**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 25th of November, 2024

**Present** Paul Ruggiero, Councilman

*A*nthony R. LoBiondo, 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

**Absent** Scott Manley, Councilman

*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-No Changes**

**5. ACCOUNTING:**

**A. Approval of the Audit**

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

$2,812,740.96. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**B. Roseton Capital Project Borrowing from Crossroads**

Ronald E. Clum, Town Accountant is requesting approval for Roseton Capital Project

borrowing from Crossroads. Upon going over all the Capital Projects for the year-end close

out we reviewed the status of the Roseton Hills Sewer Plant Upgrade and the fact that the

project cost more than we anticipated and had an overrun of $167,128.69. I am asking for

an authorization to borrow $168,000 from the Crossroads Sewer Fund to the Roseton Hills

Capital Project and that these moneys will be paid back when we get long-term financing

next year when this project is anticipated to start.

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MOTION made Councilman LoBiondo to approve Roseton Capital Project Borrowing from

Crossroads in the amount of $168,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

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

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**C. Budget Adjustments**

Ronald E. Clum, Town Accountant is requesting approval for Budget Adjustments. In

reviewing the year end 2024 Budget Status Report I noticed that the following accounts

were over-budget and will need the following Budget Adjustments.

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| Increase Account | Decrease Account | Amount |
| A-1420-5403 | A-1990-5499 | $120,000.00 |
| Legal-Litigation | Contingency Account |  |
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| A-1964.5800 | A-1964-5499 | $64,600.00 |
| State Retirement-ERS | Refund of Property Taxes |  |
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| A-9015-5800 | A-1964-5499 | $44,943.00 |
| State Retirement-PFRS | Refund of Property Taxes |  |
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| D-9010-5800 | D-1964-5499 | $24,638.00 |
| State Retirement-ERS | Refund of Property Taxes |  |
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| F-9010-5800 | F-1964-5499 | $10,501.00 |
| State Retirement-ERS | Refund of Property Taxes |  |
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| G5010-9060-5800 | G5010-8130-5456 | $45,000.00 |
| Medical Insurance | Contract Treatment Services |  |

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Budget Adjustments as presented.

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

Manley – absent; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed:

3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**D. Close out Capital Projects and Cash Transfers**

Ronald E. Clum, Town Accountant is requesting approval to Close out of Capital Projects

and Cash Transfer. Upon going over all the Capital Projects with Jim Osborne and Patrick

Hines we have determined that the following Capital Projects should be closed out:

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* H.6102 – Generator Purchases
* H.6105 – CLFP-PLC Replacement
* H.7013 – Meadow Hill South Relief
* H.8120 – Mill House Soil Borings

Please authorize the following close outs and the respective cash transfers

* H.6102 and H.6105, transfer the remaining net cash of $54,302.11 back to the Water Fund where the original source of funds came from
* Transfer the remaining cash of $65,328.95 in H7013 back to the Crossroads Sewer where the original source of funds came from
* Transfer the remaining cash of $24,824.72 available in H.8120 to the new Salt Barn capital project (H.8096)

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Close out of Capital Projects and

Cash Transfers as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman

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

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**E. Cash Transfer from Highway to Salt Shed Capital Project (H8096)**

Ronald E. Clum, Town Accountant is requesting approval for Cash Transfer from Highway to

Salt Shed Capital Project (H8096). We budgeted for a $100,000 transfer within the Highway

Fund in the 2024 budget of which $50,000 remains available. Mark Hall and myself would

like to ask the Board to approve the establishment of a Salt Shed Capital Project to start the

funding of this Salt Shed. The new number will be H8096. Please approve a $50,000 cash

transfer from the Highway Fund to the newly created Salt Shed Capital Project.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Cash Transfer from Highway to Salt

Shed Capital Project (H8096) in the amount of $50,000. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1

absent.

**6. POLICE:**

**A. Authorization to Hire Full Time Police Officer (Transfer)**

Donald B. Campbell, Chief of Police is requesting approval to hire the following candidate

Christopher McAvoy as a Full-Time Police Officer. His approval for transfer from Orange

County Human Resources is pending approval. He must complete all the necessary full-

time paperwork, fingerprinting, and drug/alcohol testing. Since he is already a full-time

Police Officer a physical is not required, he had it done when he became a full-time Police

Officer in his other jurisdiction. A start date is anticipated for on or after December 16,

2024.

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the hiring of Christopher McAvoy as a

Full-Time Police Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman

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

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 yes.

**B. Begin the Process to Hire a Part-Time Animal Shelter Helper**

Donald B. Campbell, Chief of Police is requesting approval to begin the search for part-

time Animal Shelter Helper. The position is funded in the Police Department Budget and

has recently become vacant. Fund appropriation number 001-3510-0100.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the search for a part-time Animal

Shelter Helper. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero –

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

yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**C. Lexipol Policy Management**

Donald B. Campbell, Chief of Police is requesting approval to purchase of the Lexipol

Policy Management system. This system would replace our current policy management

system and provides the added benefit of providing policies written and reviewed by

public safety attorneys, automatic updates and training bulletins. The project would

require a one-time implementation fee of $20,285.25 and an annual subscription fee of

$20,709.90. The implementation fee would be paid for utilizing the recently award

Technology Grant. PERMA highly recommends the implementation of Lexipol and offers a

30% reimbursement on the annual subscription fee. As a Sourcewell member the

purchase can be made through Sourcewell awarded contracts. (Budget #A3120.5200).

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Lexipol Policy Management

subjected to Mark Taylor, Town Attorney’s approval. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1

absent.

**D. Purchase Radios and Accessories**

Donald B. Campbell, Chief of Police is requesting approval to purchase 2 additional police

vehicle radios along with the necessary programming to be compatible with our current

system. These radios are the only radios compatible with our current system that was

provided by Orange County. The total cost of the radios, accessories and programming is

$14,913.54. Budget appropriation #3120.5200.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the purchase of 2 additional police

vehicle radios along with the necessary programming in the amount of $14,913.54.

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

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**7. RECREATION: Start the Process to Hire a Full-Time Recreation Attendant**

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

process to hire a full-time Recreation Attendant to replace Markiss Price who has been

transferred to the Water Department. The funds for this position are in the current 2024

budget.

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the process of hiring a full-time

Recreation Attendant. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman

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

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**8. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Start the Process to Hire Full-Time Custodial Worker**

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor is looking for a motion to start the process to hire a full-time

Custodial Worker to replace Gil Piaquadio Jr. who has retired.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to start the process to hire a full-time Custodial

Worker. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**9. AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Amendment to Contract**

Gil Piaquadio, Town Supervisor, presented the Town of Newburgh Emergency Medical

Services Second Amendment and Extension Contract.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Town of Newburgh Emergency Medical

Services Second Amendment and Extension Contract. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**10. RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. Request a Traffic Study of NYS 9W Intersections**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Resolution of Town Board

Requesting Traffic Study of NYS 9W Intersections. Motion seconded by Councilman

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1

absent.

**B. Request for Speed Limit Reduction on Orange County Route 23 (Rock Cut Road and**

**Forest Road) Between NYS Route 17K and The Ulster County Line**

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Resolution of Town Board;

Request for Speed Limit Reduction on Orange County Route 23 (Rock Cut Road & Forest

Road) Between NYS Route 17K and the Ulster County Line. Motion seconded by

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

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 1 absent.

**C. Schedule Public Hearing – Schedule of Fees Local Law Water & Sewer Usage Rates**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to schedule a Public Hearing at 12/9/2024 at

7:00 p.m. for Schedule of Fees Local Law Water & Sewer Usage Rates. Motion seconded

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

Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0

abstain; 1 absent.

**D. REFERRAL Resolution- Zoning Penalties Local Law**

1. **Proposed Local Law Amending Section 185-52 Entitled “Penalties for Offenses;**

**Jurisdiction” of Chapter 185 Entitled “Zoning” of the Code of the Town of**

**Newburgh**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Proposed Local Law

Amending Section 185-52 Entitled “Penalties for Offenses; Jurisdiction” of

Chapter 185 Entitled “Zoning” of the Code of the Town of Newburgh. Motion

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

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

– yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

1. **Proposed Local Law Amending Subsection 157-12H Entitled “Penalties” of Chapter 157 Entitled “Stormwater Management” of the Code of the Town of Newburgh**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Proposed Local Law Amending Subsection 157-12H Entitled “Penalties” of Chapter 157 Entitled “Stormwater Management” of the Code of the Town of Newburgh. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – absent; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

1. **Proposed local Law Amending Subsection 83-14C of Section 83-14 Entitled**

**“Inspections and Penalties for Offenses” of Chapter 83 Entitled “Clearing and Grading” of the Code of the Town of Newburgh**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Proposed Local Law Amending Subsection 83-14C of Section 83-14 Entitled “Inspections and Penalties for Offenses” of Chapter 83 Entitled “Clearing and Grading” of the

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Code of the Town of Newburgh. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes; Councilman Manley – absent; Councilman LoBiondo – yes;

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**11. HIGHWAY: Budget Transfer Request**

Mark Hall, Highway Superintendent is requesting approval for a Budget Transfer:

FROM: TO: AMOUNT:

D.5110.5450 D.5110.5412 $7,450.00

Motor Oil/Fuel Street Paving & Resurfacing

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to approve the Budget Transfer in the amount of

$7,450.00. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilman Ruggiero – yes;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

**12. ENGINEERING: Gardnertown Commons Landscape Security Release**

Patrick J. Hines, Rep. Twon Engineer is requesting approval for Gardnertown Commons

Landscape Security Release – (PB #2016-3). The Town of Newburgh has received a memo

dated 1 November 2024 from Karen Arent, Landscape Architect. Karen’s memo

recommends the release of the balance of the Landscape Security in the amount of

$123,882.16.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Gardnertown Commons Landscape

Security Release in the amount of $123,882.16. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

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

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

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**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Ruggiero to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion seconded by

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

LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 1 absent.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Dawnmarie Busweiler

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk