

Bedford Hills, New York  
March 3, 2009

The first meeting for the month of March of the Town Board of the Town of Bedford was held on March 3, 2009 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

<b>Present:</b>	Lee V. A. Roberts	:Supervisor
	Peter Chryssos	:Councilman
	Francis T. Corcoran	:Councilman
	Chris Burdick	:Councilman
	David Gabrielson	:Councilman
	Lisbeth Fumagalli	:Town Clerk
	Nancy Tagliafierro	:Town Attorney
	Edward J. Ritter	: Comptroller
	Amy Pectol	:Receiver of Taxes
	Christian Menzel	:Chief of Police
	Kevin Winn	:Commissioner of Public Works
	William Heidepriem	: Supt. of Recreation & Parks
	Marcy Marchiano	: Asst. to Supervisor

and approximately seven (7) residents/observers.

Mrs. Roberts called the meeting to order then had a moment of silence honoring the passing of Oliver Hazard who was active on many Town committees and had done much for the Town residents and the Town of Bedford.

#### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following claims for **2008** be allowed for payment from their respective funds,

Paid Prior to Audit	\$ 130,046.00
General Fund	24,346.45
Highway Fund	1,225.44
Special Districts:	
Bedford Village Memorial Park	25.11
Bedford Hills Memorial Park	45.00
Katonah Memorial Park	25.10
Capital Projects	<u>49,031.40</u>
	\$ 204,744.50

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following claims for **2009** be allowed for payment from their respective funds,

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Paid Prior to Audit	66,832.55
General Fund	48,398.22
Highway Fund	11,975.70
Consolidated Water District	4,935.25
Drug Abuse	76.14
Special Districts:	
Bedford Village Memorial Park	1,459.49
Bedford Hills Memorial Park	1,466.41
Katonah Memorial Park	1,635.68
Capital Projects	<u>14,390.72</u>
	\$ 151,170.86

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Request from Bedford Presbyterian Church to use the Village Green on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Appearing before the Board was Judy Aydelott from the Bedford Presbyterian Church. The Board acknowledged that this request had received the approval of the Bedford Village Historic District Advisory Commission.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby grant approval for the use of the Bedford Village Green by the Bedford Presbyterian Church to celebrate twenty (20) years of the ministry of Paul Alcorn on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM subject to the following conditions:

1. The church shall hire one (1) off duty Police Officer for between the church and the Village Green to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those attending the event.
2. A Certificate of Insurance listing the Town of Bedford as an additional insured, with a rider for the serving of alcohol shall be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk prior to the event.
3. A signed Hold Harmless Agreement shall be filed with the Town Clerk prior to the event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion on Town Parking permits.

The Town Board reviewed a memorandum dated March 3, 2009 from Parking Bureau Clerk Noreen Regan advising that rates for parking in the Town's commuter lots had not been increased since 2004 and offering suggested fee increases for residents and non-residents of the Town of Bedford.

The Board discussed how the local businesses were charged for permits and if it would be possible to have several cars on one permit for part-time employees of those businesses. They noted that the Energy Advisory Panel had been discussing the possible reduction of rates for commuters using hybrid and high mileage cars as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) but were not sure if this was the right time to institute this suggestion.

The Board felt that they would review where the Town is with the budget and investigate what other Towns are charging for commuter parking.

2. Discuss proposed policy on Town owned cemeteries.

This matter has been deferred to another meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request from the Commissioner of Public Works to approve retroactively purchase of 1 ¼" stone from Wingdale Materials.

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

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

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RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby retroactively approve the purchase of 723 tons of 1 ¼” stone at a cost of \$16,629 from Wingdale Materials due to public safety issues associated with impassable dirt roads as per the memorandum dated February 25, 2009 from Kevin Winn, Commissioner of Public Works.

2. Dog Park Permit Fees – sliding scale confirmation.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the following fees for the Canine Commons at Beaver Dam Dog Park:

\$10.00 First Dog  
\$ 5.00 Second Dog  
\$ 3.00 Third Dog

3. Request for approval of a facility use fee schedule for the Canine Commons.

On a motion by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Chryssos, the following resolution was ADOPTED

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the following facility use fee schedule for 2009 for Canine Commons at Beaver Dam Dog Park:

Agility Training Area - \$20.00 per hour  
Small or Large Dog Area - \$10.00 per hour

As per the memorandum dated February 27, 2009 from William Heidepriem, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks.

4. Request approval for the Superintendent of Recreation and Parks to submit renewal applications for Westchester County Board of Health 2009 pool facility permits.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize Superintendent of Recreation and Parks William Heidepriem to sign the necessary renewal applications required by the Westchester County Board of Health for the 2009 permits to operate bathing facilities in each of the hamlet parks, said fees for the permits are \$755 per Park District (\$505.00 for each main pool and \$250 for each wading pool).

5. Request waiver of 2009 pool fees for active volunteer EMS/Firefighters

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

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

RESOLVED that Town of Bedford pool fees for 2009 will be waived for Town of Bedford residents who are active volunteer firefighters and ambulance corps members that reside within the Town of Bedford as per the request dated February 27, 2009 from William Heidepriem, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks.

6. Request from P.O. Patricia McGraw to be reappointed to the Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Committee.

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

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

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RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby reappoint Police Officer Patricia McGraw to the Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Committee for a five (5) year term, said term to expire March 19, 2014.

7. Request to appoint Manuel Acuna Jr., as part time Police Dispatcher per memo from Joan Gallagher and email from Chief Menzel.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby appoint Manuel Acuna Jr. to the position of part-time Police Dispatcher, effective March 9, 2009 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, for no more than 17 hours per week, to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Thomas Powell, as per the memorandum dated February 27, 2009 from Christian Menzel, Chief of Police.

8. Set Work Sessions.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby set a work session for Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM on Legislative issues at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York and Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. with the Filming Committee at 425 Cherry Street, Bedford Hills, New York.

9. Filming Committee

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby appoint the following individuals to the Filming Committee:

Peter Chryssos, Jerry Davis, Mitch Horn, John Maher, Drew Marchiano, Phyllis Cohen, Jeffrey Rollins, Fred Silverman, Michael Minard, Richard Lemon, Andrea Raisfeld, Eve Marx, Martha Skolnik, Judy Aydelott, Melodee Benoit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Melodee Benoit shall serve as chair of this committee as elected by the other members of this committee.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Two residents of the Town expressed concern relative to the fees for the commuter parking permits. One suggested a sliding scale for cars, with the more energy efficient cars paying a reduced fee and the other did not feel that this was the right economic environment to be raising fees.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

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Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk