

MAY 19, 2011 – SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening May 19, 2011 at 6:20 PM at the Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, New York.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supervisor Mary Beth Murphy
 Councilman Harold R. Bolton
 Councilman Richard G. Clinchy
 Councilman Thomas A. Garrity, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilman Frederick J. Morrissey

Also present was Patricia Kalba, Deputy Town Clerk.

SEAP
Update and
Discussion

The Supervisor said that the first item on the agenda was a discussion with Mr. Herb Oringel, Chairman of the Somers Energy Advisory Panel. Mr. Herb Oringel said that the reason he asked to have this meeting was because they often did not get a chance to show the Board what was going on with the Energy Advisory Panel.

Mr. Oringel said that ICLEI, an organization which they pay \$600.00 a year membership, had awarded the Town with the first of five milestones as a result of completing the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory. He said that they were on the right track and being recognized for that. He explained that the next milestone was to take the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory information and identify where a Climate Action Plan was needed. Mr. Oringel explained the next step in the process to the Board and how this had been done in the Town of Bedford.

Councilman Morrissey present at 6:25 PM.

Mr. Oringel said that Mr. Jerry Robock had been to the Board and discussed the NYSEG lighting proposal for the municipalities. He said that the Somers Energy Advisory Panel had purchased four kilowatt meters, which get plugged into the wall and then the appliance into the meter and it showed how much electricity the appliance used. He said that they were in the Library and the residents will be able to borrow them as they would a book. Councilman Clinchy said that if he remembered correctly the meter will tell you how much money would be spent that year. Councilman Morrissey said that a friend of his was Electrician and installed one in his home. Mr. Oringel said that the meter cost about \$25.00. He said that they had also purchased 200 CFL light bulbs that they would be handing out at the Independence Day Celebration. Councilman Morrissey said that the New York State Health Department puts out a flyer with regard to disposal or breakage of the CFL light bulbs and he suggested that he hand them out as well. Councilman Clinchy suggested that they let people know where the bulbs could be recycled as well. Councilman Morrissey said that they can just be thrown out in the regular trash.

Mr. Oringel said with regard to the Energize Program, which he had spoken to the Board about in the past was on it's way in the Town Bedford and gave the Board a handout with regard to the program. He said that once the pilot was done in the Town of Bedford it would be moving to other municipalities in the consortium. He said that would be when they would be advertising and promoting the plan more than they had already. Mr. Oringel said that they would be using some of grant money to do the promotion and buying some of the marketing materials.

Mr. Oringel said that the consortium submitted another grant application, which was different than the one that they did two years ago. He said that this dealt with units that were one to four units per resident. He explained that this would apply to the Condos in Heritage Hills. Councilman Bolton suggested that Mr. Oringel contact the individual Condo Presidents. Discussion ensued with regard to how the programs and the grant worked, how it could apply to Somers and the possibility of using PACE Financing.

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Mr. Oringel said that they were making real progress and it was being recognized. He said that they had won an EPA award for Environmental Quality. He said that everywhere he goes he gets really positive vibes

Mr. Oringel said that he was frustrated by the lack dedication and the small number of people willing to work on the Panel. He said that he would like to have the Board consider broadening the original charter to include Environmental integration. Discussion ensued with regard to the expanding of the Panel, changing the name of the Panel and membership. The Supervisor suggested that she would circulate the resolution creating the Panel to the Board and Mr. Oringel and then he could make some recommendations as to what he would like to see changed in that resolution. She said then they could circulate the changes among the Board and see if everyone was agreeable to the changes. Mr. Oringel said that would be great. Councilman Clinchy suggested that the Board could place the openings on the Panel on the agenda.

Mr. Oringel said that he would like to also be notified when the Legislator came so that he could get involved in some of the Energy projects that they were doing.

Councilman Clinchy asked Mr. Oringel if the grant that they were able to get the services of Mr. Maricic and Mr. Robock was for one year when did that expire. Mr. Oringel said that had about another four to five months. Councilman Clinchy asked if there was a way to renew that grant. Mr. Oringel said that was something to think about.

The Supervisor said that the next item was with to announce that they received formal notification of their intent to develop an ICF (Intermediate Care Facility) at their current Administration Building by Opengate on Warren Street. She said that this will be on the June agenda as well. She said that she served on the Board of Directors of Opengate; therefore she would be recusing herself from any discussion with regard to this issue. The Supervisor said that there were steps that needed to be taken if the Town wanted to take any action and explained that to the Board.

Consensus
Agenda

The next item was the consensus agenda. Councilman Clinchy asked what item number 3 was with regard to. The Supervisor explained that the Town had been part of the Urban County Consortium in the past and it was the CDBG funding. She said that the Board needed to have a response to the County by June 3, 2001. She said that CDBG was the grant program in which the County distributes money. The Supervisor said that part of the County's settlement agreement required that certain things of the Town. She explained that in 2005 the Town agreed to become a participating member CDBG and that 2005 agreement had an automatic renewal which eliminated the need for each municipality to execute agreement. She said that if they wanted to opt out of the agreement the Board would have to adopt a resolution to do so by June 3rd. The Supervisor read to the Board the stipulations that would be placed on the Town if they did not opt out. She said that she felt that it would be wise for the Town to opt out at this point. Councilman Garrity agreed with the Supervisor. Councilman Clinchy asked what the down side of opting out would be. The Supervisor said that they would lose the opportunity to get CDBG money. She explained that over the years the Town had gotten a Van or two with that funding. She said that they did not receive a lot of money from that. Councilman Bolton asked with regard to item number 5 why they were making that change. The Supervisor explained that it was changed a year ago for better rates and that company would not insure the Town Police Officers because they only work 20 hours a week. She said that the new company would cost the Town more although they were required to provide the Police with Life Insurance. Councilman Bolton asked what the difference in the amount was. The Supervisor said that she would send an e-mail with regard to the cost difference. She said with regard to item number 7 this was something else that needed to be done by June 3rd. Councilman Bolton asked if the base to the monument had been repaired. The Supervisor said that it had not been although they had been working on it. She explained that there had been some back and forth with the Insurance Company although she felt that they were in a good place and going to be moving forward.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Murphy, seconded by Councilman Morrissey, it was unanimously,

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Urban
County
Consortium

3. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the opt out option of Urban County Consortium for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds for FY 2012-2014 (May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2015 per letter dated May 12, 2011 from Norma V. Drummond, Deputy Commissioner.

Contract with
Hudson Valley
Roofing & Sheet
Metal & accept
Performance
Bond

4. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute contract with Hudson Valley Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of \$39,727. for the repairing of partial roof, chimney and cupola windows at the Somers Library located at 80 Primrose Street (Rt. 139,) Somers, New York and,

DOES HEREBY, accept Performance Bond No. RNS 127496 in the amount of \$39,727. for same.

Change in
Term Life
Insurance

5. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize change in Term Life Insurance carriers to The Standard Life Insurance Company per memo dated May 18, 2011 from Mary Beth Murphy, Supervisor.

Accept
reduced
Irrevocable
Standby Letter
of Credit

6. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize acceptance of reduced Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #S930059188 in the amount of amount of \$695,540.00 for the Somers Estates LLC with an extended expiration date of May 19, 2012 per memo dated May 18, 2011 from Steven Woelfle, Principal Engineering Technician.

Authorize
Eagle Scout
Project

7. RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Eagle Scout Project created by Cameron Sheehan as recommended by the Historic Properties Board for new landscaping around Old Bet per memo dated May 19, 2011 from the Historic Properties Board.

Thereupon motion of Councilman Garrity, seconded by Supervisor Murphy, the meeting was declared closed at 7:20 PM.

Deputy Town Clerk