TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD

MINUTES OF THE JULY 13TH, 2017 MEETING

The Town of Stanford Town Board convened for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, July 13th, 2017 at 7:30PM. Supervisor Norton asked for a moment of silence to remember our service personnel overseas, and a special veteran who had her life cut short two years ago, Antonia Gilbert.

ROLL CALL: Joseph Norton – present

Mary Weinberger – present

Linda Eurich – present

Mark D’Agostino – present

Ryan Orton - present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Ted L’Estrange, 6 Geoffrey Court, Otisville – addressed the Board regarding his opposition to organ harvesting in China.

Greg Bull, Cold Spring Road – posed two questions to the Board: 1) had the Board voted on the estimated $65,000 for the new library road? The supervisor replied that he was not sure where Mr. Bulls figures came from but the engineer’s report was for $135,000. 2) Mr. Bull then asked about the status of SPARC Park and its condition, as well as the insurance company’s notification to address issues there. The supervisor responded again that there had been no complaints from the insurance company or from anyone else and again asked Mr. Bull where he was getting his information from. Councilman D’Agostino also replied that Mr. Bull should attend the Rec. meetings and stop criticizing the all-volunteer rec committee.

Mike Shafer, 21 Decker Road – replied that Greg Bull was doing a public service due to the executive sessions held by the Board. Mr. Norton replied that executive sessions were only for 6 particular reasons of privileged information.

LIAISON REPORTS: Councilman Orton reported that he could not attend the recent CAC meeting as he was out of town but they would be meeting next Wednesday, the 19th. For community events: a Grange penny social on 7/15, a Community Day meeting on 7/31, the Library’s craft sessions for kids age 3 to 14 on 7/19 and 7/20, a talk on invasive species on 8/5, and the Forever Young club’s meeting on 7/25 and their trip to see Spam-a-Lot at the MacHayden Theater on 8/16.

Councilman D’Agostino announced that the Historical Society was working to get grants to have roadside markers placed at the Town’s cemeteries that would describe what prominent local people were buried there.

Councilwoman Eurich reported that the July ZBA meeting had an application for a variance to replace a garage.

Councilwoman Weinberger had no report.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: The supervisor thanked Mr. L’Estrange for his comments on organ harvesting, something that he had actually witnessed in China. He also stated that the Town was working well within its budget constraints and had only one account go over: $10 had been budgeted mistakenly for a $200 item. He added that the Highway Dept. had been black-topping and asked people to be patient as they have a long to-do list.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda with one addition – to add a Capital Fund transfer, as the Town Hall would need septic tank work – was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mary Weinberger 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. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF THOMAS BURNS, JR.: Tom Burns’ resignation from the Highway Department was accepted on a motion made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Marty Weinberger. Mr. Norton added his thanks for his years of work for the Town and wished him well. 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.

2. KEYS FOR THE FIRE COMPANY: A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Ryan Orton, to give a set of Town Hall keys to the Fire Dept. in case there is an emergency here.

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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.

3. TRAINING REQUEST FOR TWO PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS: A request to have Bob Butts and John Royall attend a Planning Board training session for $80 each was approved by the Board 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.

4. GATE FOR REC. PARKING AREA: The supervisor made a twofold motion to 1) have the Recreation Commission re-examine their fees and policies, and 2) to have a gate or a chain to restrict parking at the lower Rec. entrance on Creamery so the staff has time to open the Rec. in the mornings. Mr. Norton added that the cost of the gate or chain order, to be ordered by Hwy. Supt. Myers, would come from a General Town charge. The motion was seconded by Mark D’Agostino with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes. Motion carried.

5. COMMUNITY DAY BANNER: After Councilman Orton went over the three proposals he had received, Joseph Norton made a motion for the Town to purchase 2 single sided banners for Community Day that would have interchangeable date pockets that could be placed back to back and hung on Route 82. The banners will be purchased from the Copy Shack at $180 each. The motion was seconded by Mark D’Agostino with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – abstained. Motion carried.

6. REPORT – SHARED SERVICES: Councilwoman Eurich gave a report from the shared services meetings that the County has held. She had spoken with Jim Myers as well as other Highway Superintendents and Supervisors and that many towns work together on road paving projects with just a “gentleman’s handshake” agreement. If a contract was required, many would no longer participate. As of now, the Town joins in a road salt purchasing coop, as well as getting calcium through the County and State bids. A proposed technology outreach program with the County would not be cost effective for us, as well as a County procurement group that could charge $60 per hour and then we’d be responsible for pick up. Our mulch and grass seed we purchase from McKeough’s, that’s in our town. Free hay comes from local farmers. The clay for our ballfields is only purchased once every 3-4 years, also not cost effective to join. Workplace violence and defensive driving classes are too expensive. Stanford and Clinton already share the Building Inspector. We share road repair work now with Clinton, Pine Plains and Milan, and all work together well.

7. LOG BOOK OF SERVICES: Joseph Norton made a motion that consistent with the countys request for shared services,all offices start to keep a log book of who is coming in and for what purpose, starting August 1st. Brief discussion followed with the suggestion of residents signing in. The motion was seconded by Linda Eurich, with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes. Motion carried.

8. DATA COLLECTOR: A motion was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Joseph Norton, to appoint LMH Appraisals to be the Town’s data collector for the Assessor’s office at $25 per hour, not to exceed the amount in the Assessor’s budget line. A valid workers comp. certificate must also be provided and the company would be a 1099 contractor. 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.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the June 5th Town Board Workshop were approved as written on a motion made by Mark D’Agostino, 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.

The Minutes of the June 8th Town Board Meeting were to be changed as follows: on page 3, under “executive Session,” 4th paragraph – *“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*

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*someone else.”* With this change noted, the motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Mary Weinberger. Roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes. Motion carried.

CAPITAL FUND TRANSFER: As the Town Hall needs to have some improvements and repairs made (septic, windows, Town Board Room, Senior Room, basement) a motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mark D’Agostino, to transfer $250,000 from the General Fund balance to a designation of a Capital Fund / Building Account. 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.

Another motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mark D’Agostino, to transfer $200,000 from the General Fund balance to a Highway Vehicle Replacement Account. 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.

With no other business to attend to and an Executive Session unnecessary, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Ryan Orton. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

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Town Clerk

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