

**TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING and  
YEAR-END MEETING  
TOWN OF COXSACKIE  
December 29, 2016**

PRESENT: Richard Hanse, Supervisor  
Thomas Burke, Councilman  
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman  
Linda Wilkinson, Councilwoman  
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk

ABSENT: Michael Veeder, Councilman

GUESTS: Karen Pautz, Carlton Wilkinson, Charlie Desrosier

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Richard Hanse with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Thomas Burke, seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried, the public hearing on the proposed fire contracts with Earlton Fire Department and Cocksackie Hose Company No. 3 was opened. Town Clerk presented the legal notice.

There being no comments from the public, a motion to close the hearing at 6:08 pm was made by Linda Wilkinson seconded by Thomas Burke and duly carried.

Supervisor reported on the following matters:

Expiration of terms – Mark Maraglio, Board of Assessment Review, William Whitbeck, Planning Board and John Raffiani, Zoning Board of Appeals. All have indicated their interest in continuing to serve on these boards.

Thomas Burke made a motion which was seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried to make the reappointments as presented above.

Ayes: 4 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Wilkinson      Absent: 1 – Veeder

The Town received a cash offer for the purchase of Town Hall in the amount of \$210,000; the purchase offer was presented. The prospective buyers would like to move in upstairs and begin renovation upon closing. Discussion on the possibility of the Town renting back until the new building is completed. The binder has been forwarded to attorney Tailleur. There is no contract yet and all terms can be negotiated. Thomas Burke made a motion accepting the offer and authorizing the Supervisor to sign pending Joan's approval. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 4 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Wilkinson      Absent; 1 – Veeder

Mark Misuraca Jr. approached Rick about his EMT Certification which will expire in January. He does not want to renew his certification but would like to remain employed as a driver. Rick told Mark that in accordance with Town policy, paid drivers are no longer hired. Currently there are two paid drivers and two volunteer drivers. The board was not in favor of making an exception to the policy. Supervisor was asked to speak with Mark and encourage him to reconsider his position.

The rig from Hunter is available and the Chief will be picking it up on Monday. Purchase of the same was previously approved--the check is included on the abstract being approved for payment this evening.

Town Clerk reported that the final environmental impact statement for the new jail has been adopted and is on file for public review.

Patrick stated that he and the Supervisor had a productive union meeting with EMS; there should be a resolution soon. They are trying to negotiate a two year contract.

A motion to accept the budget transfers as presented was made by Thomas Burke seconded by Linda Wilkinson and duly carried.

Ayes: 4 – Hanse, Burke, Kennedy, Wilkinson      Absent: 1 - Veeder

General Fund and Highway bills in the amount of \$43,104.46 were audited on abstract #23, voucher numbers 2016-881 through 2016-914.

Capital H Fund payment approved in the amount of \$4,900 check number 290.

At 6:30 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Thomas Burke, seconded by Linda Wilkinson and duly carried.

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Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk