

MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2016

A regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rye, New York, was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Village of Rye Brook Village Hall at 938 King Street, Rye Brook, New York in the Main Conference Room with Supervisor Gary Zuckerman presiding.

PRESENT: in addition to Supervisor Zuckerman were Councilpersons Lindsay Anne Jackson William J. Villanova, Thomas Nardi, Anthony Baxter and Town Clerk Hope B. Vespia.

ALSO

PRESENT: were Receiver of Taxes Nicholas Mecca, Town Attorney Paul J. Noto and Town Comptroller David J. Byrnes

ABSENT: were Superintendent of Highways John DeCrescenzo, Chief of Staff and Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor Deborah Reisner and Town Assessor Denise Knauer

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Hope Klein led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Deputy Supervisor Villanova read the opening prayer. A video recorder and an audio recorder were in use during the proceedings.

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Supervisor Zuckerman called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. and asked Town Clerk Vespia to call the roll.

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Hope Klein, Chairperson of the Independence Day Celebration Committee was present to announce that this year's festivities will be held July 9<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Nardi, the Town Board of the Town of Rye authorizes Supervisor Gary J. Zuckerman to approve a donation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to the Independence Day Committee towards the festivities to be held on July 9, 2016.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Jackson, Nardi, Baxter, Villanova and Supervisor Zuckerman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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On motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Baxter, the following Resolution was adopted as amended:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye recognizes the sacrifices made by veterans for the safety of the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, the American Legion Port Chester Post 93 has formally requested a contribution of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) budget line item 7550-0445 toward the Memorial Day ceremonies to be held at Veterans' Memorial Park, Westchester Avenue, Port Chester, New York and the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2016, and

**WHEREAS**, the American Legion is requesting the one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) appropriated in the Rye Town budget line item 7550-0477 for their organization;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Supervisor Gary J. Zuckerman be and he hereby is authorized to make said monetary contributions to the aforementioned American Legion Port Chester Post 93.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Jackson, Nardi, Baxter, Villanova and Supervisor Zuckerman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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Supervisor Zuckerman asked for comments from the public. There were none.

**Town of Rye: Summer 2016 Job Readiness Training & Internship Program**

On motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Nardi, the following Resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye recognizes that the 2010 Census of Population and the 2009-13 American Community Survey recorded the following:

- 46,181 people live in the Town of Rye
  - 28,967 (63%) live in the Village of Port Chester
  - 9,347 (20%) live in the Village of Rye Brook
  - 7,807 (17%) live in Rye Neck
- 2,923, youth (6%), ages 15-19, live in the Town of Rye
  - 2,443 (84%) of these youth attend high school
  - 480 (16%) of these youth do not attend high school

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye recognizes that its future and that of its constituent villages depends on the inclusion of youth in the workforce, community organizations and government, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye recognizes that, while high school curricula includes the basic skills needed for entering the workforce, it does not include courses on job readiness skills, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye recognizes that many youth in Town are not enrolled in high school and do not have many of the basic skills needed for entering the workforce, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes that many employers are not yet able to employ youth for summer jobs and many youth are left with nothing to do during the summer, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has supported successful Summer Job Readiness Training and Internship Programs for youth in the Town for the past four years with the following business and community partners: Allstate Insurance, Bow & Rose Floral Boutique, Carver Center, Centro Cristiano Nueva Vida Church, Clay Arts Center, Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel, Council of Community Services, Family Service Society of Westchester, One World United and Virtuous, Port Chester Cares Community Coalition, Port Chester Children’s Place Day Care , Port Chester Dog Park, Port Chester Head Start, Port Chester/Rye NAACP, Port Chester Senior Center, Rye/Rye Brook/Port Chester League of Women Voters, St Francis AME Zion Church, Studio 14 Indoor Cycling and Yoga, Village of Port Chester, Town of Rye.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town authorizes a Job Readiness Training and Internship Program for the summer of 2016 with the following budget:

TOWN OF RYE - SUMMER 2016 YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM			
Activity	Time	Budget	
Consultant time to: Advertise program; Register students and employers; Identify and negotiate for space for Job Readiness Workshop	May 1 to June 30	8 weeks at 10 hours/week; \$30/hr;	\$ 2,400
Materials and space for Job Readiness Workshop: Booklets, copies, refreshments Rental of space at Carver or similar (3 hours/day for 5 days);	May 1 to June 30	Space = \$500; Copies = \$150; Refreshments = \$100; Assessment/job finder booklets @ \$5/each	\$ 900
Stipends to each of 15 youth attending Job Readiness Workshop to defray travel costs (5 days)	July 11 -15	15 interns; \$10/day; 5 days	\$ 750
Consultant time to prepare and present Job Readiness Workshop	July 11 -15	30 hrs preparation plus 15 hrs presentation; @ \$30/hr	\$ 1,350
Stipends for 15 interns during 5 week internship;	July 18 - August 18	15 interns; \$5/hr; 20 hrs/week; 5 wks (employers pay other half)	\$ 7,500
Certificates for youth and employers and refreshments for closing ceremony	August 19	Certificates = \$50; refreshments = \$150	\$ 200
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,100</b>

**ROLL CALL**

- AYES: Councilpersons Jackson, Nardi, Baxter, Villanova and Supervisor Zuckerman  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None

Councilperson Baxter agreed that this was a worthwhile program and requested that the interns attend the Board meeting at the end of the summer to share their experiences.

Supervisor Zuckerman introduced the following resolution as part of the Community Development Block Grant. A meeting was held with Grant Administrator Greg Arcaro, and it was decided that the process be broken down into four separate categories, the first being the sensory garden, then the playground, the pavilion, and the mansion.

On motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Baxter, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, NYS’s Office of Community Renewal awarded the Town of Rye a grant of \$398,326 in federal Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) to make Crawford Park handicapped accessible, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye has committed to provide an additional three hundred ninety-eight thousand, three hundred twenty six dollars (\$398,326.00) and the Friends of Crawford Park have committed to provide an additional one thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$1,150.00), and

**WHEREAS**, one of the projects to make Crawford Park handicapped accessible is the construction of a sensory garden, handicapped accessible parking and a handicapped accessible pathway at an estimated cost of sixty three thousand, six hundred dollars (\$63,600.00), and

**WHEREAS**, a landscape architect is needed to prepare the plans and specifications for this project, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town’s procurement policies and the guidelines of the New York State CDBG Program require that the selection of a landscape architect be the result of public Request for Proposals (RFP), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye has prepared such a RFP with the cooperation of the Friends of Crawford Park.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rye Town Council authorizes the Town to issue the RFP with a response date of June 15, interviews June 27 – July 1 and to make a recommendation for a landscape architect to the Town Council at its July, 2016 meeting

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: Councilpersons Jackson, Nardi, Baxter, Villanova and Supervisor Zuckerman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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On motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Nardi, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Rye wishes to dispose of surplus equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Rye has identified the equipment to be surplus equipment which list is available in the Town Clerk’s office that the Town is prepared to sell at auction or otherwise dispose of.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Rye shall sell said equipment as surplus equipment which is no longer necessary for the operation of the Town, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Rye hereby authorizes Town Supervisor Gary J. Zuckerman and Confidential Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Supervisor Deborah Reisner to sell said equipment at auction or through private purchasers at the best available price, and place the equipment up for sale either by auction or by advertisement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proceeds from the sale of said surplus equipment shall be credited to the Town.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: Councilpersons Jackson, Nardi, Baxter, Villanova and Supervisor Zuckerman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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The following Departmental Reports were received and ordered filed:

TOWN CLERK HOPE B. VESPIA, for the month of April, 2016  
Total submitted to the Supervisor.....\$2,479.00

RECEIVER OF TAXES NICHOLAS C. MECCA, for the month of April, 2016

Deposited to Supervisor, Town of Rye.....\$25,416,233.28  
Deposited to Treasurer, Village of Port Chester.....\$72,595.51  
Deposited to Treasurer, Village of Rye Brook.....\$86,778.98

Total.....\$25,575,607.77

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There being no further business, on motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Nardi, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M. into executive session to discuss in-rem proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hope B. Vespia*

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Town Clerk