

Regular Town Board meeting was held by the Town Board on 06/14/2010 at 7:30PM at the Milan Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor William Gallagher
Councilpersons David Byrne, Jack Campisi, Roberta Egan, Marion Mathison

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al Sardaro, Milan Fire Chief addressed the Town Board. He wanted to know how the Milan Fire Department would go about requesting a referendum for a length of service awards program.

The Supervisor said that he would look into it for him.

MINUTES: Regular Town Board Meeting – 05/10/10 – **MOTION** by Council. Egan seconded by Council. Byrne to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

MINUTES – Special Meeting – 05/14/10 – **MOTION** by Council. Byrne seconded by Council. Egan to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Notice dated 05/26/10 from Town of Stanford regarding a Public Hearing held on June 10, 2010 on proposed Local Law # 2 of 2010 – amending a portion of Chapter 94, Fire Prevention, and Building Construction.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION by Council. Byrne seconded by Council. Mathison to accept the May monthly Financial Report of the Supervisor. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

Council. Campisi gave an update on the status on the town’s finances. He stated that there is a short fall of revenue for \$60,000, part of the shortfall is because of the mortgage tax. Council. Campisi estimated that there would be a mortgage tax shortfall of as much as \$48,000. He said that the town appropriated \$60,000 for health insurance and has already spent \$33,861.74. He continued to explain the other reasons for the short fall. Council. Campisi then made the following **MOTION** seconded by Council. Egan

to modify the 2010 budget to reduce the expenditures appropriated in the following accounts by the following amounts:

1110.4A	Justice	\$ 2,500.00
1220.4A	Supervisor	\$ 2,500.00
1330.4A	Tax Collector	\$ 150.00
1355.4A	Assessors	\$ 5,000.00
1410.2A	Town Clerk	\$ 71.00

1410.4A	Town Clerk	\$ 500.00
1420.4A	Attorney	\$ 6,000.00
1440.4A	Engineer	\$ 2,500.00
1480.4A	Public Info.	\$ 1,000.00
1620.4A	Buildings	\$ 1,000.00
1910.4A	Unallocated Ins	\$ 1,000.00
3120.4A	Public Safety	\$ 500.00
3310.2A	Traffic Control	\$ 1,000.00
5132.2A	Garage	\$ 1,000.00
5132.4A	Garage	\$ 1,000.00
7020.4A	Recreation	\$ 500.00
8020.4A	Planning	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total		\$27,221.00

And further, to reduce revenue account 3005A (Mortgage Tax) by \$27,221.00;
And further, to require prior approval from the supervisor, or in his absence ,the deputy supervisor, for any proposed expenditure exceeding \$100, mileage vouchers, public notices and Justice Court grants excepted;
And further, the supervisor shall report to the town board the status of the general Fund's revenues and expenditures each month, in order for the town board to determine if further reductions in expenditures and revenues are required to balance the budget. Discussion followed. The Supervisor said that the amount of the mortgage tax that the town received for May was only \$200, which was very low. Council. Egan talked about the how the value of houses has dropped, less mortgage tax to be gained. She said right now it is a buyer's market. The board continued to discuss the shortfall problem that the town is having. Roll was taken and carried.
YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO -0

WILCOX TRUST

The Supervisor addressed the issue of Wilcox quarterly payment for the Wilcox Fund. He said that it was skip this year due to an overpayment last year, "so said Mellon Bank." Because of this error, the town is in jeopardy of not receiving the \$25,000 that was budgeted to pay for the heating, electricity and up keep of the town hall. The following **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Byrne to send a letter to Mellon Bank for a detailed accounting of how they made this mistake and why the town should be paying for their mistake. Discussion followed. Council. Mathison thought that the Town Board should meet with them. Roll was taken and carried.
YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC MATERIAL

June Gosnell presented to the Town's Historian Patrick Higgins and the Town a Milan the Supervisor's Log Book dating back to 1895 – 1918. Ms Gosnell stated that it had belonged to her grandfather. She also donated some old newspaper clippings and her grandfather's obit.

Mr. Thomas Odak, long time resident and a previous Supervisor of Milan, donated an assessment book to the town from the 1920's.

Council. Egan had a gift for the town. She said that back in October of '09 Dutchess County had held an event, which was the Walk Way Over the Hudson. She explained

that each town had their own flag that was made by residents from our town. They made a flag banner and walked across the bridge with all the other towns from Dutchess and Ulster County. Council. Egan said that now Debbie Mautone and her sister, who were instrumental in putting this banner together, wanted to donate it to the town so it could be hung in the town hall. She thanked Ms. Mautone, her sister and Jill St. Leger for their participation and donation to our town.

HIGHWAY

Glenn Butler gave an update on the Highway Workshop he attended and on his training classes. He requested the purchase of a used tractor/mower. He said that he has a tractor now and a mower set up that is not working out very well. He said that his main concern is that it is very rough on the employees. Mr. Butler said that he would like to keep the tractor and get rid of the mower. **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Byrne to authorize the Clerk to advertise for tractor/mower, bids returnable at the July 12th board meeting. Discussion. Council. Campisi wanted to know if Mr. Butler knew how much it would cost. Mr. Butler said around \$10,000 to \$20,000. Council. Egan wanted to know what kind of mower. Mr. Butler responded said a roadside mower. Discussion continued. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Mr. Butler brought up the land acquisition – Ridge Road, drainage issue and Salisbury Turnpike Bridge. He said that due to lack of response from landowners that the town stops any further action in acquiring land and proceed with projects within the current right of way.

MOTION by Council. Campisi seconded by Council. Egan to direct the towns' engineer to proceed with the design of the Salisbury Turnpike Bridge, said design to reflect no change to the bridges location. Discussion followed. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

DURST PROJECT

Jack Grumet, ZBA Chairman gave an update on the Durst project. He said that in October of last year Pine Plains enacted a new zoning ordinances that gave them new tools to deal with the Durst proposal and any large-scale development called NND – New Neighborhood Development. It is a floating zone that can occur in any area in Pine Plains over 750 acres. Durst had a pre-application meeting with the Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Town Board in Pine Plains a few months back with a new proposal. The total number of lots in Pine Plains would be 572, and the total number in Milan would be 52, Milan would have the waste sewage treatment plant. Durst also changed the amount of holes for the golf course from 27 to 18. Mr. Grumet said that it is still in the very early stages, and Durst has not made a formal proposal to the town of Pine Plains, but he thought there might be a formal request in the next several months.

Council. Campisi wanted to know how Pine Plains would feel about requiring any proposal that goes in to Pine Plains similarly a proposal coming before the Town of Milan's Planning Board. Mr. Grumet responded saying that he discussed that and had a favorable reaction.

Council. Campisi also wanted to know if Durst was providing more funds to Pine Plains since things have changed. Mr. Grumet thought so. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTION # 8-2010 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Resolution offered by Supervisor Gallagher seconded Council. Egan : BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Milan hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body: Glenn Butler, Highway Superintendent and Catherine Gill, Town Clerk. Discussion. Roll was taken and adopted.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

WATERSHED PROCLAMATION

RESOLUTION # 9 – 2010 Watershed Awareness Proclamation

Resolution offered by Council. Byrne seconded by Council. Egan to proclaim the month of July 2010 as Watershed Awareness Month in the Town of Milan and encourages all municipal officials and citizens and visitors to participate in the scheduled activities to learn more about watersheds: how they contribute to health and the quality of life, the recreational activities they provide , and how daily actions can affect the quantity and quality of waste in the watersheds and to post the following link on the towns' website <http://dutchesswam.com>.

Discussion. Roll was taken and adopted.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Supervisor Gallagher announced that he was appointing Council. Byrne liaison to the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC).

Council. Byrne met with the new members and passed along some information about training classes for them to attend.

RESOLUTION # 10 – 2010 Glucksman Minor Subdivision – Lead Agency

Resolution offered by Council. Mathison seconded by Council. Byrne that the Milan Town Board appoints the Milan Planning Board as lead agency for the Glucksman Minor Subdivision. Roll was taken and adopted.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

SENIOR PICNIC

The Supervisor announced that there would be a Senior Picnic held at Wilcox Park on Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

The Supervisor announced that all town offices will be closed on July 5th because the 4th of July falls on a Sunday.

COMPUTER

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to advertise in the town hall and the web site that the town has used computers for sale and will accept the best offer. Discussion followed. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ross Williams had a question regarding the Glucksman subdivision. He said that it seemed unusual that the town board was deferring to the Planning Board on SEQR. Mr. Williams wanted to know the role of the town board on the subdivision.

The Supervisor responded saying that Karen Buechele presented this document to him and asked that the Town Board give their consent to the Planning Board.

Ross Williams stated that the board does not usually do this.

The Supervisor said that they passed this motion earlier this year regarding the Oyen subdivision.

Diane May stated that the town has an audio history of the town on the Supervisor’s computer. She thought it would be a good idea to have it as a link on the web site for people to view.

Council. Byrne suggested that maybe someone from Bard College would be able to put this together in order to get it on the website.

Ms. May also wanted to know if the town received the grant for the solar panels for the garage.

The Supervisor said yes.

Ms. May wanted to know if the town was going forward with this. The Supervisor said yes.

TRANSFERS

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to transfer \$61.44 from 1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance) to 9055.8 (short-term disability insurance). Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

MOTION by Council. Egan seconded Council. Campisi to transfer the amount of \$2,500 from 1620.4 (Buildings contractual Expense) to the following accounts:

- 1670.4 – Central Printing & Mailing \$ 2,000
- 1460.1 - Records Management Pers. Ser. 455
- 1460.2 – Records Management Equip. 25
- 1410.2 - Town Clerk Equipment 20

Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO - 0

BILLS – The bills were presented to the board for their audit and review. **MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Council. Egan to pay General Abstract #6 Claims # 170-212, totaling \$56,561.25 – Fire Protection Abstract # 6 Claim # 1, totaling \$21,195.00 – Highway Abstract # 6 Claims # 62-73, totaling \$24,108.19 – Escrow Abstract # 6 Claims 11 & 12, totaling \$890.00. Roll was taken and carried

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to adjourn this meeting. (8:35PM) Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 5 Byrne, Campisi, Egan, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gill, Town Clerk