**AT THE WORKSHOP MEETING**

of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh held

at 1496 Route 300 in said township at 7:00 p.m.

on Monday the 27th of January, 2025

**Present** Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

Scott Manley, Councilman

*A*nthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

James Politi, Councilman

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor

**Also Present** Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Town Clerk

*Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**4. CHANGES TO AGENDA- Remove 10B**

**5. ACCOUNTING:**

**A. Approval of the Audit**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the audit in the amount of

$4,287,677.75. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero - yes;

Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo-yes; Councilman Politi-yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio - yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**B. Budget Transfer**

Ronald E Clum, Town Accountant is requesting approval for a budget transfer to cover end

of year expenses in the total amount of $13,000.00.

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| From: | Account Number: | 8130.5458.5010 |  |
|  | Account Description: | Repairs to Transmissions/Collection System | Amount: $13,000.00 |
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| To: | Account Number: | 8130.5452.5010 |  |
|  | Account Description: | Vehicle Contract Repairs | Amount: $5,000.00 |
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| To: | Account Number: | 8130:5466.5010 |  |
|  | Account Description: | Operating Supplies | Amount: $3,000.00 |
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| To: | Account Number: | 8130.5472.5010 |  |
|  | Account Description: | Consultant Fees | Amount: $ 5,000.00 |
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|  |  |  | Total: $13,000.00 |

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MOTION made by Councilman Manley as presented to approve a budget transfer to cover

end of year expenses in the total amount of $13,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman

Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero - yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman

LoBiondo- yes; Councilman Politi - yes; Supervisor Piaquadio -yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0

no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**C. Setting Rate for Part Timer Employees**

Supervisor Gil Piaquadio is looking for a motion to increase the hourly wage for part-time

permanent Town of Newburgh Employees to make no less than $20.00 per hour with no

retroactive pay.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve an hourly wage increase for part-time

permanent Town of Newburgh employees to make no less than $20.00 per hour with no

retroactive pay. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero - yes;

Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo- yes; Councilman Politi- yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio - yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**6. POLICE: Part-Time Court Officer**

Donald B. Campbell, Chief of Police is requesting approval to appoint Brian McGorman to the position of Part-Time Court Officer with a starting date on or after February 10th 2025 pending physical and fingerprinting. The position has a starting salary of $23.81 per hour and is not to exceed an average of 20 hours per week or 1040 hours in one calendar year.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the appointment of Brian McGorman to the position of Part-Time Court Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo.

VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero - yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo- yes; Councilman Politi- yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**7. RECREATION:**

**A. 2025 O.C. USSSA Umpire Service Agreement**

Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation James Presutti, is requesting approval

for new service agreement for 2025 O.C. USSSA Umpires. The rate for the 2025 season has

remained the same as last year. The agreement is set for two officials at $37.00 each per

slow pitch softball games.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the new service agreement for 2025

O.C. USSSA Umpires. Motion seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo- yes; Councilman Politi- yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**B. Sealed Bus Bids**

Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation James Presutti, is requesting the

approval to establish a sealed bid for 2025 busing. Senior citizen, youth/adult and summer

camp trips are attached with dates, times, and destinations. Lisa Ayers, Town Clerk will

coordinate with Donna from the Recreation Department to set up a date.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve a sealed bid for 2025 busing. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero -yes; Councilman Manley

- yes; Councilman LoBiondo-yes; Councilman Politi- yes; Supervisor Piaquadio -yes. Motion

Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**8. JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES: Rate for 2025**

Gil Piaquadio, Town supervisor, presented Friends of Seniors renewal agreement in the

amount of $7,500.00. This agreement between Jewish Family Service and the Town of

Newburgh Friendly Visitor Program, regarding the Friend of Seniors, seeks to solidify

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partnership between the two organizations. This agreement outlies the responsibilities of

each organization, in hopes of ensuring a sound working relationship. This agreement is to be

reviewed and renewed annually.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve The Friends of Seniors renewal

agreement in the amount of $7,500.00. MOTION seconded by Councilman Politi. VOTE:

Councilman Ruggiero -yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo-yes; Councilman

Politi- yes; Supervisor Piaquadio -yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**9. RESOLUTION: Freedom of Information Law, Policy for Release of Employee Disciplinary Records**

Mark Taylor, Attorney for the Town presented a resolution to adopt a policy on notifying

employees of release of disciplinary records in response to foil requests. As brought to our

attention by Town Clerk/FOIL Officer Lisa M. Vance Ayers, the States Freedom of Information

Law (FOIL) was recently amended to require all agencies to develop a policy regarding

providing notification to public employees (including former law enforcement/other

employees) in the event the agency in providing a response to a request for an employee’s

disciplinary records.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to adopt a policy on notifying employees of release

of disciplinary records in response to foil records. Motion seconded by Councilman

LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero -yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo

-yes; Councilman Politi- yes; Supervisor Piaquadio -yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain;

0 absent

**10. ANIMAL CONTROL:**

**A. T-94 Withdrawal Newburgh Veterinary Hospital**

Tracey Carvell of Animal Control is requesting authorization to use the T-94 to pay for

veterinarian services from Newburgh Veterinary hospital for $364.80 for canine services,

$1158.66 for feline services for a total amount of $1523.46.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve to use the T-94 account to pay for

veterinary services to Newburgh Veterinary Hospital in the total amount of $1523.46.

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero - yes; Councilman

Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo-yes; Councilman Politi- yes; Supervisor Piaquadio –

yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**~~B. Discussion on Rates -~~**

**11. HIGHWAY: 2 (Two) Truck Body & Plow’s Bid**

Mark Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval for a go out to bid for 2 (two)

Truck Body’s & Plows for Single Axle Class 8 Truck. The dates will be worked out with the

Town Clerk’s Office.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve a go out to bid for 2 (two) Truck Body’s

& Plows for the Single Axle Class 8 Truck. The dates will be worked out with the Town

Clerk’s Office. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo- yes; Councilman Politi- yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**12. ASSESSOR:**

**A. Volunteer Firefighter Tax Exemption**

Molly Carhart, Town Assessor present a memo regarding the Volunteer Firefighter and

Ambulance Volunteer Exemption.

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Property Location Requirements:

The property must also be located in a city, town or village that is served by the

incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or ambulances service of which

the applicant is an enrolled member. At local option, the exemption may also be granted

to volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance workers who provide volunteer services

to a neighboring city, village, town, county, or school district.

If you enact the local option, it would impact the volunteers who serve in the Milton,

Marlboro and Modena VFDs. The volunteers with the exemption have it applied only to

the school tax bill. If the Town passes the local option, it will apply to the Town and

Highway portion of the county and town bill.

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to approve the Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance

Volunteer Exemption per Mark Taylor preparing a local Law. Motion seconded by

Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –yes; Councilman Manley - yes;

Councilman LoBiondo- yes; Councilman Politi- yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion

Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**B. Tax Certiorari- JP Morgan Chase Bank (As Tenant) Webb Properties, Inc.**

Molly Carhart, Town Assessor is requesting approval for the Settlement of Tax Certiorari (2021,

2022, 2023, and 2024); JP Morgan Chase Banks (as tenant) WEBB Properties INC. The settlement

provides for reductions for 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 in Assessed Value of $14,4000 From

$364,000 to $350,000. The 2023 Assessed Value will hold for the 2025, 2026, and 2027

assessment rolls pursuant to the provisions of RPTL Section 727, Subject to the statutory

exceptions. The charts indicate that the refund liability for the town (including Highway but not

including special districts and the Fire District) will be approximately $832.12 versus claimed

refund liability under the settlement will be approximately $14,388.72. The Goodwill Fire

District’s refund liability under the settlement will be approximately $350.56. The Newburgh

School District’s refund liability will be approximately $4,057.32, with an additional Library

refund of approximately $209.95. The School District’s attorneys will also be signing the

Stipulation of Settlement.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Settlement of Tax Certiorari (2021,

2022, 2023, and 2024). Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley - yes; Councilman LoBiondo- yes; Councilman Politi-

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio - yes. Motion Passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent

**Supervisor Piaquadio asked for a motion to go into Executive Session**

**13. Executive Session: CSEA Contract**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to go into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley –

yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes .

Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to leave Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley –

yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes .

Motion passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

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**Supervisor Piaquadio announced that no action was taken during Executive Session**

Supervisor Piaquadio asked for a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of

Newburgh and the CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the MOA 2025-2027 agreement

between the Town of Newburgh and the CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley –

yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – abstain; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes

Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain; 0 absent.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Politi to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion seconded

by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes;

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Councilman Politi – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion

passed: 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

*Meeting adjourned at7:48 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Dominique Rivera

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk