TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10TH, 2017 MEETING

The Town of Stanford Town Board convened for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10th, 2017 at 7:30PM. Supervisor Norton asked for sympathy as two years ago today was the last time he had spoken with a hero who represents all veterans, Antonia Gilbert, and to remember her and all veterans coming back and hope we can always extend a hand to them.

ROLL CALL: Joseph Norton – present

Mary Weinberger – present

Linda Eurich – present

Mark D’Agostino – present

Ryan Orton - present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No one addressed the Board.

LIAISON REPORTS: Councilman Orton stated that he was away for the last CAC meeting but would be going to the next one on Wednesday, the 16th. The Republican Party will be having their Caucus on August 17th at 7 PM at the Town Hall to nominate candidates for the General Election. For community events: The Forever Young’s next meeting will be on Aug. 22nd but the 8/16 trip to see “Spamalot” at the MacHayden Theater is sold out, and Community Day is Sept. 16th – the schedule is done and will be going to the printer’s next week.

*Councilman D’Agostino did not have a report from the Planning Board but instead wanted to address a letter that was circulating around town from Mr. Greg Bull and Mr. Rob Baumstone, adding that the letter appears to be politically motivated since Mr. Bull and Mr. Baumstone ran for town council only a couple years ago. Mr. Bull’s letter claims that at the July videotaped town board meeting “two residents (who were actually Mr. Bull and Michael Shafer) asked the Board questions and were told by Mr. Norton to sit down and be quiet and that Mr. D‘Agostino said Board meetings are not the place to ask questions”. Councilman D’Agostino said that quite frankly that was a lie and very disappointing for Mr. Bull to put that lie out in a letter, adding that Mr. Bull must have forgotten the meetings are videotaped and on the town website. Nowhere on the videotape or in the Minutes prepared by Town Clerk Ritamary Bell does it say what Mr. Bull is claiming. Councilman D’Agostino said that anyone who received Messrs. Bull and Baumstone’s letter should verify its accuracy by watching the July videotape and then determine themselves if what Mr. Bull wrote was true or not. Councilman D’Agostino then asked why would Mr. Bull write such a letter? Is it because Mr. Bull and Mr. Shafer are running for town positions in this November election? Councilman D’Agostino then requested that Mr. Bull write a retraction and apology in his next letter.*

Councilwoman Eurich also added that according to that same newsletter, she had attended only one meeting. Actually the shared services meetings took over 30 hours, including four county meetings and many phone calls and other meetings. From the July ZBA meeting, a 75’ variance was granted for a garage on Bulls Head Road.

Councilwoman Weinberger had no report, but the Recreation Commission was meeting this evening.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: The supervisor said that his major focus was the Town’s finances, and added that many residents were having problems paying their taxes. He stated that last year the Transfer Station was running a deficit of $19,000 but as of now, *with controls put in place,* it had $2,500 in surplus and should break even at the end of the year. He added that Stanford does do shared services with other towns: in the last 10 days, 15 trucks from 5 other towns have been helping blacktop here, and Stanford will then help the other towns. Putting this in writing could negate this benefit. Also, sharing an assessor, for example, could cost towns more with additional benefits.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Linda Eurich. Mary Weinberger requested that Heidi Johnson for the Haunted Fortress be added as New Business #1. The supervisor also added the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Dept. as #8. With these additions noted, the motion was again made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Linda Eurich, 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.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. HAUNTED FORTRESS: Heidi Johnson presented a letter to the Board regarding the Haunted Fortress to help keep it going for now and for the years ahead. She stated that the following was needed: an oversight committee, a budget, a new area or building for staging, address safety issues and insurance. Antonio Ingenito, Rec. Commission member and Fortress Coordinator, added a few comments as well.

2. PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2: Attorney Hagstrom read the following resolution to adopt the following local law:

RESOLUTION #8A

PROHIBITING GLASS AND OPEN CONTAINERS ON PROPERTY   
OWNED BY THE TOWN OF STANFORD

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanford has been presented with concerns by residents and people in the Town of Stanford concerning the possession of alcoholic beverages and glass containers on property owned by the Town of Stanford, including but not limited to the Town Recreational Area, during evening and night time hours and on weekends, which has caused and will continue to cause disturbances and creates a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, Town of Stanford Code Chapter 58, Alcoholic Beverages, Section 58-1, entitled Legislative Finding, prohibits the consumption of beer and other alcoholic beverages only in the Town Recreational area during the recreational program conducted Monday through Friday during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Town of Stanford Code Chapter 58, Alcoholic Beverages, Section 58-2(A), entitled Open or glass containers prohibited in recreational area, limits the prohibition against the possession of any open bottle or container containing liquor, beer, wine or other alcoholic beverage to the Town of Stanford Recreational Area and to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; and

WHEREAS, Town of Stanford Code, Chapter 58, Alcoholic Beverages, Section 58-2(B) limits the prohibition against glass containers to the Town of Stanford Recreational Area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanford finds that the consumption of beer and other alcoholic beverages and the possession of glass containers on property owned by the Town of Stanford at any time of the day or night, every day of the week, is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of its residents and creates a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanford seeks to revise Town of Stanford Code Sections 58-1 and 58-2(A) and (B) to extend the prohibition of the consumption of beer and other alcoholic beverages and the possession of glass containers to all property owned by the Town of Stanford to all hours of the day and night and every day of the week; and

WHEREAS**,** the amendment of Town of Stanford Code Sections 58-1 and 58-2(A) and (B) is a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act [SEQRA], and as such, no EAF, review or negative declaration is required or completed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanford seeks to revise its Town Code to update it consistent with the needs and concerns of the Town of Stanford, its residents, and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanford believes that the current Alcoholic Beverages code sections do not adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stanford wishes to implement laws and regulations to more effectively protect the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS,the Town Board of the Town of Stanford referred this proposed Local Law (Number 2 of 2017) to the Dutchess County Department of Planning pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and the County responded and commented and determined that it was a matter of No Authority, and the Town Board held a public hearing on this proposed Local Law on August 7, 2017 at a Town Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Local Law is a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act [SEQRA], and as such, no EAF, review or negative declaration is required or completed;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Stanford that it hereby

adopts Local Law Number 2 for 2017 prohibiting glass or open containers on property owned by the Town of Stanford during all hours and every day of the week, effective upon the date of filing of this local law with the Secretary of State.

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That on August 10, 2017, a motion was made by Joseph Norton and seconded by Mary Weinberger for the passage of the above referred Resolution by the Town Board of the Town of Stanford. A Roll Call vote was held, as follows:

Town Board Member Mark D’Agostino voted: Yes

Town Board Member Ryan Orton voted: Yes

Town Board Member Linda Eurich voted: Yes

Town Board Member Mary Weinberger voted: Yes

Supervisor Joseph Norton voted: Yes

The Resolution was passed by the affirmative votes of the Town Board members and thereby adopted, and certified this 10th day of August 2017.

3. A.E.D.: Councilwoman Eurich was asked to look into a new AED for the Town Hall. After discussion, the Board agreed to purchase a HeartSine Samaritan 350P in the amount of $1,225.00 on the motion of Linda Eurich, seconded by Mary Weinberger. Mark D’Agostino suggested that

the motion be amended to read “up to $1,325” and with this approved, 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.

4. ACCEPT MARY DALTON’S RESIGNATION: Mary Dalton’s letter of resignation as Deputy Town Clerk was read by the Town Clerk. A motion to accept her resignation was made by Joseph Norton with regret and the Town’s thanks for all she has done, seconded by Mark D’Agostino. Roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – yes; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Ryan Orton – yes. Motion carried. Clerk Bell added that she would like to hire Doreen Brown as a new deputy, but the Board agreed that she should advertise first. 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.

5. REVISE REC. RULES: Since the local law was adopted to ban alcoholic beverages on all town property, the Recreation’s Rules and Regulations sheet need to be changed. The Clerk will revise and make copies for the Rec. for their files and for distribution.

6. DESIGNATE ALTERNATE ENGINEER: The supervisor stated that Morris Associates was currently the Town engineers but to have another one as an alternate, Joseph Norton made a motion to appoint Rennia Engineering and Design, adding that their rates were competitive with those of Morris. 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.

7. PURCHASE ORDERS AND TAX EXEMPT FORMS: A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mark D’Agostino, to have all purchase orders and tax exempt forms be signed only by the Supervisor or the Comptroller. 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. An additional motion was made by Mr. Norton to state that all vouchers submitted by anyone should not be signed by the person submitting one – they should be signed by someone else. The motion was seconded by Mary Weinberger 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. NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK: At the request of the Highway Department, a motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Ryan Orton, to purchase a 2018 International 7600 with a set-back axle 6x4 as a new plowing and hauling truck from Hudson River Truck, on State bid, in the amount of $248,754.00. This will replace the 1985 and 1995 trucks. The funds for this purchase will be from the Highway Capital Fund. 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 July 13th meeting were to be amended as follows on the motion of Mark D’Agostino: under Privilege of the Floor, Greg Bull’s statement

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#2, “*Mr. Bull… (*rather than “He…) and “or from anyone else…*and again asked Mr. Bull where he was getting his information from.”;* and #8. Data Collector, remove the line stating *“company*

*owned by Lee McEnroe”.* With these changes noted, 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 – yes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Joseph Norton, to close the meeting and go into an Executive Session regarding personnel at 8:40PM. 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 8:47PM the Board exited their Executive Session 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.

Mark D’Agostino then made a motion to approve a Town Board newsletter to be printed at no charge to the Town but the mailing costs will be *approximately* $450.00. This motion was seconded by Mary

Weinberger, 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.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:50PM by Joseph Norton, seconded by Linda Eurich. 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.

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Town Clerk

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