**AT THE PUBLIC 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 13th of May, 2024

**Present** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

Anthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

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

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Dawnmarie Busweiler, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent**

*Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**4. CHANGES TO AGENDA: #6 before #5**

**5. PRESENTATION BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 1420**

The American Legion presented an award to Supervisor Piaquadio and the entire Council for

there donation in the amount of $3,500 for veterans.

**6. MEMORIAL PHOTO FOR COUNCILWOMAN ELIZABETH (Betty) GREENE**

**7.** **ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:**

**A. Approval of Audit**

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

$1,268,093.14. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

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

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

**B. Review Status Report and Budget Status Report for April 2024**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Status Report and Budget Status

Report for April 2024. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**8. RECREATION:**

**A. Award of Community Day Fireworks Display**

Jim Presutti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, is requesting approval to select the

vendor for the 2024 Community Day Fireworks display. The one quote received was from

July 4 Ever & Rocco Polifrone.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the vendor July 4 Ever & Rocco Polifrone

for the 2024 Community Day Fireworks display. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo.

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 absent; 0 abstain.

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**B. Request to Hire Seasonal Laborer**

Jim Presutti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval to hire Joseph

Finch as a Seasonal Laborer. Mr. Finch will be hired at the rate of $17.31/hour. This

position is currently funded in the 2024 Recreation Department budget. The start date for

this position will be on or after May 13th ending September 8th.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the hiring of hiring Joseph Finch as a

Seasonal Laborer for the Recreation Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**C. Budget Transfer**

Jim Presutti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval for a budget

transfer in the amount of $19,700, from the Parkland Trust account to a Capital Project

Fund for the replace playground equipment.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo as presented to approve the budget transfer in

the amount of $19,700 from the Parkland Trust account to a Capital Project Fund for the

replacement playground equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE:

Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**D. Purchase of Playground Equipment**

Jim Presutti, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval to accept the

quote from Pettinelli & Associates to purchase the replacement playground equipment,

upon approval of the transfer from the Parkland Trust.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero as reflected to approve to accept the quote from

Pettinelli & Associates to purchase the replacement playground equipment. Motion seconded

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

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain;

0 absent.

**9. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**A. Parks and Recreation Department**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, James Presutti, reported that soccer is starting to

wrap up, softball started. Jim just had a meeting with the construction company for the

recreation project and that went well. All the pavilion rentals are going quick, call soon.

The new playground equipment includes a handicap accessible swing.

**B. Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent Mark A. Hall Jr., reported that the mowers were out for round

one. Police parking lot scheduled for June. 720 ft. of drainage pipe installed (Lakeside Rd.

& Gardnertown Hill.) 2680 ft. of ditch grading so far (Quaker St., Old Mill, Mountain View

Ave.) Since April, filled one 30 yd. dumpster with garbage. Spring leaf & brush is wrapped

up. Ward has won the blacktop bid and we are meeting with them on Wednesday.

Repaired 37 catch basins. Switching trucks oil/services from miles to hours, half way

through the fleet 400 hours. Storing all our 1-ton sanders up at the Baxter Barn, we fixed

all the doors are cleaned it all out, thanks to Jim Presutti.

**10. ANIMAL CONTROL: T94 Withdrawal**

**A. Flannery Animal Hospital**

Tracey Carvell of Animal Control requests authorization to use T-94 account to pay for

veterinarian services from Flannery Animal Hospital for a total of $50.95 for canine

services.

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve to use T-94 account of $50.95 for

canine services. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

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

**B. Newburgh Veterinary Hospital**

Tracey Carvell of Animal Control requests authorization to use T-94 account to pay for

veterinarian services from Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for a total amount of $228.58

for which $18.00 is for canine services and $210.58 for feline services.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve to use T-94 account to pay for $18.00

for canine services and $210.58 for feline services. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0

absent.

**11. TOWN CLERK: 2nd Deputy Town Clerk Appointment**

Lisa Vance Ayers, Town Clerk is announced the appointment of Dominique Rivera to the

position of 2nd Deputy Town Clerk. Since Ms. Rivera is already an employee in the Town

Clerk’s Office, she has the bare minimum paperwork to do. We are anticipating a start date

of May 20, 2024, and a starting salary of $21.6677 per hour.

No Board Vote needed

**12. POLICE: Purchase Livescan Fingerprint Equipment and Software**

Chief, Donald B. Campbell, is requesting approval to purchase Livescan Fingerprinting

equipment and the necessary software and accessories from Biometrics4all in the amount

of $23,786.50. The purchase of this equipment will be refunded by a grant we have already

been approved for by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. This equipment is

compatible with our current equipment and Biometrics4all also provided a sole source letter

that was also approved by the granting agency.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the purchase of Livescan Fingerprinting

equipment and the necessary software and accessories from Biometrics4all in the amount

of $23,786.50. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

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

**13. JUSTICE COURT: Court Unclaimed Funds**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve unclaimed funds in the amount of

$0.20. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

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

passed: 4 yes; 0 on; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**14. ENGINEERING:**

**A. MHE Chadwick Rec Center- Construction Phase Services**

James Osborne, Town Engineer is requesting approval for the Amendment to Owner-

Engineer Agreement for the Newburgh Recreation Center Design and Bidding Phase

Services for Additional Services to be performed by Engineer and Modifications of

Payment to Engineer.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Amendment to Owner-Engineer

Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

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

**B. Map Plan and Report- Levinson/Old Post Area Water District Extension**

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James Osborne, Town Engineer is requesting approval for the proposal from MHE, DPC for

engineering services associated with the Levinson Heights W.M. Extension.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to accept the approval for the refund to the Water

District upon issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0

absent.

**C. Map Plan and Report- Levinson/Old Post Rd. Water District Improvements**

James Osborne, Town Engineer is requesting approval for Map

Plan and Report-Levinson/Old Post Rd. Water District Improvements.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to accept the Map Plan and Report-Levinson/Old

Post Rd. Water District Improvements. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE:

Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion Passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**D. MHE- Levinson/Old Post Rd. Water Main Extension Engineering Services Agreement**

James Osborne, Town Engineer is requesting approval for the proposal from MHE, DPC for

engineering services associated with the Levinson Heights W.M. Extension. Cost for the

initial phases of the project have been allocated from the Water District’s existing 2024

budget. These costs should be refunded to the Water District upon issuance of a Bond

Anticipation Note for the project.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the proposal from MHE, DPC for

engineering services associated with the Levinson Heights W.M. Extension which is

subject to review. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero

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

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

**E. Domingues Subdivision Private Road Security Release**

Patrick Hines, Rep Engineer for Town of Newburgh is requesting approval to release

security for the Domingues Subdivision. The subdivision contained a private roadway, the

construction was secured in the amount of $90,000.00. The roadway has been

constructed. The roadway is known as Raaby Lane.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the release the security for the

Domingues Subdivision. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman

Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 0 absent.

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No Announcements**

**16. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Bill Fedder Rockwood Drive-** What is the annual town budget, around 12 million?

**Supervisor Piaquadio –** The town budget is around 44 million

**Bill Fedder-** Are the parks materials going into Chadwick Lake?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** Yes, they are. We are replacing old playground equipment and redoing the

playground surface

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**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discuss the Qualifications of an Employee for Part-Time Position**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Motion

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

yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to leave Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Motion

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

yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

Supervisor Piaquadio is requesting a motion to rehire Charlene Black as a part-time Clerk for

the Personnel Office. She will have the same authority as she had when she was full-time.

The only differences will be she will have to punch in and out. We are purposing a start date

of June 17, 2024 with a salary of $35.6691 per hour.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to rehire Charlene Black as a part-time Clerk for the

Personnel Office. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

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

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion seconded

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

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 0 absent.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Dawnmarie Busweiler

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk