

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sullivan was convened at 6:00 P.M. on November 1, 2023 by Supervisor John Becker.

The meeting was held at the Town Office Building located at 7507 Lakeport Road. The meeting was also streamed live via YouTube. The link and a passcode for the public to join the meeting were posted on the Town’s website.

Present were: Supervisor John M. Becker; Town Councilors David Montroy, Jeffrey Martin, Daniel Gibbons, and John Brzuszkiewicz; Attorney for the Town John Langey; Tax Receiver Katy Vanderwerken; and Comptroller Beth Ellis.

Also present were: Bruce Burke of PAC99; and members of the public.

Pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor John Becker.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was duly made by Councilor Gibbons, seconded by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz to approve the minutes of October 4, 2023 and, with no further discussion, the following vote was recorded to adopt the Town Board meeting minutes of October 18, 2023.

DAVID MONTROY	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
DANIEL GIBBONS	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
JOHN E. BRZUSZKIEWICZ	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
JEFFREY MARTIN	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
JOHN M. BECKER	SUPERVISOR	VOTED	YES

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON
TOWN OF SULLIVAN 2024 BUDGET**

Upon the motion by Councilor Montroy, seconded by Councilor Martin, to open the public hearing for the 2024 Proposed Budget with all members voting in favor. The Supervisor briefly summarized the 2024 proposed budget. Resident Kenneth Greene asked for clarification of the overall cost of the 2023 budget and the total amount for the 2024 budget. Comptroller Ellis stated that the 2023 budget total amount was approximately \$9,000,000 and the total amount for the 2024 budget is \$9,993,892. Mr. Greene commented that the 2024 proposed budget was not online and asked if there was a way in the future that the budget could be posted online so that the residents had the opportunity to look at it prior to the meeting. With no further questions or comments from the audience or the Town Board and upon the motion made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz, the Board unanimously approved closing the budget hearing.

ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET

Supervisor Becker asked for a motion for the adoption of the 2024 proposed Town of Sullivan Budget. Upon the motion made by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Gibbons, to wit:

DAVID MONTROY	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
DANIEL GIBBONS	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
JOHN E. BRZUSZKIEWICZ	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
JEFFREY MARTIN	COUNCILOR	VOTED	YES
JOHN M. BECKER	SUPERVISOR	VOTED	YES

Motion carried

AIRFORCE TOWER DISCUSSION

Major David Livesay from the 174th Civil Engineering Commander/Base Civil Engineer appeared before the Board to discuss the plans on the proposed rental on Lot Seven in the Harbor Lights Business Park. Major Livesay stated that the mobile tower would be used to allow pilots to see local air traffic. Major Livesay stated he would like to execute the lease so they could move forward with the funding. With no further questions or comments from the Town Board and upon the motion by Councilor Martin, seconded by Councilor Montroy, the Board unanimously approved the lease of Lot Seven in the Harbor Lights Business Park, subject to final attorney review.

HITCHCOCK POINT ROAD DISCUSSION

Resident Tamara Dawkins appeared before the Board this evening to follow-up from the meeting she attended on September 20, 2023 to discuss her concerns regarding property located at 9605 Hitchcock Point Road. The resident inquired about the status of the complaints. Attorney Langey explained that this issue has been to court, but there was a separate lawsuit filed in State Supreme Court and that the property owner would be served. Attorney Langey stated that there is due process of law. Attorney Langey also commented that the Town Board wants this property cleaned up.

BUDGET MODIFICATION

No budget modifications were presented this evening:

FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS

No firefighter applications were received for review at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/ATTENDANCE FOR NRPA CONFERENCE FOR CHRIS LOWE

Supervisor Becker advised that Chris Lowe from the Parks and Recreation department has requested permission to attend the National Recreation and Park Association conference on January 14, 2024 through January 19, 2024. Councilor Brzuszkiewicz stated that this conference is a training session and the beginning of a continual education for Mr. Lowe. The conference includes special events, environmental issues, safety, and grants.

Upon the motion made by Councilor Brzuszkiewicz and seconded by Councilor Montroy, the Town Board unanimously approved attendance and travel to the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in West Virginia for Chris Lowe on January 14-19, 2024. Motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE (Stoneleigh Housing Senior Living)

Supervisor Becker stated he received a contract from Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$10,000 This contract would include Engineering Review, Attendance at three Planning Board Meetings, Written Comments, Site Visits and Develop SEQR part 2 and 3 for the 38-unit Senior Housing Project in the Harbor Lights Business Park. Upon the motion made by Councilor Martin and seconded by Councilor Gibbons the Town Board unanimously approved the contract.

DISCUSSION ON PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN BUSINESS PARK

Councilor Montroy inquired about the proposed purchase offer that was presented to the Town of Sullivan Development Corp. (TSDC) from Mr. Alan Olmsted for property located in the Business Park. Attorney Langey stated that he left a message with Alan Olmsted's office to let him know that the Board did not accept his purposed offer and that the Town Board was open to talking with him.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Resident Art Leio asked if there were any updates on the property located at 7663 Lakeport Road. Supervisor Becker stated that this issue was headed to Supreme Court.

QUESTION ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT ON THIS YEAR'S BALLOT

Resident Buck Sternberg asked for an explanation on the second amendment that was on this year's ballot. Supervisor Becker explained that this was for infrastructure and that the legislator put forward a Public Referendum overriding the debt limits. This would allow municipalities to spend more than their debt limits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and upon the motion made by Councilor Martin and seconded by Councilor Montroy, the Town Board meeting was adjourned at 6:19 P.M. with all Town Board Members voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bettinger-Wells
Town Clerk