

APRIL 14, 2016 – PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes of a public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening April 14, 2016 at 7:07 PM at the Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, New York.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Rick Morrissey
	Councilman	Richard G. Clinchy
	Councilman	Thomas A. Garrity, Jr.
	Councilman	Anthony J. Ciriaco
	Councilman	William G. Faulkner

ABSENT:

Also present were Patricia Kalba, Town Clerk, Geraldine Gilmore, Deputy Town Clerk and Roland A. Baroni, Jr., Town Attorney.

The Supervisor said that this was a public hearing with regard to a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 46 entitled Police Department to add Article II entitled Residency Requirements to the Code of the Town of Somers.

The Town Clerk presented affidavit of public notice of the public hearing that appeared in the Somers Record on March 31, 2016 and posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board the same day.

The Supervisor declared the hearing open and asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Patrick Bosley, Cortlandt Manor Road, stated that he was a resident of the Town of Somers for 16 years. He said that he recently learned about the proposal to change the Residency Requirements for the Somers Police Department and he wanted to express his opinion. He read a prepared statement with regard to the benefits of having qualified Somers residents on the Somers Police Force.

Councilman Garrity said that the Somers Police Department did a great job and he had been on the Board for the hiring of about five Officers and he has always been happy with the Chief's choices. He said that the Police Chief had requested the modification and he did not see any reason for them to deny his recommendation.

Councilman Ciriaco said that he agreed with Councilman Garrity. He said that the Chief wanted to have a wider pool for the positions that he needed to fill. He said that this did not preclude them from hiring people that lived in Somers.

Councilman Clinchy said that they were always looking to hire the best person for the job. He said that the Chief also asked that this be limited to Putnam and Westchester residents.

The Supervisor said that Mr. Bosley made good points although they were not precluding local hires, they were seeking the best and brightest candidates for the positions.

There being no one else to be heard on motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded by Councilman Ciriaco, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:15 PM.

Town Clerk