

**VILLAGE OF AIRMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
7:30 PM**

**PRESENT: PHILIP GIGANTE, MAYOR
PAUL MARCHESANI, DEPUTY MAYOR
ANTHONY VALVO, TRUSTEE
RALPH BRACCO, TRUSTEE
DENNIS COHEN, TRUSTEE
SEAN MACK, VILLAGE ATTORNEY
LISA-ANN DIMARSICO-SMITH, CLERK TO THE BOARD
DANIEL KRAUSHAAR, DEPUTY VILLAGE ATTORNEY
SUZANNE CARLEY, SECRETARY TO THE PLANNING & ZONING
BOARDS
DENNIS LETSON, ALTERNATE VILLAGE ENGINEER
DOUG WHIPPLE, PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN
JEFF KIRBY, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
HELEN SCHWABACKER, PLANNING BOARD MEMEBER
MARTY KIVELL, ZONING BOARD MEMBER
PETER BLUNNIE, ZONING BOARD MEMBER
CHARLIE PICARELLI, ZONING BOARD MEMBER
LAURIE DIFRANCESCO, ZONING BOARD MEMBER**

ALSO PRESENT: STUART STROW, CENTERPOINT ENGINEERING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gigante called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSIONS

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR THE VILLAGE OF AIRMONT
REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Discussion on Comprehensive Plan review to provide greater definition of Zoning Codes. The Planning and Zoning Boards were polled and were unanimously in favor of a moratorium while the changes are being considered.

**ORANGE & ROCKLAND UTILITIES LETTER
REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING
FOR THE OCTOBER HILL SUBDIVISION**

Request for O&R to provide a new proposal. Clarification and detailed response requested.

**REQUEST INVOLVEMENT FROM THE VILLAGE OF AIRMONT FOR A
PEACE EXHIBITION INITIATIVE TO UTILIZE ART AS A MEDIUM
FOR RAISING AWARENESS FOR PEACE BY THE HEAVENLY
CULTURE WORLD PEACE, RESTORATION OF LIGHT
ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED BY THE UNITED NATIONS**

The Board requested presentation. TBD

**R.A.D. (RAPE, AGGRESSION, DEFENSE) TRAINING CLASS DATES
TO BE APPROVED AT THE CHRISTOPHER ST. LAWRENCE CENTER**

Tentative dates are: October 20, 27 November 3, 10

**COUNTY OF DUTCHESS REQUEST FOR THE VILLAGE OF AIRMONT
TO ADOPT “THINK DIFFERENTLY” INITIATIVE**

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE “THINK DIFFERENTLY” INITIATIVE TO ASSIST
INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, the “Think Differently” initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and

WHEREAS, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publicly supported services available to them in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, adopting the “Think Differently” initiative is an important statement that our Village officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Airmont residents and business owners adopt the “Think Differently” initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

Trustee Bracco moved the motion and Trustee Valvo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Gigante declared the motion carried and directed the Clerk to file same.

**REQUEST FOR RETURN OF PERMIT FEES FOR MIKE HOEWSCH TANK
COMPANY**

Table - Get opinion of Building Inspector

**CREATE JOB SPECIFICATIONS TO ESTABLISH AN ASSISTANT
SECRETARY TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS**

Clerk will submit to Rockland County Personnel

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO AMEND LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2014 – BLOCK PARTY
APPLICATION**

Table – Attorney review

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

9/19/16 – Trustee Cohen made a motion to approve the vouchers of September 19, 2016 in the amount of \$21,196.33 seconded by Trustee Marchesani; Trustee Bracco was opposed. (He signed only the vouchers that he agreed with). After discussion Trustee Cohen made a motion to approve the amended vouchers in the amount of \$21,006.41 seconded by Trustee Marchesani; Trustee Bracco still opposed. Mayor Gigante declared the motion carried 3 in favor and 1 opposed and directed the Clerk to file same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09/06/16 – Trustee Cohen moved the motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2016 seconded by Trustee Marchesani. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MAYORS REPORT

Presentation of the Village of Airmont's 2nd Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest flyer.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO HIRE CLEANING SERVICES CONTRACTOR, MIRROR FLOOR WAXING COMPANY TO CLEAN AND WAX THE FLOORS IN THE SENIOR CENTER AND THE COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM AT HIRE; SERVICES AT A COST OF NO MORE THAN \$ 2,100

Trustee Bracco moved the motion, seconded by Trustee Valvo. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Gigante declared the motion carried and directed the Clerk to file same.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE, CONTRACTS AND LITIGATION

Trustee Marchesani moved the motion to enter Executive Session at 9:33 PM and Trustee Cohen seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bracco made a motion to end the Executive Session at 10:35 PM, seconded by Trustee Marchesani. All were in favor and the motion carried.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

MOTION TO EXTEND EMPLOYMENT OF GIANNA DIMARSICO ON A TEMPORARY PART TIME BASIS NOT TO EXCEED 17 HOURS PER WEEK AT \$15 PER HOUR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2016.

Trustee Bracco moved the motion, seconded by Trustee Valvo. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Gigante declared the motion carried and directed the Clerk to file same.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY VILLAGE ATTORNEY OR THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE VILLAGE OF AIRMONT REGARDING THE ARTICLE 78 PROCEEDING FILED BY ROBERT L. REDA AND VELVET HYLAND-REDA INDEX NO. 33547/2016 AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$150

Trustee Cohen moved the motion and Trustee Valvo seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Gigante declared the motion carried and directed the Clerk to file same.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID SUBMITTED BY TILCON, NY FOR VILLAGE HALL PARKING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF AIRMONT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,752 WORK TO COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BE COMPLETED BY YEAR END (UNLESS THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE) AND TO DIRECT THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT

Trustee Bracco moved the motion and Trustee Marchesani seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Gigante declared the motion carried and directed the Clerk to file same.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Marchesani made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Valvo. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 10:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa-Ann DiMarsico-Smith
Village Clerk - Treasurer