TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF 11-9-15

The Stanford Town Board met at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 9th, 2015, for their scheduled Workshop Meeting at 7:30 PM.

 All five Board members were present: Joseph Norton, Mary Weinberger, Johanna Shafer, Ryan Orton and Mark D’Agostino.

 Mr. Norton made the motion to accept the minutes of l0-8-15, seconded by Ryan Orton. Two additional items were added to the Agenda. The first was the Preliminary Budget for 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. D’Agostino. Mr. D’Agostino then made a motion for an amendment to the budget regarding the way the stamps are handled. He would like it to be under the management of the Comptroller and also that the Deputy Clerks hours be put in the budget as just 1,000 hours for both instead of it being split up for each clerk. Discussion ensued with Ms. Shafer and Mr. Orton objecting to this as individuals affected by this were not asked for their input. Ms. Shafer felt this was not the way to do this. The questions regarding the clerks’ hours, Ms. Shafer asked if Ms. Bell was spoken to about this. Mr. D’Agostino stated he had not spoken to Ms. Bell and at that point Mr. D’Agostino asked Ms. Dalton, Deputy Town Clerk, who was present, if she had any thoughts on the subject. Ms. Dalton stated that she did not see a problem with the clerical hours being grouped together to help facilitate the smooth running of the Town Clerk’s office. Mr. Norton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote followed: Joseph Norton – yes, Mary Weinberger – yes, Johanna Shafer – no, feels that the parties involved in the changes should have been asked for their input. Ryan Orton – yes, because of Mary’s statement, Mark D’Agostino – yes, because of Mary’s statement. The Town of Stanford Preliminary Budget will be accepted as the final budget for the Town of Stanford with a tax decrease of 6.96% to 7.05%.

The Board then discussed several items on their agenda in preparation for the Thursday night Board meeting.

BOARD WENT INTO EXEECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 PM. Board came out of executive session at 8:30 PM. With no action taken.

Motion was made by Johanna Shafer to adjourn. Seconded by Ryan Orton.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mary Dalton, Deputy Town Clerk