

Bedford Hills, New York
November 6, 2013

The first meeting for the month of November of the Town Board of the Town of Bedford was held on November 6, 2013 at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

Present: Lee V. A. Roberts : Supervisor
Francis T. Corcoran : Councilman
Chris Burdick : Councilman

Lisbeth Fumagalli : Town Clerk
Eric Gordon : Town Attorney
Kevin Winn : Commissioner of Public Works
Ed Ritter : Comptroller
Amy Pectol : Receiver of Taxes
William Hayes : Police Chief

Absent: Peter Chryssos : Councilman
David Gabrielson : Councilman

And three (3) residents/observers.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following claims for 2013 be allowed for payment from their respective funds,

	2013
Paid Prior to Audit	\$ 131,233.52
General Fund	97,408.75
Highway Fund	59,814.21
Consolidated Water District	44,470.26
Cedar Downs Water District	40.20
Farms Water District	289.42
Old Post Road Water District	452.68
Drug Abuse	3,160.33
Energy	4,031.26
Special Districts:	
Bedford Village Memorial Park	4,679.01
Bedford Hills Memorial Park	1,110.46
Katonah Memorial Park	1,084.33
Capital Projects	153,238.14
	<u>501,012.57</u>
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DEPARTMENTS

1. Recommendation of low bidder for reconfiguration of entrance and installation of counter top – 3rd floor, 425 Cherry Street.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby award the contract for the reconfiguration and installation of countertop in the Building and Planning Department offices, to the lowest most responsible bidder, CRB Inc., 84 Calvert Street, Harrison, New York 10528, in the amount

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of \$6,524.00 plus 10% for any unforeseen work needed for a total amount of \$7,176.00 as per the memorandum dated October 23, 2013 from Steve Fraietta, Building Inspector.

2. Request to go to bid for 2014-15 Carting Bid.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby grant approval for Kevin Winn, Commissioner of Public Works to go to bid for the removal of refuse from Town facilities for the two (2) year period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. SavATree regarding maintenance of the Bedford Oak.

The Town Board acknowledged the receipt a letter dated October 21, 2013 from Doug Erikson, Branch Manager of SavATree concerning the proposed course of care for the Bedford Oak. Mr. Burdick read the letter. The Board discussed the information from Mr. Erikson and difference in opinion on the care, specifically pruning of the Oak of Mike Serio of the Tree Advisory Board.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Board shall adjourn discussion on the proposal of SavATree for the maintenance of the Bedford Oak and shall solicit the opinion of other tree care experts, with the matter to be reviewed at a later date.

2. Bedford Energy Advisory Panel recommendation to cancel membership in ICLEI and continue working with VHB Engineering for tracking data.

The Town Board acknowledged the receipt of and Mr. Corcoran read the letter dated October 29, 2013 from Mary Beth Kass, Chair of the Bedford Energy Advisory Panel. The Board noted that no action was needed on this matter.

3. Bedford Hills Neighborhood Association request to hold a tree lighting on Saturday, December 7th.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby grant approval for the Bedford Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) to hold the annual tree lighting in Bedford Hills on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm, with the Bedford Hills Neighborhood Association to work with the Town of Bedford Police Department to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those attending the event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize Supervisor to sign Energized Bedford Libraries Agreement.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Energized Bedford Libraries Agreement, an inter-library initiative to promote awareness of the benefits of the Energize New York home energy efficiency programs and to increase participation in the program, in collaboration with the Town of Bedford and Energize Bedford/Energize NY.

2. Appoint task force for downtown Katonah beautification.

Mrs. Roberts noted that the Chamber of Commerce and others were concerned about the appearance of the islands on Katonah Avenue and would like to make changes to them so they would have a nicer appearance. Mrs. Roberts will move forward with this group and look at possible options for the restoration of the islands.

3. Petition regarding speeding on Route 172 between Bedford Village and Pound Ridge.

Mrs. Roberts read correspondence from Mark Ienes regarding a request to reduce the speed limit on Route 172 to 30mph as there are many safety concerns due to the number homes and businesses along this route in the Town of Bedford.

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

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

WHEREAS, a petition was received signed by approximately forty-four (44) residents of the Town of Bedford requesting that the speed limit on Route 172 from the Pound Ridge border to Route 22 be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph;

WHEREAS, the Bedford Village Historic District Review Commission has requested expanding the reduced speed zone around the hamlet of Bedford Village; and traffic speed is a concern in the vicinity of the Hunting Ridge Mall;

WHEREAS, Route 172 from the Pound Ridge Border to Route 22 and on Route 22 from 200 yards north of Guard Hill Road to the Hunting Ridge Mall are located in a densely populated area, with numerous driveways and commercial establishments; and

WHEREAS, the roadways in question are State Roads and the speed limit can only be modified by the New York State Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board hereby requests that the New York State Department of Transportation perform a speed study on Route 172 from the Pound Ridge border to Route 22 and on Route 22 from 200 yards north of Guard Hill Road to the Hunting Ridge Mall, with the goal of establishing the speed limit at 30 mph.

4. Set Public Hearing on 2014 Budget.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby set a public hearing to consider the 2014 Town of Bedford Budget for December 3, 2013 at 7:30 pm to be held at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York.

5. Set Executive Session – Union Negotiations – 7:00pm November 19th.

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

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

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RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby set an executive session for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00pm with the Labor Attorney to discuss union negotiations, at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board shall discuss the negotiations with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) in an executive session to be conducted at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk

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The Town Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and labor negotiations at 8:55 p.m.

Supervisor Lee V.A. Roberts, Councilman Frances Corcoran, Councilman Chris Burdick, Eric L. Gordon, Esq., Deputy Town Attorney and William Hayes, Chief of Police, were present. Joel H. Sachs, Esq., Town Attorney joined the executive session at 9:10 p.m.

At the outset of the Executive Session, Deputy Town Attorney Gordon was voted Acting Deputy Town Clerk for the purpose of the executive session.

The Chief of Police advised the Town Board that there had been Stipulation reached withdrawing disciplinary charges brought against a Town of Bedford Police Department employee, without prejudice, and that the Chief of the Police would have the right to reinstitute the disciplinary charges at a later date. A discussion was also held concerning the status of the negotiations with the Town of Bedford Police Benevolent Association.

At 9:20 p.m. Supervisor Roberts closed the Executive Session and re-opened the meeting in public session.

On motion by Councilman Chris Burdick and seconded by Councilman Frances Corcoran, the Town Board voted to approve the withdrawal of the disciplinary charges against Employee ID number 99482, without prejudice.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the public meeting of the Town Board was adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric L. Gordon
Acting Deputy Town Clerk