

STONY POINT TOWN BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Stony Point Community Center (Rho Building), 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY. Supervisor Geoffrey Finn called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk, Joan Skinner, called the following roll:

PRESENT:	Mr. Karl Javenes	Councilman
	Mr. James McDonnell	Councilman
	Mr. James White	Councilman
	Ms. Luanne Konopko	Councilwoman
	Mr. Geoffrey Finn	Supervisor

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC INPUT

Edward Klouda, Wayne Ave. – wished the new board good luck and urged them to “get the town back on track.”

George Potanovic – Old Gate Hill Rd. spoke regarding:

- Proper cleanup of Lovett Plant property
- United Water’s proposed de-sal plant

Susan Filgueras, Mott Farm Rd, Tomkins Cove spoke regarding:

- Pyngyp School attaining National & State historic designation
- Stony Point Historical Society sponsoring:
 - Fundraiser – looking for recipes for cookbook
 - March 25th meeting at Rho Bldg – 2-4 pm
 - April 15th “Pyngyp School Reunion” at St. John Devine Church

Lily Ann Wilson, Fonda Dr. asked if the Town of Stony Point would be represented at the public hearing for the proposed United Water de-sal plant.

Ava Seavey, Buckberg Rd. urged the Town Board not to turn rateables away.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a roll call vote of all board members present to approve the following purchase orders:

Golf Course			
PO#2373	Metro Turf Specialties		\$8,925.00
Highway			
PO#2372	A&F Tire		\$1,335.00
PO#2379	Cedar Pond Tree & Landscaping		\$2,450.00
PO#2380	Corsi Tire		\$1,940.00
PO#2381	Atzl, Scatassa & Zigler		\$5,900.00
Police			
PO#2383	Culhane’s AC & Refrigeration, Inc.		\$3,475.00
Sewer			
PO#2367	Clean Waters Inc.		\$1,594.00

AUDIT OF BILLS

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk, presented the following bills to the Town Board for audit and a motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the bills as presented for payment.

Contractual General – September

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>BILL TOTAL</u>	<u>FUND TOTAL</u>
General	72-79A	\$ 21,432.77	\$ 21,432.77
Highway	17-19	\$ 8,678.00	\$ 8,678.00
Special Districts			
Enterprise	19-20	\$ 445.31	\$ 445.31

MINUTES – None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/BUSINESS – None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Konopko read the following report:

As most of you already know, the Stony Point Economic Development Committee is an advisory committee made up of volunteers who are committed to helping identify ways in which we can improve our business climate. Active Committee members include Luanne Konopko, Steve Porath, Larry Brissing, Barnaby Joyce, Janet Guerra, Frank Collyer, Karen Ann Nigro, Noreen Ann Smith, Lilly Ann Wilson, Kathy Leroy, Malcolm Dean, Ruth Aspinall, Bruce Smith, and Karl Javenes.

I’ve been reporting regularly on our initiatives at Town Board meetings, but I want to summarize them here. To date, we have:

- Proposed a plan for the redevelopment of the Liberty Drive Retail Corridor.
- Proposed a plan to create a Town Center District at the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive.
- Established a “Flow Chart” subcommittee to identify and outline the steps for opening a business in Stony Point, the fact-finding process for which led to a number of suggestions that could help make the Town more “business friendly.”
- One such suggestion was to create a Steering Committee that works with prospective applicants before their applications are actually filed in an effort to streamline the process and contain their costs. This Steering Committee—made up of members of the Town Board, the Building Inspector, members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Economic Development Committee, and the Town Engineer—has been formed and has already met with three prospective applicants to guide them through application procedures, identify potential obstructions to their projects, and discuss ways in which they might properly overcome those obstacles.
- Established a Film Commission that is in the process of creating a marketing plan with collateral materials to help attract more film and television production companies to Stony Point.
- Established a Beautification Committee to improve Stony Point’s “curb appeal.” The subcommittee is currently trying to wade through the State’s permitting process in order to install park benches, planters, etc., along Liberty Drive.
- Researched, wrote and distributed a Request for Expressions of interest for the development of the Patriot Hills complex.
- Been researching Brownfields Redevelopment funding from the State and Federal governments and preparing relevant documentation for applications.
- Renewed our vow to help Dave Fusco market the Patriot Hills Golf Club.

We will continue to present our ideas to the Town Board and submit materials for approval before distribution to the public. Some of our larger initiatives, however, require the early involvement of the entire Town Board. These are the Liberty Drive Retail Corridor Redevelopment Plan and the creation of the Town Center District. I would like to schedule a formal discussion at an upcoming meeting to identify the steps we need to

take in order to move forward. On behalf of the entire Committee, I thank you for your support.

Councilwoman Konopko also spoke about filming locations being sought in the Hudson Valley area.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Finn gave an update on his first 24 days in office:

- Open Door Policy – his office is opened to everyone and urged residents to bring forth ideas as to what the people of Stony Point want and need.
- Town Employees – commended the employees of the Town for “a job well done” and for the care and concern they show to the residents.
- Equalization Rate – attended first meeting regarding Stony Point’s equalization rate and will keep everyone informed regarding the process.
- Seniors - has not yet had the opportunity to attend any senior meetings but will do so soon.
- Department Heads – has meant with department heads to discuss what needs to be done going forward, especially regarding the muni pool.
- Will be meeting with the Mayor of Monroe to discuss planning ideas.
- WRCCR – speaks on the radio every Thursday morning at 8:45 am
- Intends to honor those Stony Pointers who are and continue to be community oriented.
- Encouraged everyone to attend Town Board meetings.

GOLF COURSE REPORT – None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

USE OF RHO BUILDING – Ambulance Corp Auxiliary

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of all board members present to approve the request by Stony Point Ambulance Corps Auxiliary to host a Boutique Fundraiser at the RHO Building on Saturday May 5, 2012.

RECREATION DEPT – Activities

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko, seconded by Councilman White and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of all board members present to approve the bus trips scheduled for New City Cinema and Bounce in Valley Cottage, both trips will have a fee of \$15.00.

USE OF FACILITIES – AAU Basketball Tournament

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of all board members present to approve the request for AAU Basketball to host their annual tournament on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Kirkbride Hall, a donation of \$600 will be given for use of this facility.

DECEMBER 2012 MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Supervisor Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to cancel the Town Board meeting scheduled for December 25, 2012.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Konopko and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the following Town of Stony Point Safety Committee Mission Statement:

The primary objective of the Safety Committee is to provide support to enhance the Town of Stony Point’s Safety Program. In addition to this primary mission,

the Safety Committee encourages Employees to participate in the safety process for the betterment of all concerned.

The personal safety and health of each Employee of the Town of Stony Point is of primary importance. The prevention of occupationally induced injuries and illness is our principal purpose. To the greatest degree possible, this Committee will provide employees a voice to management to ensure all mechanical and physical facilities required for personal safety and health are controlled and maintained in keeping with the highest standards.

In carrying out its primary mission, the Town of Stony Point in conjunction with the Safety Committee and all Town Employees are committed to five basic principles:

1. Help to formulate and disseminate policies, practices and procedures that promote health and safety.
2. Consult with the Supervisor on any proposed or actual changes in health and safety policies, practices and procedures proposed by the committee.
3. Assist management in the planning of action on occupational health and safety. This will include helping to set priorities to control hazards.
4. Act as a problem solving group to help with the identification and control of hazards and accidents.
5. Help to resolve health and safety issues.

BID – Senior Bus Transportation

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Supervisor Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to reject the bid for senior bus transportation submitted by J&R Tours as non-responsive and defective as to the bid calculations; reject the bid submitted by Enchanted Tours as non-responsive for not submitting the required information called for in the bid specifications, including but not limited to financial reports; and to award the bid to West Point Tours in the amount of \$17,480.

BID – Zachary Taylor Drainage

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to reject the bid of RAM Construction as non-responsive, based on the review and opinion of the Town Engineer, in that the Town Engineer opined that the materials alone would cost well over \$12,500, and the Board awarded the bid to the next lowest bidder, Calmart Enterprises at \$29,292 for the drainage work project on Zachary Taylor Drive.

REVIEW AND APPROVE RETIREMENT PAYOUTS

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all the board members present to authorize the retirement payouts, as submitted by the Financial Director, for Kevin O'Connor, Cornelius Smith, and Christopher Smith.

SPECIAL SEGMENT RATE

Special Counsel Brian Nugent reported that papers were filed in December in Albany County on behalf of the Town, challenging New York State's "Ten Percent Rule" as arbitrary and unconstitutional. This rule essentially says that if there is an error and Stony Point taxpayers are paying more than they should, if the error is not more than 10%, the state will not consider changing it. The matter is currently pending in the court with a return date of February 17, 2012.

DECLARE WEAPON AS SURPLUS

No action was taken on this matter.

NYSBOC CONFERENCE – Building & Fire Inspectors

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Supervisor Finn and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of all board members present to approve the

Building Inspector's request for himself and the Fire Inspector to attend the NYSBOC conference in New York City, February 19, 20, 21, 2012 at a cost of \$100.00 each for a total of \$200.00. Parking and meals are not included in the daily total.

NYS ASSOCIATION OF TOWN SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by voice vote of all board members present to approve the Superintendent of Highway's request to attend the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways Conference in Albany on March 6, 7, 2012, at a cost of \$142.00 for hotel accommodations.

TURFGRASS SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Supervisor Finn and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all members present to approve the Greens Keeper's request to attend the Turfgrass Southeast Regional Conference, January 25, 2012 at a cost of 195.00.

PATRIOT HILLS GOLF COURSE – Seasonal Employees

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all members present to rehire the following seasonal employees for 2012 golf course maintenance at \$12.17 per hour: Jose Deleon, Rafael Moncion, Pedro Delosangles, Richard Hernandez, Louis Reyes, Odelis Veras, Andre Vasquez, and Pedro Taveras.

APPOINTMENT – Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by Councilman Javenes and seconded by Councilman White to appoint Joseph Anginoli to a five-year term on the Stony Point Zoning Board of Appeals.

The following roll call vote was recorded and the motion was **denied**:

AYES: Mr. Javenes, Mr. White

NAYS: Mr. McDonnell, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Finn

ABSTAIN: None

APPOINTMENT – Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by Councilwoman Konopko and seconded by Councilman McDonnell to appoint Steve Porath to a five-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Appointment will expire in December 2016.

The following roll call vote was recorded and the motion was **carried**:

AYES: Mr. McDonnell, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Finn

NAYS: Mr. Javenes

ABSTAIN: None

APPOINTMENT – Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilman Javenes and seconded by Councilman McDonnell to appoint Michael Puccio to an unexpired term on the Planning Board; said appointment will expire in December of 2014.

The following roll call vote was recorded and the motion was **unanimously carried**:

AYES: Mr. Javenes, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. White, Mrs. Konopko, Supervisor Finn

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ROCKLAND MOBILE CARE, INC. 2012 AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to approve the 2012 agreement with Rockland Mobile Care, Inc. as revised and approved by Special Counsel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing police department personnel matters at 8:05 pm.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Finn, seconded by Councilman McDonnell and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of all board members present to adjourn the January 24, 2012 Stony Point Town Board meeting at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Skinner
Town Clerk