

Bedford Hills, New York
August 18, 2009

The second meeting for the month of August of the Town Board of the Town of Bedford was held on August 18, 2009 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

Present: Lee V. A. Roberts : Supervisor
 Francis Corcoran : Councilman
 David Gabrielson : Councilman

 Lisbeth Fumagalli : Town Clerk
 Stephanie Roebuck : Town Attorney
 Edward J. Ritter : Comptroller
 Amy Pectol : Receiver of Taxes
 Kevin Winn : Commissioner of Public Works
 Marcy Marchiano : Asst. to Supervisor

Absent: Peter Chryssos : Councilman
 Chris Burdick : Councilman

And six (6) residents/observers.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Corcoran, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed for payment from their respective funds,

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| Paid Prior to Audit | \$ 95,433.36 |
| General Fund | 41,035.82 |
| Highway Fund | 139,676.69 |
| Consolidated Water District | 5,935.67 |
| Cedar Downs Water District | 30.00 |
| Farms Water District | 30.00 |
| Old Post Road Water District | 60.00 |
| Special Districts: | |
| Bedford Village Memorial Park | 3,629.01 |
| Bedford Hills Memorial Park | 3,009.91 |
| Katonah Memorial Park | 2,225.85 |
| Katonah Lighting District | 119.67 |
| Capital Projects | <u>219,583.87</u> |
| | \$ 510,769.85 |

MONTHLY REPORTS

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| Building | Code Enforcement | Finance |
| Dog Control | Justice Court | Recreation & Parks |
| Police Consolidated | Parking | Town Clerk |
| Department of Public Works | Receiver of Taxes | Water |

Mrs. Roberts advised that these reports were available for review in the offices of the Town Clerk and the Supervisor during normal business hours.

PRESENTATION/UPDATE

1. Local Home Rule Initiative Becomes Law.

Mrs. Roberts explained this matter and read the letter written to New York State Governor David Paterson:

“Dear Governor Paterson:

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford unanimously supports the above named legislation which would allow us to begin to develop a Sustainable Energy Loan program for our residents. This plan would offer property owners the option to borrow low cost funds from the Town to obtain home energy audits and install recommended energy efficiency measures in their buildings and homes. Building owners would pay for the cost over a twenty year period through a special tax collected on their property bill. The program allows the Town to secure the loan by recording a Special Tax Lien against the property. This allows for low cost lending and permits the transfer of the loan payments to succeeding property owners, matching the cost of the energy improvements with the energy savings.

Bedford has a stated goal of 20% energy reduction by the year 2020. If every home in Bedford spent the NYS average \$8000 on a NYSERDA audit and implemented the recommendations, we would surpass our 20% GHG reduction goal and save over \$1500 per household with lower energy costs. In Bedford over 48% of our GHG emissions comes from our homes and other buildings. Reducing our Greenhouse Gas Emissions begins with improving energy efficiency in our structures.

We believe strongly in this innovative and exciting opportunity for our community and urge you to sign this bill.

Sincerely,
Lee V. A. Roberts
Supervisor”

Mrs. Roberts advised that this Home Rule request had recently become law and that the Town Board would now move forward with this imitative.

2. County – Wide Food Drive

Mrs. Roberts explained that there would be a county wide food drive held this week on August 19 and 20 to benefit the Community Center of Northern Westchester in Katonah, as during the summer, donations to the food banks decrease. She advised that there would be donation boxes located in the rotunda of the Town House at 321 Bedford Road and the lobby of the Town Offices at 425 Cherry Street. She asked that all residents that could, support this effort.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of Lewisboro’s Intent to Withdraw form Agreement with Drug Abuse Prevention Council in 2010.

Mr. Corcoran read the letter dated July 23, 2009 from Town of Lewisboro Supervisor Edward W. Brancati, indicating that the Town of Lewisboro would be withdrawing from the agreement between the Town of Bedford, Town of Pound Ridge and Lewisboro for the funding of the Drug Abuse Prevention Council as of December 31, 2009 due to the economic conditions that exist.

Supervisor Roberts stated that she would be in contact with the Town of Pound Ridge and Patricia Warble, Director of the Drug Abuse Prevention Council to discuss how to resolve this financial deficit.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss changing date or location of September 15 Town Board meeting due to Primary Elections.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Gabrielson, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED that the Town Board meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 shall be rescheduled to Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Town

House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York as the Court Room is a polling site for three (3) voting districts in the Primary Election.

2. Recreation & Parks Award of Bid to Arrowway Tractor for Zero Turn Turf – Mower.

On a motion by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Gabrielson, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby award the bid for the Zero Turn Turf Mower to the lowest, most responsible bidder, Arrowway Tractor, Bedford Road, Katonah, New York in the amount of \$13,042.66 as per the memorandum dated August 12, 2009 from William Heidepriem, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks.

3. DPW Award of Bid to Gabrielli Truck Sales for 10-Wheel Dump Truck.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Corcoran, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby award the bid for the purchase of a Ten (10) Wheel Dump Truck to the lowest, most responsible bidder, Gabrielli Truck Sales of Milford, 401 Old Gate Lane, Milford, Connecticut 06460 in the amount of \$239,107.00 as per the memorandum dated August 12, 2009 from Kevin Winn, Commissioner of Public Works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to proceed with the purchase of the truck.

4. Request to issue RFP for Harris Road Well Redevelopment.

On a motion by Mr. Gabrielson, seconded by Mr. Corcoran, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby grant approval for Kevin Winn, the Commissioner of Public Works, to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the redevelopment of the Harris Road Well, as per Mr. Winn's memorandum dated August 13, 2009.

5. Applications to purchase cemetery plots at Chichester from:

- a. Wieting (2) (d) Plunkett (4)
- b. Corcoran (8) (e) Model (6)
- c. Jacobsen, Janet & Erik (2)

On a motion by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Gabrielson, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Abstain: Corcoran
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the applications submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Steven C. Wieting, Francis and Susan Corcoran, Janet and Erik Jacobsen, Peter Plunkett, and Renate and Wolfe Model for the purchase of plots in the Chichester cemetery.

The Town Attorney has since advised that this was an invalid vote as there were only two (2) affirmative votes and three (3) are required. This matter has been re-calendared to the next Town Board meeting.

6. Set Executive Session

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Gabrielson, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED that the Town Board shall discuss matters of personnel in an executive session to be conducted at the conclusion of the agenda of the regular meeting.

The Town Board adjourned to executive session at 8:25 PM. At 8:40 PM the Town Board reconvened the regular meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Gabrielson, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Gabrielson
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Burdick

RESOLVED that that Town Board does hereby appoint William J. Hayes to the position of Detective Sergeant in the Town of Bedford Police Department to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Jeffrey Dickan to Lieutenant, effective August 19, 2009.

A resident expressed the concern that now the department would be down one Sergeant. Chief Menzel offered to discuss this with the resident at a later time.

There being no further discussion and on motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk