

Bedford Hills, New York
January 7, 2014

The first meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bedford for the month of January was held on January 7, 2014 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M. by Supervisor Burdick.

Present: Chris Burdick : Supervisor
Francis T. Corcoran : Councilman
Mary Beth Kass : Councilwoman
David Gabrielson : Councilman

Lisbeth Fumagalli : Town Clerk
Joel H. Sachs : Town Attorney
Jeffrey Osterman : Director of Planning
William Hayes : Chief of Police
Kevin Winn : Commissioner of Public Works
Harry Girdlestone : Sole Assessor
Edward Ritter : Town Comptroller
Steve Fraietta : Building Inspector

And ten (10) residents/observers.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

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

	2013
Paid Prior to Audit	\$ 92,529.34
General Fund	98,860.38
Highway Fund	72,163.00
Consolidated Water District	9,762.50
Cedar Downs Water District	100.20
Farms Water District	42.57
Old Post Road Water District	670.00
Drug Abuse	4,193.73
Energy	6,033.76
Special Districts:	
Bedford Village Memorial Park	1,009.48
Bedford Hills Memorial Park	1,332.17
Katonah Memorial Park	1,039.43
Capital Projects	<u>225,347.88</u>
	\$ 514,234.44

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED, that the following claims for 2014 be allowed for payment from their respective funds,

	2014
General Fund	\$ 550.50
Special Districts:	
Bedford Village Memorial Park	631.50
Bedford Hills Memorial Park	631.50
Katonah Memorial Park	<u>631.50</u>
	\$ 2,445.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

DEPARTMENTS

1. Approve proposal from Squire Sanders with regard to proposed Roosevelt Drive Water Main Extension.

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the proposal from Squire Sanders with regard to the proposed Roosevelt Drive Water Main Extension, subject to the terms and conditions of the Squire Sanders' current agreement with the Town of Bedford, at an estimated cost of between \$5,000 - \$10,000 as per the memorandum dated January 2, 2014 from Kevin Winn, Commissioner of Public Works.

2. Request to issue an RFP for Financial Services.

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approval for Town Comptroller Edward Ritter, to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial Services, as per Mr. Ritter's memorandum dated January 2, 2014.

3. Request to issue an RFP for Actuarial Services.

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approval for Town Comptroller Edward Ritter, to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Actuarial Services for GASB 45-OPEB, as per Mr. Ritter's memorandum dated January 2, 2014.

4. Request for changes to various parking lots.

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the following changes relating to Commuter Parking Lot #3 in Katonah:

1. Sale of an additional twenty (20) Daily Parking Permits, providing additional revenue to the Town of Bedford.
2. Designation of the back side of the lot for parking of larger commercial vehicles, leaving the front section available for smaller, non-commercial vehicles.

PERSONNEL

1. Reappointments:

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby make the following reappointments:

- a. Lisa Spano to the Zoning Board of Appeals – 5 year term, said term to expire January 20, 2019.
- b. John Stockbridge to the Wetlands Control Commission – 3 year term, said term to expire January 20, 2017.

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- c. Marilyn Pellini to the Tree Advisory Board – 5 year term, said term to expire December 6, 2018.
- d. George Fernandez to the Tree Advisory Board – 5 year term, said term to expire December 6, 2018.
- e. Rosemary Lee to the Conservation Board – 2 year term, said term to expire January 20, 2015.
- f. David Beckett to the Conservation Board – 2 year term, said term to expire January 20, 2016.
- g. Liz Bailey to the Conservation Board – 2 year term, said term to expire January 20, 2016.
- h. John Sullivan to the Planning Board – 5 year term, said term to expire January 20, 2019.
- i. Fiona Mitchell to the Wetlands Control Commission - 3 year term, said term to expire January 20, 2017.

2. Dan Herman resignation from Blue Mountain Housing Corp.

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby accept the resignation of Dan Herman from the Blue Mountain Housing Corporation, effective immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request permission to offer Cemetery tour as raffle item.

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby grant permission for the Friends of Bedford Burying Grounds to offer a personal tour of three of Bedford's historic cemeteries, the Old Burying Ground in Bedford Village, the Catholic Cemetery and either the Westcott or Lounsbury Cemetery as a raffle item at the Bedford 2020 event for Lee Roberts, subject to the receipt of a signed Hold Harmless agreement and a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Bedford as an additional insured.

2. Set Executive Session – Litigation and Property Acquisition.

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

Ayes: Burdick, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Kass
Nays: None
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board shall discuss matters of litigation and property acquisition in an executive session to be conducted at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

There being no further discussion the Town Board adjourned to executive session at 8:42pm.

Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk

Minutes of Executive Session - Town Board of the Town of Bedford -January 7, 2014

At approximately 8:55 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, the Town Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session in order to discuss issues related to sale and purchase of real property and litigation.

Attending the meeting were Town Supervisor Burdick and Town Councilpersons Gabrielson, Corcoran and Kass. Also attending were Town Planner Jeff Osterman, Town Public Works Commissioner Kevin Winn and Town Attorney Joel Sachs. At the outset of the meeting, Joel Sachs was unanimously appointed Acting Deputy Town Clerk.

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There followed a discussion involving the possible purchase by the Town of the Peckham property as a new Town highway garage facility. Kevin Winn discussed the necessity for additional space for a new garage that would be able to handle the operations of the Town Public Works.

There followed a discussion of the Harris Road site, its ownership by Peckham and Peckham's lease of approximately 7 acres of its property to Shemin Nurseries. Town Attorney Sachs described certain financial issues related to the possible purchase of the property.

Town Planner Osterman then discussed certain environmental concerns related to the Peckham property and described the results of Phase One and Phase Two environmental investigations undertaken on behalf of the Town by ERM.

The Town Board took no action but indicated that it would continue to consider the Peckham property for possible acquisition, but at the same time would explore other sites for a Town highway garage facility.

There followed a status report by Town Attorney Sachs and Town Planner Osterman as to various land use litigation involving the Town, including litigation involving the properties owned by Stefano and Suzanne Galli, the Stepping Stones Foundation, the Splash Carwash entity and the Russell Speeder Carwash entity.

Supervisor Burdick then discussed the status of the Town's possible purchase or lease renewal of the Bedford Hills Train Station with the MTA. Supervisor Burdick also discussed the status of the sublease between the Town and Mark's Time, which sublease expires in 2014.

There was also a report by Supervisor Burdick on the status of labor negotiations with the various collective bargaining units in the Town.

There was a further report by Supervisor Burdick in regard to the Town possibly developing lots it already owns for affordable housing or alternatively, acquiring certain properties in foreclosure which could be developed as affordable housing.

The Supervisor and the Town Board then held a discussion concerning designating Town Board member as liaisons for various departments within the Town.

No decisions were made and no votes were taken in regard to any of the above items. The Executive Session was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel H. Sachs, Town Attorney and Acting Deputy
Town Clerk