR REPORTS TO THE TOWN, Councilman Bianco stated that he is happy the computer that will permit town residents to see how their money is being spent is finally up and running. He has asked a representative of Cablevision if subscribers will be entitled to a rebate because of the interruption of service on channels airing the Food Network and HGTV. The Town of Yorktown has been notified that the increase to your county tax bill will be 1.8%.

Councilman Murphy stated that the Town Board has had a tremendous head start on getting some of the work that was spoken about during the campaign completed.

Councilman Martorano stated that during the Swearing-In Ceremony on January 1st, he didn't have the opportunity to speak about Councilman Bianco who was sworn in as Deputy Supervisor, so he took the opportunity to read his speech.

Councilman Patel spoke about the computer that was invented in the Town of Yorktown.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

During Courtesy of the Floor, the following people addressed the members of the Town Board:

Mrs. Catherine D'Amato asked what was being done with the \$333,000 grant received from Congressman John Hall? Will the money be placed in a special account? What is the protocol for forming committees? If there was a confidential secretary hired for the Supervisor, how much money is being paid for that position?

Mr. Paul Moskowitz spoke about an upcoming Green Yorktown Café which will be held at Town Hall on January 13th at 7:30PM. The topic of discussion will be "Green Investing: Why We Should and How We Can Save Money and the Planet."

Mrs. Laura Wirth, Chairman of the Yorktown Dog Park Committee congratulated the new members of the Town Board. She also gave a brief history of the group stating that it was incorporated in 2008 and received its 501C3 status in 2009. The non-profit group is looking forward to moving forward with establishing a dog park at the French Hill section of the Trump State Park.

Mr. Nicholas DiTomasso congratulated the new Board. He spoke about the creation of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board stating that it appears that the committee has already been formed and participants named. He said, this does not seem like open government to me. He further suggested that there be no Town employees on the committee, that seniors be an entity of their own.

Mrs. Winnie Hensky, a resident of Jefferson Village expressed her displeasure with the fact that none of the residents of Jefferson Village were asked to be on the newly formed Senior Advisory Committee. Mrs. Hensky said she would like to be a member. Jefferson Village is the largest senior citizen complex in the Town of Yorktown.

Mr. Larry Killion asked the Town Board to consider giving additional funding for the Parks and Recreation Department. Several of the tennis courts at Downing Park are out of service due to cracks in the court's surface and problems with nets.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR IS CLOSED

RESPONSES TO COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Siegel responded to several questions; \$300,000 from the John Hall grant was placed in a special fund and will be used to fund senior activities. \$30,000 will be used to employ a part-time social worker. She further stated that her Executive Assistant is David Humphrey who salary is the same as the former assistant. The Dog Park is a piece of unfinished business. It will be placed on the January 12th or January 26th work session agenda.

Councilman Bianco stated that he is happy that the Recreation Commission finally gave its blessing to putting the Dog Park at Trump Park. He further stated that the Town Board as a whole never had a real discussion on the Senior Advisory Board. He has been assured by the Supervisor that everyone who wants to be a part of the committee can participate. But, he said this is not the way to form a committee.

Councilman Patel stated that he would have liked to see a member of every senior club on the advisory board.

Councilman Bianco stated he understands the urgency for forming this committee, but this is not the way to do it. I would like to offer a compromise; the Board leaves room on the committee so that others may join. Or, why not add the two people who spoke this evening to the Senior Advisory Board.

APPROVE CREATION OF A SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #12

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of enhancing the services and programs currently being offered by the town to its senior citizens; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board creates a Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing the town's current offerings, and, in consultation with the community's seniors, make recommendations to the Town Board on how the existing offerings can be enhanced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Committee meetings will be open to the public, that the public will be permitted to participate in the Committee's discussions, that the Committee's meetings are to be posted on the town's web site; and that the Committee will select its own chairman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following town residents and town employees are appointed to the Committee; Mary DeSilva, Director of Town's Nutrition Center; Jennifer Fava, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; Jennie Menton; Philomena Poli; Gilbert Kaufmann; Lou Iannuci; and Rhoda Sussman.

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

Councilman Bianco stated that the reason for his nay vote is that he felt that the compromise that he offered earlier this evening was a good one.

APPROVE CREATION OF A PLANNING APPROVAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION #13

Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Bianco,

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of improving the efficiency of the existing Planning Board procedures relating to applications for site plan approval and subdivision approval; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board creates a Planning Approval Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the existing town processes involved in obtaining site plan and subdivision approval from the Planning Board and making recommendations to the Town Board, Planning Board and involved town departments and advisory boards on how the process can be made more efficient;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Committee meetings will be open to the public, that the public will be permitted to participate in the Committee's discussions, that the Committee's meetings are to be posted on the town's website, and that the committee will select its own chairman;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following people are appointed to the Committee: John Tegeder, Planning Director; Sharon Robinson, Acting Town Engineer; David Klaus, Chairman, Planning Board; David Steinmetz, Attorney; Linda Miller, Resident; and Bruce Barber.

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SEND OUT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR LEGAL SERVICES
RESOLUTION #14

Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Bianco,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to create and distribute a Request for Proposal (RFP) for providing the town with a variety of legal services, including general counsel to the Supervisor and Town Board, counsel to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and counsel for tax certiorari purposes, and for Town Prosecutor; said proposals to be reviewed by the Town Board, after which the

Town Board will make a determination on the most efficient and cost effective way to provide the town with the necessary legal services.

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

APPROVE COMMERCIAL GARBAGE LICENSES

A&N CARTING & RUBBISH REMOVAL

RESOLUTION #15

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

RESOLVED, that A & N Carting & Rubbish Removal be and is hereby granted renewal of their garbage license for commercial properties only in the Town of Yorktown, for the year 2010.

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

APPROVE COMMERCIAL GARBAGE LICENSES

ROGAN BROTHERS SANITATION

RESOLUTION #16

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

RESOLVED, that Rogan Brothers Sanitation be and is hereby granted renewal of their garbage license for commercial properties only in the Town of Yorktown, for the year 2010.

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

APPROVE COMMERCIAL GARBAGE LICENSES

SANI-PRO DISPOSAL SERVICES CORP. DBA SUBURBAN CARTING CORPORATION

RESOLUTION #17

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

RESOLVED, that Sani-Pro Disposal Services Corp., d/b/a Suburban Carting Co. be and is hereby granted renewal of their garbage license for commercial properties only in the Town of Yorktown, for the year 2010.

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

APPROVE COMMERCIAL GARBAGE LICENSES

BETTER CARTING SERVICE, INC.

RESOLUTION #18

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

RESOLVED, that Better Carting Services, Inc. be and is hereby granted renewal of their garbage license for commercial properties only in the Town of Yorktown, for the year 2010.

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

APPROVE COMMERCIAL GARBAGE LICENSES

ATNM CORPORATION

RESOLUTION #19

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

RESOLVED, that ATNM Corp. be and is hereby granted renewal of their garbage license for commercial properties only in the Town of Yorktown, for the year 2010.

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

APPOINT ENERGY CONSULTANT

JERRY ROBOCK

RESOLUTION #20

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

WHEREAS, the Town of Yorktown has been awarded an \$158,100.00 grant from the Department of Energy, Energy and Efficiency Conservation Block Grant, and

WHEREAS, professional energy consultant services are required to meet the requirements of the grant, and to administer the approved projects of the grant: and

WHEREAS, the duties of the energy management consultant are those listed in the Energy and Efficiency Conservation Block Grant energy manager project description; and

WHEREAS, the approved grant provides \$15,000.00 for professional energy consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the administration of each approved project may not exceed 10 percent of the projects budgeted cost; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Yorktown is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Jerry Robock for the purpose of energy management consultant at a cost of \$15,000, and additional funds for administration of the 10 projects approved by the Department of Energy, with administrative fees not to exceed 10 percent of the budgeted project cost. Payment for these services will be paid bi-monthly for five months. All cost are to be taken from the Department of Energy, Energy and Efficiency Conservation Block Grant.

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

Mr. Robock stated that the United States Department of Energy made grants available based on the population of the municipality. Yorktown received \$158,100. We will apply that money to various projects including adding solar panels on a government building, an energy efficient lighting project at the John C. Hart Library and having energy audits performed on all of our government buildings.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

LORRAINE CAPELLINI

RESOLUTION#21

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown hereby accepts the resignation of Lorraine Capellini, effective December 30, 2009.

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

ACCEPT RETIREMENT

CATHERINE DILLION

RESOLUTION #22

Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Bianco,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown hereby accepts the retirement of Catherine Dillon, effective December 31, 2009.

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

RE-APPOINTMENT PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

JOSEPH FALCONE – DECEMBER 1, 2009

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Falcone is hereby reappointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a seven year term expiring 12/31/16.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joseph Falcone is reappointed as chair person of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

RE-APPOINTMENT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

GREGORY BUCCI – DECEMBER 1, 2009

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gregory Bucci is hereby reappointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term expiring 12/31/14.

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

RE-APPOINTMENT PLANNING BOARD

DAVID KLAUS – DECEMBER 8, 2009

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Martorano,

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Klaus is hereby reappointed as a member of the Planning Board for a five year term expiring 12/31/2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that David Klaus is also reappointed as chair person of the Planning Board.

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

RESCIND POSITION - DIRECTOR OF LABOR OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION #23

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board on December 18, 2007 created the position of Director of Labor Operations, and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007 the Town Board appointed the elected Highway Superintendent to the position of Director of Labor Operations effective January 1, 2008 to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuous and daily integral relationship between the town's recreation programs and the maintenance of town parks, and the town's recreation programs will be operated on a more efficient basis by having a single department head with appropriate professional training and expertise in charge of both recreation programming and park maintenance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to provide the 12,000 plus Yorktown households and businesses currently served by the Yorktown Consolidated Water District and the Kitchawan Water District with safe potable drinking water and a reliable supply of water for fire suppression, and that both water districts, which have a combined annual budget of over \$8,000,000. would be more efficiently run and more cost effective under the leadership and supervision of a full time qualified and experienced department head with professional expertise in municipal water distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to have the Sewer Department under the direct supervision and control of a licensed professional engineer; and

WHEREAS, sometime in 2009, the Town Board acted to return operational control of the Environmental Conservation Department, the Central Garage and the Building Maintenance Department to the Superintendent of Environmental Conservation; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the position of Director of Labor Operations is hereby eliminated and that the general authority and control over the staffs and budgets of the Environmental Conservation, Central Garage, Building Maintenance, Parks & Recreation, Water and Sewer Departments will now reside with the current heads or acting heads of these departments subject to the Town Board's supervision and control;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will continue to investigate the eventual consolidation of the aforementioned departments, plus the Highway Department, into a properly constituted Department of Public Works to be headed by a professional engineer and in full accord with civil service requirements.

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION

Councilman Bianco asked his colleagues on the Board, why?

Supervisor Siegel read prepared remarks which are on file in the Town Clerk's Office in a file called Town Board Meeting Comments. The Supervisor in her comments stated that she supports the concept of consolidation, but only if it is done the right way. She spoke about the need for advance planning, because it could cause confusion and lead to problems. The Supervisor thanked Highway Superintendent for his work as the Director of Labor Operations.

Councilman Murphy also thanked Highway Superintendent DiBartolo for his service. But, he believes he had too many hats to wear.

Councilman Patel stated that Mr. DiBartolo was an elected official and it was unfortunate that he had to work within two titles, one as an elected official and the other as an appointed official.

Councilman Martorano stated three years ago, consolidation appeared to be a good idea. This Board seems to feel that going back to the way it was will bring about more efficiencies and flexibilities. He further stated that what we should be talking about is how to make town better without losing the integrity of the department heads.

Councilman Bianco stated that he believes this is payback. One of the members on this board had a problem with signs and this is the result.

Councilman Murphy stated that this is not personal. This allows the Board to have more checks and balances.

Supervisor Siegel stated that this provides the Town Board with more oversight. She added that during her responses to Courtesy of the Floor, she failed to tell Mr. Killian that she has knows about the problems with the Tennis Courts at Downing Park. She has asked Jennifer Fava, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to give her a list of all the projects that need to be done in her department.

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

CREATE POSITION OF ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER

DAVID RAMBO

RESOLUTION #24

Upon motion made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Patel

WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided that it is in the public interest to provide safe potable drinking water and a reliable supply of water for fire suppression to the 12,000 plus Yorktown households and businesses currently being served by the Yorktown Consolidated Water District and the Kitchawan Water District; and

WHEREAS, the two water districts which have a combined annual budget of over \$8,000,000.00 have not had the benefit of a full time qualified and experienced department head for several years; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a full time qualified and experienced department head, certain inefficiencies in the department's operations have come to light that have resulted, in part, in lost revenue to the department and other problems; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a full time qualified and experienced department head, decisions requiring a technical knowledge of water distribution systems have not always been made with the necessary technical input; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that David Rambo has the requisite knowledge, experience and training to oversee a municipal water distribution system;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board creates the position of Acting Water Superintendent and authorizes the Supervisor to sign a Consulting Agreement with David Rambo to serve as Acting Water Superintendent for an initial period of 90 days for a total fee of \$21,250.00 to be paid in bi-monthly installments of \$3,541.66; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the start date of this Agreement will be January 6, 2010.

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:

Councilman Bianco stated that he does not even know who Mr. Rambo is. When was he interviewed? He further stated that he was told that the only one who did the interview was Supervisor Siegel. How can the other members vote to hire someone that they don't know?

Supervisor Siegel read Mr. Rambo's resume.

Councilman Bianco stated that he would like to speak to him and have him answer questions before this vote.

Supervisor Siegel explained that after winning the Election and before being sworn into office, we made it known to the public that because three of the members were not elected officials, we could meet as a Board and not violate New York State's Open Meetings Law. This is something that we discussed in those meetings.

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

TOWN BOARD LIAISONS

Supervisor Siegel announced the following:

Liaison to ABACA	Supervisor Siegel
Liaison to Cable Committee	Councilman Bianco, Councilman Patel
Liaison to Conservation Board	Councilman Bianco
Liaison to Housing Board	Councilman Martorano
Liaison to Library Board	Councilman Martorano
Liaison to Open Space Committee	Councilman Bianco, Councilman Patel
Liaison to Recreation Commission	Councilman Murphy
Liaison to Planning Board	Supervisor Siegel, Councilman Patel
Liaison to Utilities Oversight Committee	Supervisor Siegel
Liaison to the Lakeland School District	Councilmen Bianco and Martorano
Liaison to the Yorktown School District	Councilmen Martorano and Patel
Liaison to the Tree Committee	Councilman Murphy
Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce	Councilmen Bianco and Murphy
Liaison to the Senior Advisory Committee	Councilmen Martorano and Patel
Liaison to the Teen Center Advisory Board	Supervisor Siegel
Liaison to the Police Advisory Board	Councilman Murphy
Liaison to Zoning Board	Supervisor Siegel

MONTHLY REPORTS

Receiver of Taxes
Building Department

DURING COUTESY OF THE FLOOR, the following residents addressed the Town Board:

Mrs. Rhoda Sussman stated that she thought that she was going to be a member of the Senior Advisory Board?

Mr. Gil Kaufmann thanked the Town Board for placing the grant money from Congressman John Hall in a Special Account.

Mrs. Anne Kutter asked the members of the Town Board if they would ask officials of the New York State Department of Transportation to attend a meeting in the Town of Yorktown regarding traffic issues on its roadways?

Mrs. Catherine D’Amato spoke about a portion of Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino’s Inaugural Address where he stated that the three “Cs” will be the hallmark of his administration, competence, communication and collaboration. She also stated that she believes Nick DiTomasso who has done so many things for seniors should have been asked to join the Senior Advisory Board.

Mr. Steve Gardner congratulated the newly elected members of the Town Board. He said that he was troubled by what he saw tonight. Mr. Gardner explained that he ran for the position of Highway Superintendent in 2009. One of the reasons that he believes he lost was because the Highway Superintendent held that position as well as the position of Director of Labor Operations. People were confused by the two titles. Furthermore, he believes the former Town Board should have held a public hearing before it created that position.

Mr. Nicholas DiTomasso commended the Board on tonight’s meeting, but stated that he hopes that what he saw here tonight with creating a committee and filling it with members before it is discussed at a meeting will not happen again.

Mrs. Gail Chase, a member of the Yorktown Water Department for twenty three years agreed that a psychiatrist had been brought into her department in 2001. But, she believes they were doing better. After Mr. DiBartolo took over, things were just not the same. I was a foreman until I was removed from the job and replaced with a man. Mr. DiBartolo degraded me and I am glad to see the change.

Mr. Steve Gardner stated that he will fight against the Town of Yorktown having a Department of Public Works. He explained that it is in the best interests of the people of Yorktown to have an elected Highway Superintendent rather than an appointed Commissioner of DPW. He further stated that he is not in favor of the Town sharing services with another community. Mr. Gardner stated that the real way to savings is to explore privatizing some of your services.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR CLOSED

RESPONSES TO COURTESY OF THE FLOOR:

Supervisor Siegel asked the Town Clerk to add Mrs. Sussman's name to the members of the Senior Advisory Board. She also stated that the former Town Board voted at its last Budget Hearing to have \$300,000 of the \$333,000 grant from Congressman Hall placed in a special account. The rest will be used to hire a part-time social worker.

ADJOURN

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

Alice E. Roker
Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown