

JULY 22, 2010 – SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening July 22, 2010 at 7:40 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       Frederick J. Morrissey  
                  Councilman       Thomas A. Garrity, Jr.

ABSENT:

Also present was Kathleen R. Pacella, Town Clerk.

The Supervisor said that this was a special meeting with regard to the hiring of an Assistant Court Clerk. Supervisor Murphy explained that they had gotten a memo from the judges asking that we hire Ms. Gumbs at Grade 4 Step 3 with a salary of \$40,090.00. She said that as she was reviewing all the paperwork that had gone on in connection with this she noticed that Ms. Gumbs had actually answered yes to the original canvass that was done at \$37,789.00. She further explained that she called Ms. Gumbs and asked her if she would accept the job at \$37,789.00, and she replied that she would. She told her that the Board would be discussing this in a meeting July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Supervisor Murphy said that it would be appropriate to hire Ms. Gumbs at \$37,789.00. She said that she respects the judges as to who they want to hire but it is the Town Board that sets the salaries.

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Patricia Gumbs as Assistant Court Clerk (probationary) effective July 18, 2010 at an annual salary of \$37,789.00, Grade 4, Step 1 of the CSEA Contract with a one year probation period and,

DOES HEREBY, place her on administrative leave until July 26, 2010 and,

DOES HEREBY, move to petition the State for a waiver of the residency requirement that the Assistant Court Clerk be a resident of the municipality in and by which they are employed and,

FURTHERMORE, authorizes Diana Dopman to stay on as Court Clerk Part Time at her existing hourly rate until August 6, 2010.

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Somers does hereby request that State Senator Vincent L. Leibell, III and State Assemblyman Greg Ball introduce the necessary legislative amendments in order to exempt the Town of Somers from the provision of Town Law and Public Officers Law requiring that an Assistant Court Clerk be a resident of the municipality in and by which they are employed.

Councilman Garrity said that for the record the Supervisor did a fantastic job saving the Town money. The other Board members agreed with Councilman Garrity.

A short discussion ensued with the Board regarding the Retirement Incentive. No actions were taken.

Thereupon motion of Supervisor Murphy seconded by Councilman Garrity the meeting was declared closed at 8:00 PM.

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Town Clerk