TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD   
MINUTES of DECEMBER 8th, 2022

The Town of Stanford Town Board met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 8th, 2022, at the Town Hall. Supervisor Burton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.   
 This meeting was dedicated to Brady Bell, grandson of Town Clerk Ritamary Bell, and to his parents Shane and Jen. Brady had just been diagnosed with leukemia and Supervisor Burton asked for a moment of silent prayer for little Brady.

Roll call: Wendy Burton – present

Anne Arent - present

Margaret Fallon – present

Nathan Lavertue - absent

Frank Pepe – absent

Also in attendance was Town Attorney Robert Butts.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Margaret Fallon stated that the CAC had their volunteer event at the Stanford Wildlife Preserve where over 200 trees were planted and thanked the Dutchess Lane Conservancy and the Stanford businesses that provided lunch for the volunteers. The State’s multi-year plan for Stissing Mountain was also discussed: a bridge, camping sites and a fishing pier was proposed. The CAC wrote a letter of support and added having them look into accessibility for the area.

Anne Arent said that the ZBA would be meeting next week.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS: Supervisor Burton stated that she had given the Board members two payroll verification reports, her bank reconciliations and her November report.

For her financial report, she added that the budget was in good shape and would stay within the planned expenditures, adding that a resolution being offered tonight would remedy certain budget lines that had gone over and would be offset from other lines that had a surplus. The largest transfer was to settle a matter of litigation from the prior administration. Interest earnings were up as the interest rate of the NY Class account was at 3.9%. Ms. Burton added that she had just joined her first meeting as a member of the Resolution Committee of the Association of Towns. The AOT have attorneys on call to help municipalities, they host webinars, have educational material, as well as representatives in both the Assembly and the Senate. Eleven out of twelve issues will be voted on at the AOT meeting in NYC in February. On Dec. 17th, the Wreaths Across America program will be placing wreaths on Veterans’ graves at five of the Town’s cemeteries, sponsored by the Stanford Historical Society.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:   
 No one addressed the Board.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Anne Arent, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

AMENDING CHAPTER 56 OF THE TOWN OF STANFORD CODE ENTITLED “ALARMS”

A motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon, to open the Public Hearing amending Chapter 56 of the “Alarm” law. Motion carried with all in favor.

Supervisor Burton explained that the Fire Company had requested this change due to the number of false alarms, and that by law, they must respond to every call. The fees have been increased so that people will pay attention and the Fire Company’s time is not wasted.

Attorney Butts stated that this amendment was a Type 2 action and no environmental impact statement was needed. It was a procedural change to mainly increase the fees progressively within any calendar year for false alarms. He added that injuries could occur to firemen on the way to these mandatory calls.

With no comments heard, Wendy Burton made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Margaret Fallon, and she added that the adoption of this law would probably be at the end of the month at a special meeting. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:  
1. TRANSFER STATION FEES FOR 2023: Discussion followed regarding the rates at the

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Transfer Station for 2023, since higher haulage fees and fuel costs have been billed, and that the Town of Clinton is closing their Transfer Station. After discussion, a motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon, to increase the resident sticker fee to $15, the non-resident fee to $45, and the garbage bags fees for a 32-gal. bag size to $5 and the large leaf bag to $7. All other fees will remain the same. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

2. RATIFY UNION CONTRACT: The Highway union’s contract was not completed by the prior administration so a re-negotiated 4-year contract was approved and the memorandum of agreement was signed. A motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon, to ratify the contract. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

3. RESOLUTION #12A OF 2022-GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUNDS BUDGET RESOLUTION: The following resolution was offered by Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon: **RESOLUTION #12A OF 2022**

**GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FINDS BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

Motion made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Anne Arent

**Whereas** the Town of Stanford has expenditures for the adopted 2022 General Fund and Highway Fund budget lines that will exceed the amount of fund available in these certain budget lines, and

**Whereas**, the General and Highway Funds have funds available in other lines and needs to transfer such funds to provide for expenditures,

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Town of Stanford Town Board hereby amends and transfers from and to budget lines listed below for FY 2022:

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION INCREASE DECREASE

**General Fund:**

00-01-1010-40 Town Board Contractual +$13.12

00-01-1340-40 Budget Contractual -$13.12

00-01-1110-41 Court Prosecutor +$8,635.00

00-01-1110-11 Court Help -$2,080.00

00-01-1110-42 Court Security -$2,000.00

00-01-1110-40 Court Contractual -$4,555.00

00-01-1330-40 Tax Collector Contractual +$5,654.17

00-07-8810-40 Cemeteries -$5,654.17

00-01-1930-40 Judgements/Claims +$72,500.00

00-01-1990-40 Contingency -$25,000.00

00-07-8011-41 Zoning Comm Consultant -$35,000.00

00-01-1320-40 Auditor -$5,500.00

00-07-8011-10 Zoning Comm Salary -$3,403.00

00-07-8810-40 Cemeteries -$3,597.00

00-07-8090-40 Envir Controll Contractual +$483.20

00-07-8090-10 Envir Control Salary -$483.20

00-08-9060-80 Medical Insurance +$3,900.00

00-08-9050-80 NYS Unemployment -$3,900.00

**Total Funds General: $91,185.49 -$91,185.49**

**Highway Fund:**

01-04-5110-44 General Repairs Stone +$20,000.00

01-04-5110-41 Gen Repairs Gas/ Hot & Cold -$20,000.00

01-04-5130-48 Fuel +$7,500.00

01-04-5110-42 Gen Repairs Oil & Stone -$7,500.00

01-04-5140-40 Brush & Weeds Contractual +$6,000.00

01-04-5110-42 Gen Repairs Oil & Stone -$6,000.00

**Total Funds Highway +$33,500.00 -$33,500.00**

Motion carried with a roll call vote: Wendy Burton – yes; Anne Arent – yes; Margaret Fallon – yes; Nathan Lavertue – absent; Frank Pepe – absent.   
 Resolution #12A of 2022 unanimously adopted by the affirmative votes of the Town of Stanford Town Board members present and certified this 8th day of December 2022. *Ritamary Bell, Town Clerk*

4. RESCIND RESOLUTIONS #4E AND #4G FROM APRIL 2022-CELL TOWER GENERATOR AND INSTALLATION: Two resolutions to transfer money from the ARPA funds made in April of ’22 were rescinded on a motion made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon. The generator and its installation did not occur as there were supply chain

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issues, so the transfer of these ARPA funds will be made to make the year’s spending correct. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

5. STANFORD NURSERY SCHOOL: After discussion with the two teachers at the Nursery School at the Monday night workshop, it was decided to offer the school a temporary space, through June, to operate since the Bangall Church building had been sold. The County Department of Health would have to approve this change of venue as well, but the Board felt that keeping this 50-yr. old program going was very important. The Nursery School would pay their $500 rent to the Town with Supervisor Burton suggesting that their rent could go to the Recreation Fundraising Committee. A vote will take place after the Board of Health approval.

6. APPROVE 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: A motion to approve the Holiday schedule for 2023 when the Town Hall offices will be closed was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Anne Arent:

New Year’s Day ~ Monday, Jan. 2nd (observance)

Martin Luther King ~ Monday, January 16th

President’s Day ~ Monday, February 20th

Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 29th

“Juneteenth” ~ Monday, June 19th

Independence Day ~ Tuesday, July 4th

Labor Day ~ Monday, September 4th

Columbus Day ~ Monday, October 9th

Veterans’ Day ~ Friday, November 10th (observance)

Thanksgiving ~ Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th

Christmas ~ Monday, December 25th

Mention was made that some offices may have to close on Election Day. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

7. APPROVE TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023: A motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Anne Arent as follows for the Town Board to continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM, with the Workshop meetings the Monday prior at 7:00 PM (unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, 1/3/23 Re-Organizational Meeting

Monday, 1/9 Workshop

Thursday, 1/12 Regular Meeting

Monday, 2/6 Workshop

Thursday, 2/9 Regular Meeting

Monday, 3/6 Workshop

Thursday, 3/9 Regular Meeting

Monday, 4/10 Workshop

Thursday, 4/13 Regular Meeting

Monday, 5/8 Workshop

Thursday, 5/11 Regular Meeting

Monday, 6/5 Workshop

Thursday, 6/8 Regular Meeting

Monday, 7/10 Workshop

Thursday, 7/13 Regular Meeting

Monday, 8/7 Workshop

Thursday, 8/10 Regular Meeting

Monday, 9/11 Workshop

Thursday, 9/14 Regular Meeting

Tuesday, 10/10 (\*Monday, 10/9 is a holiday) Workshop

Thursday, 10/12 Regular Meeting

Monday, 11/6 Workshop

Thursday, 11/9 Regular Meeting

Monday, 12/11 Workshop  
 Thursday, 12/14 Regular Meeting

Thursday, 12/28 End of Year Meeting

Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

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8. APPROVE 2023 SALARY SCHEDULE: The elected officials’ and appointed positions’ salaries were approved when the 2023 Budget was adopted but the Board approved them as stated in the Budget on the motion of Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon. Motion carried with all present voting in favor. (Copies available upon request.)

9. SET YEAR-END TOWN BOARD MEETING: A motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Anne Arent, to have the Town Board’s year-end meeting on Thursday, December 29th, 2022 at 7 PM. This meeting is mainly to approve the payment of bills for the end of the year, and any other matters that the Board must address. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

10. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MIKE DILLINGER FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: A motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Anne Arent, to accept Mike Dillinger’s resignation from the ZBA as he was moving to Pine Plains. Supervisor Burton added her thanks to Mr. Dillinger for his years served on the ZBA and wished him and his family well in their new home. Motion caried with all present voting in favor. The Town Clerk was instructed to place an ad in the paper for a volunteer to fill this vacancy on the ZBA.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Nov. 7th Special Meeting, the Nov. 10th regular meeting and the Nov. 15th Special Meeting were approved as written on a motion made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

12. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2022 ABSTRACT #12: A motion was made by Wendy Burton, seconded by Margaret Fallon, to approve the December 2022 Abstract as follows:

General Fund: check #s 6801-6840, in the amount of $83,827.95  
 Highway Fund: check #s 4220-4235, in the amount of $93,162.75

Stanfordville/Bangall Light District: check #3056 in the amount of $1,147.72

[Escrow account: check #s 1030-1032 in the amount of $2,625.00]

DASNY: check #1005 in the amount of $14,901.92

Grand total of Abstract #12 of 2022: $195,665.34

Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jim Griffin, Charwill Drive – thanked the Board for coming up with this solution for the Nursery School since, as a parent, finding childcare is one of the hardest parts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no other comments, Wendy Burton made a motion at 7:36 PM to close the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session regarding personnel and litigation. Second by Margaret Fallon. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

A motion was made at 8:04 PM by Wendy Burton, seconded by Anne Arent, to close the Executive Session and go back into the regular meeting.

With no action taken, a motion was made at 8:05 PM by Margaret Fallon to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendy Burton. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ritamary Bell, Town Clerk