TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MAY 11TH, 2017 MEETING

The Town of Stanford Town Board convened for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:30PM. Supervisor Norton asked for a moment of silence to remember Ashley Riehl, whose mother ran the Rec, programs for many years, and who was killed in an automobile accident 16 years ago today, as well as for our service personnel defending us in the Mideast.

ROLL CALL: Joseph Norton – present

Mary Weinberger – present

Linda Eurich – present

Mark D’Agostino – present

Ryan Orton - absent

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Ray Eurich, 2790 Salt Point Turnpike, read a letter of resignation from his job as part-time Transfer Station custodian.

LIAISON REPORTS: Councilman D’Agostino did not have a report from the Rec. Commission but stated that they were looking for a new member and were in need of volunteers of all ages for the Haunted House.

Councilwoman Eurich reported that the ZBA did not meet this week.

Councilwoman Weinberger also did not have a Planning Board report as their meeting was canceled.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: The Supervisor spoke of the following: a Remembrance Ceremony on May 25th for those Sheriff’s Department officers that had died in the line of duty; that the debris collected from a home on Market Lane had amounted to 7 ½ tons of garbage being removed, the cost of which was reimbursed by the property owner; and the annual School Board and Budget vote would be on Tuesday, May 16th at the High School from 7AM until 9 PM.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESIGNATION – GEORGE HAZEL: The resignation of George Hazel from the Board of Assessment Review was accepted by the Board. His many years of service to the Grievance Board were appreciated, and a note of thanks will be sent.

2. RESIGNATION – WENDY TREMPER WOLLERTON: Ms. Wollerton’s resignation as the CAC secretary was accepted by the Board. Mr. Norton added that she had gotten her dream job and although her time was brief with the CAC, the Board thanked her for her time.

3. CELL TOWER: The supervisor noted that as a matter of information only, Verizon would be upgrading equipment on their existing tower at 388 Willowbrook Road.

4. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: The only proposal received was from Beechtree Landscaping, the same company that had been doing the work for a few years. The proposal was accepted in the amount of $5,120 on a motion made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger, to clean up the cemeteries until the fall. Mention was made that the Historical Society had issues with weeds at the Civil War monument and a tree down in the Sutherland Cemetery. Mr. Norton stated that the proposal could be amended if needed. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

5. PURCHASE CLEANING SOLUTION: At the request of the Historical Society, the Town Board approved the purchase of 5 gallons of “D-2” for $250, a cleaning solution for tombstones, on the motion of Joseph Norton, second by Mark D’Agostino. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

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6. HIGHWAY TRUCK: The Highway Superintendent’s request for a new truck was approved on a motion made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Linda Eurich. The Dodge 550 with crew cab, V plow and an 11’ dump body on the NYS Bid list was $56,500. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

7. CHLORINE BIDS: Councilman D’Agostino stated that only two bids had been received for chlorine: H. Krevit & Co. at $1.28 per gallon, and Surpass Chemical in Albany at $.89 per gallon, delivered. A motion to accept the bid of Surpass Chemical at $.89 per gallon was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Joseph Norton. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

8. “THINK DIFFERENTLY” RESOLUTION: At the request of County Executive Marc Molinaro, the following resolution was read and approved as follows:

RESOLUTION #5A OF 2017

A RESOLUTION FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO ADOPT THE “THINK DIFFERENTLY” INITIATIVE TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEED AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the “Think Differently” initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs, and

WHEREAS, our State and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences, and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need, and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness, and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community, and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families, and WHEREAS, adopting the “Think Differently” initiative is an important statement that our Town officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stanford residents and business owners adopt the “Think Differently” initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

Motion made by: Joseph Norton

Seconded by: Mary Weinberger

Roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

Resolution #5A of 2017 adopted by the affirmative votes of the four Town Board members present and adopted this 11th day of May 2017.

9. RECREATION HIRES / MANAGER: This matter will be discussed in the Executive Session.

10. INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE: As requested by the Town Building Inspector, the Town adopted the 2016 International Code for Fire, Property Maintenance, Electrical Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy Conservation, Building and Residential along with the Energy and Building supplement, on a motion made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mark D’Agostino. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

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11. TOWN HALL SEPTIC ISSUES: The supervisor updated the Board on the problems with the almost 100 year old septic pipes that have either been punctured, collapsed or broken over the years, and the bathrooms had not been working. A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mark D’Agostino, to have specifications drawn up by a local plumber who had volunteered, have them reviewed by an engineer and then the Board could decide in a month or two to go out for bid on this project. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

OTHER: The supervisor handed out copies of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending 2016 that was completed by the CPA and his office and had been sent to the State Comptroller. A copy will also be made available to the public in the Town Clerk’s office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger, to close the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session regarding personnel at 7:59 PM. The Comptroller and the Town Clerk were asked to stay. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

At 9 PM, a motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Linda Eurich, to go out of the Executive Session and back into the regular meeting. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the April 13th meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger. Mark D’Agostino requested that changes be made on page 6, #13, as follows: “…*to accommodate residents who could not take time off from work during the weekdays. Clerk Bell admitted that the clerk’s office had not been open on any Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings as required by board resolution of 2016. The town board was concerned of the unilateral decision by the clerk not to open the clerk’s office as required by board resolution and particularly not to notify the town board of her unilateral decision. Councilwoman Mary Weinberger indicted "the town board allocated hours specifically to cover the Wednesday evening and Saturday morning office hours to be covered by the second deputy clerk Mary Dalton since it is important we provide this service to the residents who cannot come to town hall or take time off from work during the day." Councilwoman Eurich said "Saturdays are important for the weekenders and those from Hunns Lake and Upton Lake who cannot come to town hall during the week". The Town clerk responded that she will talk to deputy clerk Dalton and let us know. Deputy Clerk Mary Dalton indicated she did not want to work the Wednesday/Saturday hours.”* With these changes noted, the Minutes were approved with this addition. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

The Minutes of the May 8th Workshop Meeting were approved on the motion of Mark D’Agostino, with the following change: “… then be it resolved that *200 hours* previously allocated to the second deputy be removed…”. The motion was seconded by Joseph Norton. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – absent.

With no other business, Joseph Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM, seconded by Linda Eurich. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

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Town Clerk

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