

MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2016

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rye, New York, was held on Monday, July 11, 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 J. Zuckerman presiding.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: were Paul Noto and Chief of Staff and Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor Deborah Reisner.

ABSENT: were Receiver of Taxes Nicholas C. Mecca, Town Assessor Denise Knauer, Superintendent of Highways John DeCrescenzo and Town Comptroller David Byrnes

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On motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Nardi, the minutes for the meeting held June 21, 2016 were unanimously approved as presented.

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Topaz Sommerville, a coordinator for the Westchester County “Community Work Experience Program” (CWEP) was present to introduce a project being offered by “Westhab, whose purpose is for building communities and changing lives. This is to help people who are receiving temporary assistance to gain work experience; through learning basic skills, obtaining on the job training, skills enhancement, all leading them to a better job. Ms. Sommerville identified the procedures and requirements of both the approved agency interviewing and the responsibilities of the applicants.

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

**WHEREAS**, Westchester County entered into a program with Westhab that provides local residents, on public assistance, support in job training, child care, transportation and work experience by securing for them temporary work assignments with government agencies, non-profit organizations and municipalities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye has identified a need to hire such individuals as recommended by Westhab to perform various functions for the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, these participants would be paid by Westchester County through Westhab at no cost to the Town of Rye;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Rye agrees to enter into an agreement which is attached hereto with the County of Westchester choosing to participate in the Community Work Experience Program; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor, Gary Zuckerman, is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement referred to as Exhibit A hereto with the County of Westchester.

ROLL CALL

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye wishes to implement and install a security system for Rye Town Park and the Rye Town offices located on the 3rd floor at 222 Grace Church Street, Port Chester, New York

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye had requested bids for a security camera system in the Request for Proposals advertised, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye had received four bids from various companies, and

**WHEREAS**, after due consideration and excellent references, the Town of Rye has determined that Pirate Security LLC is the most qualified of the four bidding companies to install the security camera system and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Rye wishes to retain the services of said Pirate Security LLC, 367 Windsor Highway, Dept 441, New Windsor, New York 12553, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said shall be paid the sum of five thousand thirty dollars (\$5,030.00) for the security camera system in Rye Town Park and the Town of Rye Offices, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Town of Rye Supervisor Zuckerman be and he hereby is authorized to enter into contract with said Pirate Security.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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

**WHEREAS**, NYS’s Office of Community Renewal awarded the Town of Rye a grant of three hundred ninety eight thousand dollars, three hundred twenty six dollars (\$398,326.00) in federal Community Development Block Grant Funds to make Crawford Park handicapped accessible, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rye has committed to provide an additional \$398,326.00 and the Friends of Crawford Park have committed to provide an additional eleven 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 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 NYS CDBG Program require that the selection of a landscape architect be the result of a public Request for Proposals (RFP), and

**WHEREAS**, the Town, with the cooperation of the Friends of Crawford Park, issued such an RFP on May 18, 2016 and five firms responded by the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town, with the cooperation of the Friends of Crawford Park, reviewed all the proposals on June 27, 2016 and found the proposal from “Being Here, Landscape Architecture and Environment Design” to be the most responsive to the Town’s RFP and has found its references to be credible;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rye Town Council authorizes the Town to enter into a contract for up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) with “Being Here” Cathedral Station, P.O. Box 80, New York, New York 10025 to prepare plans and specifications for a handicapped accessible sensory garden, pathway and parking at Crawford Park with one-half of the cost to be reimbursed by New York State under the Community Development Block Grant.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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On motion of Councilperson Nardi, seconded by Councilperson Jackson, the following Resolution was adopted as amended:

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately eight hundred ninety-four thousand, four hundred twenty four dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$894,424.77) in unpaid taxes due to the Town of Rye, and

**WHEREAS**, approximately \$894,424.77 of unpaid taxes are delinquent in excess of two (2) years and are therefore eligible for In Rem Tax Foreclosures proceedings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Rye does and hereby authorizes Town Attorney, Paul J. Noto to commence an In Rem Tax Foreclosure proceeding against all eligible properties for which a tax lien has been filed and have remained unpaid for a period of two (2) years, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Rye shall pay the Town Attorney the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per parcel against which enforcement proceedings will be commenced, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Rye shall assess the delinquent taxpayers the sum \$500.00 per parcel plus court costs and the cost of the title search and any other expenses legally chargeable to the delinquent taxpayers pursuant to the In-Rem Foreclosure proceedings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Rye hereby authorizes the Town Attorney to immediately commence an action for In Rem Foreclosure of eligible properties pursuant to Article 11, Section 1123 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

**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 June, 2016  
Total submitted to the Supervisor.....\$3,684.00

RECEIVER OF TAXES NICHOLAS C. MECCA, for the month of June, 2016  
  
Deposited to Supervisor, Town of Rye.....\$1,088,360.23  
Deposited to Treasurer, Village of Port Chester.....\$9,872,914.12  
Deposited to Treasurer, Village of Rye Brook.....\$7,368,457.20  
  
Total.....\$18,329,731.55

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On motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Nardi, and unanimously approved, the regular monthly meeting previously scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2016 was canceled.

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There being no further business, on motion of Councilperson Villanova, seconded by Councilperson Jackson, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned into executive session at 8:45 P.M. to discuss litigation and specific personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope B. Vespia  
Town Clerk