TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8TH, 2017 MEETING

The Town of Stanford Town Board convened for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, June 8th, 2017 at 7:30PM. Supervisor Norton asked for a moment of silence to remember the troops overseas, as well as the anniversary of a former student, a wounded veteran who died two years ago, for her and for all who gave so much.

ROLL CALL: Joseph Norton – present

Mary Weinberger – present

Linda Eurich – present

Mark D’Agostino – present

Ryan Orton - present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Therese Fallon and Deb Smith, representing the Grange and the Lions Club, requested that the Town Board consider purchasing a new double sided banner that would be hung across Route 82. Larry McKeough, 28 Woods Drive, also read a letter from the Community Day organizing committee, requesting this purchase and that the committee would be glad to get estimates on the cost of said banner. The supervisor replied that this will be discussed but that the purchase could come from the “celebrations” line in the budget. Mr. McKeough said that it was a time-sensitive matter but would get estimates for the Board for the July meeting.

Mike Shafer, 21 Decker Road, spoke of the wonderful events that the Town has such as Community Day, but spoke of the wonderful job that Charlie Shaw did for Memorial Day and added kudos to Kathie Spiers for her work on the cemeteries’ information.

Greg Bulls, 2 McIntyre Way, asked the Board about their Executive Sessions and the specific reasons for going into them, and read from the law. Brief discussion followed with the Board replying that the reason for an Executive Session is always given.

LIAISON REPORTS: Councilman Orton reported that the CAC did not have a quorum in May but they did discuss the proposed gas station application and its environmental implications, as well as their work on the “Welcome” packets. Next meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 6 PM. He also reported on the following Town activities and events: the Library would be having a “S.T.E.M.” program the week of June 26th for 1st through 6th graders; and on June 17th, a recycling seminar in the morning and a “Fancy Nancy Tea Party” in the afternoon. The Lions and the Grange were hosting the Flea Market on Saturday, June 10th, along with Lions Club raffle tickets at $20 each for a “Wheelbarrow of Cheer”. The Grange will be hosting the annual Strawberry Festival on June 18th from 2 – 4 PM.

Councilman D’Agostino stated that the Rec. was on target to open on June 24th, and that the Rec. Commission was looking for new members. He added that any criticisms of any town committees should be brought directly to the committees themselves.

Councilwoman Eurich reported that the ZBA’s May and June meetings had been cancelled.

Councilwoman Weinberger spoke of the Planning Board’s review of the Cobble Pond project application.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: The supervisor reported that the County had been holding meetings for all supervisors and mayors regarding “combined services and cost efficiencies.” He added that things may be very different in 3 – 5 years from now, and that Albany may be looking to remove “Home Rule” from towns, with serious discussions on merging towns and villages.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger. Linda Eurich requested that the small town sign at the bottom of the hill be added to the agenda. With this added, the motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BULLS HEAD BRIDGE RESOLUTION: The following resolution was read by Attorney Hagstrom:

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RESOLUTION #6A OF 2017

BULLS HEAD ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT  
 WHEREAS, the County of Dutchess is in the property acquisition phase for the public project known as the Replacement of Bridge S-37 located on Bulls Head Road (County Route 19 over the Little Wappinger Creek and  
 WHEREAS, the County needs to acquire a Permanent Easement of approximately 9,601 +/- square feet from James Phillip Burgess and John G. Schultz, Jr., owners of 5-15 Old Depot Way, Tax Grid#135200-6668-04-820114-0000, and  
 WHEREAS, the property owned by James Phillip Burgess and John G. Schultz, Jr. is encumbered by a mortgage with Rondout Savings Bank, and  
 WHEREAS, as part of the property acquisition process, the County requires that the property owners, James Phillip Burgess and John G. Schultz, Jr., obtain a Partial Release of Mortgage from the Rondout Savings Bank, and

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Rondout Savings Bank as advised the County that the Rondout Savings Bank requires “correspondence from the Town of Stanford confirming Dutchess County’s acquisition process relative to the parcel has been presented to the Town, has been approved by the Town and constitutes an acceptable alternative to the subdivision process before it will issue a Partial Release of Mortgage, and   
 WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Department of Public Works have briefed the Town of Stanford Supervisor about this public project on several occasions, and  
 WHEREAS, a copy of a letter to County Legislator Gregg Pulver from Robert H. Balkind, P.E., former Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, date September 10, 2015 describing this public project was sent to Ritamary Bell, Town of Stanford Town Clerk,  
 NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Stanford hereby finds and determines as follows:  
 1. That the County of Dutchess ‘ sponsored public project known as the Replacement of Bridge S-37 on Bulls Head Road (County Route 19) over the Little Wappinger Creek will benefit the citizens of the Town of Stanford.  
 2. That the Town Board of the Town of Stanford supports and approves of the County of Dutchess’ sponsored public project known as the Replacement Bridge S-37 located on Bulls head Road (County Route 19) over the Little Wappinger Creek.  
 3. That any subdivision regulations that may exist in the Town of Stanford Code do not apply to the County of Dutchess’ acquisition of a Permanent Easement of approximately 9,601+/- square feet of property owned by James Phillip Burgess and John G. Schultz, Jr.  
Motion made by Joseph Norton and seconded by Mark D’Agostino   
Vote: Supervisor Norton - yes  
 Town Board Member Mary Weinberger – yes  
 Town Board Member Linda Eurich – yes  
 Town Board Member Mark D’Agostino – yes  
 Town Board Member Ryan Orton – yes  
The foregoing resolution, #6A of 2017, was adopted and certified with the affirmative votes of the five Town Board members, this 8th day of June 2017.

2. WILLOWBROOK CELL TOWER UPDATE: Mr. Norton updated the Board regarding Verizon’s upgrades to the cell tower on Willowbrook Road. The Town’s telecommunications consultant, C. T. Male, had gone over the application that would encase more equipment within the existing tower, and would approve it contingent upon insurance certificates, performance bonds and noise and structural reports.

3. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SLOOP CLEARWATER: Supervisor Norton asked Councilman Ryan to read a letter from the Town that supported the sloop Clearwater’s voyage to Washington DC in late June to deliver to Congress letters of support, postcards, pictures done by Hudson Valley school children and thousands of signatures for their message for environmental protection. The five Board members signed the letter and it will be sent to the Environmental Director of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater in Beacon.

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NEW TOWN HALL SIGN: The small Town Hall sign along the fence line is in need of replacing. Councilwoman Eurich was authorized to look into getting a replacement, 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 – yes.

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the May 11th Town Board meeting were approved as written 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 – yes.

The Minutes of the May 31st Special Meeting were approved as written on a motion 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 – yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mark D’Agostino, to close the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session regarding personnel and hiring issues at 8:09 PM. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes.

At 8:28 PM, a motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger, 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 – yes. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Joseph Norton then made a motion to amend the agenda that he forgot to do earlier, to add Transfer Station employee. Seconded by Mary Weinberger, the motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes.

Councilman D’Agostino stated that the County Personnel Dept. had not approved the appointment of the Interim Recreation Director as Interim Rec. Director or as Rec. Director, and the Town had no choice but to look for and select someone else. He added that all Rec. staff must now be vetted through the County due to our litigious society and the threats of terrorism. The Town Board must make this change by June 15th as the County would not then certify our payrolls and the Town could be subject to a misdemeanor. He then made a motion to appoint Gianna Muscari as the Rec. Director, contingent upon the Rec. Commission’s approval, with the salary paid at full and not at the probationary 80%, as she has more than enough experience. Motion was seconded by Joseph Norton and carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes.

A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger and Mark D’Agostino to appoint James Schulhoff as a Transfer Station custodian. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes.

A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Linda Eurich, to have a Special Meeting on Monday, June12th at 6 PM. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – abstained as he was unable to attend.

With no other business, Joseph Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, seconded by Mary Weinberger. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

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Town Clerk

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