TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD

MINUTES OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2018

The Town Board convened for their regularly scheduled workshop meeting on Monday, January 8th, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Four of the five board members were present: Joseph Norton, Linda Eurich, Mark D’Agostino and Paul Coughlin. Mary Weinberger was absent.

A motion was made by Joseph Norton, seconded by Mark D’Agostino, to have all draft Minutes submitted to the Town Board only for review and acceptance. These draft Minutes will not be distributed and will only be available to the public through a FOIL request. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – absent; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Paul Coughlin – yes.

The supervisor mentioned that he would have a “School Choice Week” proclamation ready for the Thursday meeting. Also mentioned were speed limit reduction requests for Bulls Head Road and Route 82.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Joseph Norton, to approve the 11/6/17 Workshop Minutes as written. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – absent; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Paul Coughlin – abstained.

A motion to approve the Nov. 9th Board meeting Minutes with the following changes was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Joseph Norton:

* Under Public Hearing, Preliminary Budget: Mel Eiger’s first comments, first sentence: add *“…* and hadn’t seen *the document.”*
* Mel Eiger’s second comments: 2nd sentence, add after discussion followed, *“and after being interrupted several times by Mel Eiger the supervisor said that Mr. Eiger was out of order.”*
* Next sentence: add *“…meetings had been held and the public was welcome to attend, all the items were discussed and we hadn’t seen Mr. Eiger at any of those meetings.”*
* Under Privilege of the Floor: remove Mr. Eiger’s statements: “*Said that he had been here since 1980, built a house, employed local builders, joined the Fire Company, became an EMT for 18 years. Now owns a company that employs 13 local people with good pay and benefits.* (Not relevant to discussion)
* Then add after “ …Democratic party*…”The supervisor indicated the election is over and we are here to discuss town business, and again after being interrupted again by Mel Eiger several times, told Mr. Eiger he was out of order and stated that he was to stop the continual harassment.”*
* Mollie McMurray’s statements under Privilege of the Floor: add “*Said to Mr. Eiger, stop interrupting and stop your bickering.”*
* Duffy Layton’s comments: after “… would be making that motion.” Add: “*to include Duffy Layton’s item on the agenda.”*
* Page 2, Supervisor’s Report: add *“The supervisor, when discussing how the budget was put together, said he spoke to every department except the Clerk’s department because the Clerk had made certain derogatory statements about the supervisor and had to file a complaint with the Dutchess County Human Resources Department in Poughkeepsie.”*
* Under ‘New Business – Adopt 2018 Budget, second sentence, add “*There were several budget meetings and no one attended.”*

With these changes noted, the motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – absent; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Paul Coughlin – abstained.

A motion was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Joseph Norton, to approve the December 11th Workshop meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – absent; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Paul Coughlin – abstained.

A motion to approve the Dec. 14th Board meeting Minutes with the following changes was made by Mark D’Agostino, seconded by Joseph Norton:

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* Under Privilege of the Floor, Mike Shafer – “… and that there was a consensus… *among the audience at that Planning Board meeting…*
* Also under Privilege of the Floor, Wendy Burton’s comments – “the supervisor apologized that the budget was not on the website…*and it was supposed to be.”*
* Insert in Wendy Burton’s comments – “…the interests of a Republican, *then asked the Clerk if she was a “registered Republican” to which the Clerk responded “yes.” Mr. Norton continued, that he wished we could make the jump that the rest of the Republicans on the Town Board be considered as having no agenda or motivations and that our decisions are what we believe a help to our residents. As far as the cameras go, anywhere there is money we have cameras. They are there to protect our employees, they are in the Assessor’s office, the Building Inspector’s office and in my office, no one else in Town Hall has complained or feels oppressed by the cameras; in fact, they have said it gives them a sense of security…”*
* Under ‘New Business’ – Haunted House: Add in *“In 2016 took in $5,550 and spent $5,709, a $109 loss. In 2017, took in $11,795, spent $8,670, profit of $3,125. Asked Antonio Ingenito if the attendance was any greater and he replied it was about the same.”*

With these changes noted, the motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Joseph Norton – yes; Mary Weinberger – absent; Linda Eurich – yes; Mark D’Agostino – yes; Paul Coughlin – abstained.

The Board continued their workshop meeting going over a draft of a new Solar Energy Law, and adjourned their meeting at 8:50 PM.

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Town Clerk