Minutes
Business Meeting/ Public Hearing/ Public Forum – 6:00 PM
Village Hall
January 3, 2017

Approved: Action Item Numbers 1-10
Approved: Close the public hearing
Approved: Close the public forum
Approved: Senior exemption late renewal
Approved: Go into Executive session.
Approved: Come out of Executive session.
Approved: Adopt Town of Brookhaven snow removal rates
Approved: Adjourn the meeting

Mayor Garant called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

ATTENDANCE:
Mayor Garant, Trustees D’Abramo, Loucks, LaPointe, Miller
Village Attorney Egan, Village Treasurer Wintjen, Village Administrator/Clerk Juliano, Village Administrator Assistant Carmody

I. Business Meeting:

Action Items:
1. Approve the Minutes of December 19, 2016.
2. Approve Phil’s Flooring, Inc. to install flooring in the PJCC Grill Room in an amount not to exceed $2,300.00.
3. Approve the recommendation of Stan Loucks to accept the lowest quote of One Way Supply Corp. to supply furnishings for the PJCC Grill Room in an amount not to exceed $6,333.54.
4. Approve Roger Corcella’s Invoice 2016-058 for services rendered at PJCC Grill Room in the amount $2,500.00.
5. Approve Cullen & Danowski, LLP CPA to conduct fiscal year 2015/16 audit at a fee not to exceed $21,000.00.
6. Approve P.W Grosser for professional engineering services related to evaluation of pier in an amount not to exceed $5,000.00.
7. Approve two Parking Committee members to attend Parking Industry Exhibition March 5th – 8th, 2017 in Chicago; cost is $595.00 plus airfare and lodging/per person.
8. Approve Alternate Power Solutions for purchase, installation and backup switch at DPW building 88 North Country Rd. per proposal dated 11/15/16 as per County Contract number GEATS-061015 in the amount of $66,900.00 paid from fund balance.
9. Approve the warrants as presented by Treasurer Arta and approved by claims auditor Britt:

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10. Approve authorizing Mayor Garant to enter into a contract with TGI to lease a Toshiba Copier in the Village Clerks Office at $459.00/month.

- Motion by Mayor Garant second Trustee Loucks, to approve Action Items 1-10. Motion passed 5/0

II. PUBLIC FORUM/ PUBLIC HEARING

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1) TO AMEND SECTION 225-2 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO PERMIT SENIOR CITIZENS TO FILE LATE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 467

- Barbara Salutino questioned the age and the amount of the exemption. Clerk Juliano answered that the exemption was for those 65 years old and over who made less than $37,400.00

- Motion by Trustee LaPointe second by Trustee Miller to close the Public Hearing concerning code change to AMEND SECTION 225-2 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO PERMIT SENIOR CITIZENS TO FILE LATE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 467 at 7:35PM.
Motion passed 5/0

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2) URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND BLIGHT STUDY

- Jill Gallant from VHB reviewed and presented the Urban Renewal Plan of the Uotown Area of the Village of Port Jefferson for the Board of Trustees and the Public.
- Mayor Garant commented on the Housing Issues and Recommendations concerning Work Force Housing per page 11 of the report.
- Trustee LaPointe questioned if there was a way to incentivize condominiums.
- Trustee Miller asked Attorney Egan if the Village could Zone for Condos. Village Attorney Egan responded that the Village cannot zone for ownership type.
- Mayor Garant commented that there is no single use office space, but incentivizes mixed use.
- Mayor Garant also commented that the Village was not looking for Eminent Domain but the village is reserving its use as a tool to help the village and give us options.
- John Koehnlein – 341 Thompson Street – questioned determines if a building has to be “re-done”. Mayor Garant responded that the Village cannot force the current owner to revitalize its building; we would work with a master builder to revitalize the entire area.
- John Koehnlein further asked about the percentage of low income housing. Mayor Garant responded that per page 11 of the report 10% of new rental or for-sale units are deemed to be Workforce Housing, but there is no requirement for low income housing.
- Don Pawluk Sr – 7 Carie Ct, - Questioned whether Rail Realty had affordable Housing Requirement. Mayor Garant responded that it had no requirement per its funding with the IDA.

- Motion by Mayor Garant second by Trustee LaPointe to close the Public Hearing concerning Urban Renewal and Blight Study at 8:00PM.

B. Public Safety Issues – Floor open for Public Safety Comments

C. Public Forum - Floor open for General Comments

D. Board Reports.

- Motion by Mayor Garant second by Trustee Miller to close the Public Forum portion of the meeting at 8:38 PM.
  Motion passed 5/0

- Motion by Mayor Garant second by Trustee D’Abramo to approve the proposed code change to SECTION 225-2 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO PERMIT SENIOR CITIZENS TO FILE LATE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 467.
  Motion passed 5/0

- Motion to adopt the Town of Brookhaven’s snow removal rates to be used by the Village who may contract with outside vendors for snow removal purposes.
  Motion passed 5/0

Adjourn

- Motion by Mayor Garant, second by Trustee Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.
  Motion passed 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Juliano
Village Clerk

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