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From: "Lynne Eckardt" <midfarm@bestweb.net>
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Hi All,

Below please find a recap of the Town Board's regular meeting for June. I have removed my comments from this posting but will be happy to send them to you if you e-mail me.

As usual the well choreographed meeting sped by until the New Business portion. And while the Board purports to be always courteous I'm afraid their patience has worn thin with me. Our Town Attorney, Willis Stephens, seemed less than enthused when I asked to read a letter from CRSE into the record but Supervisor Dunford allowed me to, in his words, 'spout off'.

Ooooo, and an Executive Session to discuss 'contracts'. I'm thinking that this might be regarding the soon to expire garbage contract. Now this interests me as there was a slight dust up between Councilmen Johnson and Bonanno a few meetings back over this. It appeared that Mr. Bonanno wanted to put this contract out to bid but Mr. Johnson did not. Why any elected official would NOT want to put a contract out to bid is beyond me. I mean, wouldn't you hope that this is where our free enterprise system kicks in and competitive bidding saves us all a few bucks? But I guess we'll never know what transpired behind closed doors unless a vote was taken...

As you can see and as always this is my own quirky take on life in Southeast and does not reflect anyone else's opinion.

REGULAR MEETING: **Public Hearing:**

Reduction of Performance Bond- Reservoir Ridge

This bond will be reduced from \$443,100 to \$277,100. There were no questions asked.

1. Review of Minutes- April and May

Accepted as written. 5-0

2. Correspondence

Accepted 5-0

3. Approval of Voucher list in the amount of \$496,574.45

Approved 5-0

4. Motion approving the Budget Transfers

Approved 5-0

5. Motion Setting July Meeting Dates:

July 14, 2005 Work Session

July 21, 2005 Regular Meeting

6. Motion calling for the following Public Hearings:

July 21, 2005 Special Permit- Alcon

July 21, 2005 Special Permit- Terravest Senior Housing

July 21, 2005 Release of Performance Bond- Crossroads School

July 21, 2005 Release of Performance Bond- Lyrics Corp

July 21, 2005 Amendment of Local Law- Architectural Review Board

7. Motion authorizing Supervisor to sign agreement with NYSEG allowing the Highway Dept on NYSEG property to clear brush. Passed 5-0

8. Motion- Authorizing the Supervisor to sign Easement Agreement with Indian Wells subdivision Lot 18 (easement)

Approved 5-0

9. Resolution- Establishment of a Performance Bond, Terravest 9

The Bond is for \$437,000. Approved 5-0

10. Motion- Sign Permit Approval- Press Express Printing

Approved 5-0

11. Resolution- Amended Special Permit, Westchester Tractor

Councilwoman Mitts read this resolution. There is to be no servicing of vehicles done on site. And the ultimate sale will be to commercial users. No outdoor storage and landscaping is required.

On the roll call vote Councilman Bonanno hesitated before voting yes. The permit was approved 5-0.

12. Resolution- Establishment of a Performance Bond- Palazetti Office/Warehouse

Bond in the amount of: \$346,300. Approved 5-0.

13. Motion- Authorizing Supervisor to sign Employee Assistance Program with Westchester County

Approved 5-0.

14. Resolution- Establishment of a Performance Bond- Islandia Farm Equestrian Center

Bond in the amount of \$518,200. Approved 5-0.

15. Resolution- Confirming Notice from Carmel Cable Television seeking approval of Franchise Agreement.

Approved 5-0.

16. Motion- Authorizing Supervisor to approve purchase of additional computer equipment for the town courts.

Approved 5-0

17. Motion- Appointment of Caesar Sonnino to the Architectural Review Board

Mr. Sonnino is an architect and a nine year resident of the town. He served on the ARB in North Salem.

Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cathy Croft asked the Board about the missing Historic Sites, the Diehl House and Drewscliff. Ms. Croft read a letter that Melissa Fitzgerald had written regarding her home, The Diehl House, which she would very much like re-instated. To restore Historic Site designation there will have to be the SEQR process and a Public Hearing. Supervisor Dunford said it had taken a while as Town Planner, Graham Trelsted had been taking photographs of all the Historic Sites and was almost through. The Supervisor said that this would be on a Work Session

agenda in July.

I asked that I be allowed to read a CRSE letter into the record regarding Westchester Tractor. Town Attorney and Assemblyman, Willis Stephens, indicated that this was not a good idea but Supervisor Dunford said 'let her spout off'. The letter I read regarding Westchester Tractor mentioned: Retail Sales of equipment and parts, possible Outdoor Storage, possible servicing of vehicles, and a 10,000 square foot open-sided building.

Councilman Bonanno said that in fact the Board addressed all these concerns in their resolution and I agreed but would first have to FOIL and read through the Resolution myself. Mr. Bonanno offered his copy at which point Town Clerk Mazzei shook her head and indicated that this would not be OK. Mr. Bonanno jokingly said I could pay the .75 and have it. Again the Town Clerk shook her head.

I asked Councilman Honneck about a quote in the paper indicating that the Town Hall could be moving out to Tilly Foster. Mr. Honneck said that he could only speak for himself but that he thought it was a good idea. We had gotten the land free from the County and that we should use it for this purpose. I asked that the public be allowed input as this had not ever been discussed in a public forum. Supervisor Dunford said the public would be allowed input.

Executive Session was then held for a contractual discussion.

As always please feel free to e-mail me with any questions or comments you may have.

With Best Regards,
Lynne Eckardt

  

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