**AT THE PUBLIC 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 12th of June, 2023

**Present** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor

Scott M. Manley, Councilman

Anthony R. LoBiondo, Councilman

**Also Present** Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town

Lisa M. Vance Ayers, Town Clerk

Rachel Vazquez, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent**  Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman

Paul I. Ruggiero, 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.** **RECOGNITION OF AN EAGLE SCOUT:**

Town of Newburgh Supervisor Gil Piaquadio and the Town Board presented a Certificate of

Achievement to Eagle Scout Aiden Howard for his outstanding achievement in the presence of his

parents Edwin Howard and Susan Howard. Aiden also celebrated his remarkable accomplishment

with fellow scouts and supporting family and friends during his Eagle Scout of Honor Ceremony on

May 19th at Hope United Methodist Church in Cornwall.

For his project, Aiden constructed two picnic tables as well as three benches with a table in the

middle for the VFW Post 973 in the Town of Newburgh. After completing his Eagle Scout Service

Project, Aiden donated the unspent funds from his project to the VFW. His hard work, generosity, and

commitment are commendable.

**6. RECREATION CENTER REPRESENTATION:**

Michael Lamoreaux of MHE Engineering, D.P.C. presented to the Town Board Six different

potential Recreation Center designs.

**Michael Lamoreaux** The original design that we proposed is overbudget. We spent that last

couple weeks doing some cost cutting. We will still have a full functioning gym. In the

package that I presented, there are now six options. On the cover is the original design. The

cost cutting efforts were in decreasing the aesthetics of the building, also decreasing the

construction type of the building, we also looked at decreasing the size of the building. It was

concluded that the size of the building is important, so we went back to the aesthetics of the

building from a conventional type building to a pre-engineered building, which will save costs

on construction and fabrication.

There are now six options, the design on the cover being the most expensive and the last

being the least expensive. The last design is right about in your budget for a 37,000 sq ft

building. If you look at design #4, this is the building we would like to achieve. The way we

are going to do this is to use design #6 but add options. This will keep you in your budget but

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with options to add on. The one option was to have air conditioning in the entire gym. We

received word from our electrical engineers that this would be a massive cost, so it is unlikely

it will be included at this time, but we may be able to work it in as an alternative. The good

news with design #6, there are options that can be added as we receive bids.

**Supervisor Piaquadio** – Mike so it’s my understanding that we will go with design #6 with add

On, such as the pitched roof seen in design #4, air conditioning for the entire gym, the offices

and class rooms will have air conditioning and maybe some decorative stone to enhance the

appearance, is this correct?

**Mike Lamoreaux** – Yes that is correct.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Design #6 with options for the Recreation

Center. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent;

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent

**7. POLICE: Hiring of Full Time Police Officer**

Police Chief, Donald B. Campbell, is requesting to hire Timothy O’Connell as a full-time police officer

as a starting salary of $68,858 per year. Officer O’Connell is currently reachable on the Orange

County Civil Service Police Eligibility list as a resident of the Town of Newburgh. Officer O’Connell is a

fully certified police officer. I am requesting a start date effective on or after June 19th, 2023, pending

his physical, fingerprints and necessary paperwork.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Hiring Timothy O’Connell pending physical,

fingerprints, and necessary paperwork. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo.

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent

**8.**  **ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:**

**A. Approval of Audit**

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

$1,399,736.34. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – Absent; Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**B. Review Status Report and Budget Status Report for May 2023**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve the Status Report and Budget Status

Report for May 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Manley.

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent

**C. Capital Fund Cash Transfer**

Ronald E. Clum, Town Accountant, is requesting Capital Fund Cash Transfers.

Upon review of the capital projects with Jim and Pat it was determined that Capital Fund

H6003, Stewart Frozen Ridge Tanks and H7013, Meadow Hill South Relief should be closed

out. These funds were funded with interfund transfers from the Water and Sewer funds;

respectively and therefore the remaining funds should be transferred back to those

funds. The remaining cash in H6003 is $94.99 and H7013 is $62,265.09. I am looking for an

authorization to move these cash amounts plus any interest that accrues in May 2023 to

the Water and Sewer Funds. Stewart Frozen Ridge Tanks has an outstanding BAN amount

of $160,000 and Meadow Hill South Relief has a BAN of $267,000 which I will budget to

pay off in the 2024 budget which will officially those two projects.

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Capital Fund Cash Transfer.

motion seconded by Councilwoman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent;

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent

**9. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**A. Highway Department**

Highway Superintendent Mark A. Hall Jr. reported he checked with the county on the

Bridge, it should be done before community day. Almost done sweeping up the chip stone

from Round #1. We’ve replaced/installed 12 new Stop Signs & 10 new 30 mph signs.

Installing drainage pipe on Stewart Avenue to prevent ice and runoff before we reseal the

road. Crews are out tilling Frozen Ridge and N. Fostertown in preparation for micro seal.

Then heading to Old Mill and Fletcher Drive. Mower are still out cutting. Still Continuing to

pick up the garbage dumped on the side of our roads in the wake of the Dump being

closed. Rt 84 to 9W to 747 is finally being paved.

**10. ANIMAL CONTROL: T94 Withdrawal**

**A. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice #1**

Tracey Carvell of Animal Control requests authorization to use the T-94 account to pay

for veterinarian services from Flannery animal Hospital for a total of $89.40 for canine

services.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve T94 withdrawal of $89.40 to pay for

Veterinary service to FAH. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley.

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

Manley yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**B. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice #2**

Tracey Carvell of Animal Control requests authorization to use the T-94 account to pay

for veterinarian services from Flannery animal Hospital for a total of $176.66 for feline

services.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve T94 withdrawal of $176.66 to pay for

Veterinary service to FAH. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo.

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**C. Flannery Animal Hospital Invoice #3**

Tracey Carvell of Animal Control requests authorization to use the T-94 account to pay

for veterinarian services from Flannery animal Hospital for a total of $264.50 for Canine

services.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve T94 withdrawal of $264.50 to pay for

Veterinary service to FAH. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo.

VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – absent; Councilman

Manley – yes; Councilman LoBiondo – yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3

yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**D. Newburgh Veterinary Hospital**

Tracey Carvell of Animal Control requests authorization to use the T-94 account to pay

for veterinarian services from Newburgh Veterinary Hospital for a total of $1957.57 of

which $1073.21 were for feline services, $884.36 were for canine services.

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve T94 withdrawal of $1957.57 to pay

for Vet service to NVH. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE:

Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero –absent; Councilman Manley –

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

abstain; 2 absent.

**11. CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT:**

**A. Schedule Public Hearing- Tree Preservation and Protection Local Law Amendment**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to schedule Public Hearing for 7/24/23 at 7:00

pm. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent;

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**B. Hiring Part Time Clerk**

Gerald Canfield, Code Compliance Supervisor, is requesting to hire Bailey Johnson as a

part time clerk for his department. Her salary will be $15.31 per hours. Ms. Johnson will

need to complete her paperwork, physical, drug/alcohol testing and fingerprints. Her

hire date is contingent on her completing paperwork, testing and fingerprints. The

earliest date of hire would be on or after June 6, 2023.

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Hiring Bailey Johnson. Motion

seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman

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

Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**C. Uncut Grass 80 Coach Lane and 14 Hinchcliffe Dr. – No Action Taken**

**12. ENGINEERING:**

**A. Drury Heights (aka The Woodland Phase III) Performance Security**

Patrick Hines, Rep, Engineers for the Town presents the Drury Heights Performances

Security. Based on the cost estimate submitted by the Project Engineer, Mr. Hines is

recommending that the Town Board approve the following security amount for the

proposed public improvements for Phase III of the above referenced project.

**Public Improvements Cost Estimate**

Roadway  $1,004,700.00

Water Main Extension  $ 439,490.00

Sewer Main Extension  $ 524,156.00

Stormwater Collection  $ 420,149.00

Landscaping (Street Trees)  $ 77,000.00

$2,465,495.00

Based on the above, the developer is required to submit performance security of

$2,465,495.00 in a form acceptable to the Town prior to the issuance of the first building

permit in Phase III.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Drury Heights Performance Security.

Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent;

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**B.** **Gasland Petroleum Landscape Security**

Karen Arent, Landscape Architect, is requesting the landscape for Gasland Petroleum

South Plank Road bond in the amount of $17,192.00 be approved. The Landscape

inspection escrow amount for the project is $2,000.00

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MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Gasland Petroleum Landscape

Security. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent. 

**C. Chadwick Lake Filter Plant Interfund Transfer**

Patrick Hines, Rep, Engineers for the Town, presented Chadwick Lake Filter Plant

Interfund Transfer. In anticipation of the delivery of the Trailer- mounted Membrane

Filter unit on or about 10 July 2023, the Town will need to increase the Chadwick Lake

Filter Plant Budget (F8.00.4001) to make the rental/lease payments for this calendar year.

Therefore, requesting approval of the budget transfer:

From: Interfund Transfer (F9902.5900)

To: CLFP- Maintenance contracts, Leases, Rental

(F8330.4001.5497)

Amount: $290,000.00

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve Chadwick Lake Filter Plant Interfund

Transfer. Motion seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent. 

**D. 226 NY-17K Stormwater Maintenance Agreement**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Stormwater Maintenance Agreement

as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene –

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

yes; Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

**E. Community Development Program Cooperation Agreement Renewal**

Patrick Hines, Rep, Engineers for the Town presented Community Development Program

Cooperation Agreement renewal for 2024, 2025, and 2026.

RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD TO RENEW AND AMEND AND/OR EXECUTE A

NEW 3 YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE

TOWN OF NEWBURGH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENTBLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS, AND

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025, AND

2026 (AND SUCCESSIVE THREE-YEAR QUALIFICATION PERIODS), PURSUANT TO TITLE I OF

THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, THE

CRANSTON GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED,

AND SUBTITLE B OF TITLE IV OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF

1987, AS AMENDED.

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to approve the Community Development Program

Cooperation Agreement Renewal for 2024, 2025, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilman

LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman Ruggiero – absent;

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

Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent. 

**13. SEWER DEPARTMENT: Summer Schedule**

MOTION made by Councilman LoBiondo to approve Sewer Department Summer Schedule.

Motion seconded by Councilman Manley. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent;

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

Supervisor Piaquadio – yes. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent.

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**1****4. ANNOUCEMENTS:**

**Supervisor Piaquadio –** July 17, 2023 at 7pm at the Middlehope Firehouse, we will be

holding a Comprehensive Plan meeting to get public comments. We have a link on our

website if you wish to leave suggestions.

**Councilman Manley-** I want to remind everyone that this Tuesday is our second Music in the

Park event. First one was two weeks ago but was pretty well attended.

**Town Clerk Vance Ayers-** My office will have summer hours. Thursday nights will be our late

night until 6pm. The office hours will be as follows. Monday thru Wednesday 8:30am –

4:30pm Thursday’s 8:30am to 6:00pm and Friday’s 8:30am to 3:00pm.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Joesph Candela Patton Rd. -** Are there any updates on the Asylum seekers?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** There are lawsuits going back and forth, we cannot go into it too

deeply. There are a number of individuals here and they will be here until we know

otherwise.

**Joseph Candela -** Apparently, they are being taken to other towns to go shopping. They

now have bikes.

**Supervisor Piaquadio** - Yes there are a number of organizations helping them out.

**Bonnie Orzechowski 122 Lakeside Road** – Do we know how many residents are for the

Asylum seekers? In my neighborhood nobody is for it.

**Supervisor Piaquadio** – I have no way of knowing that, other than people who have called in

or emailed. Some are receptive and others are not. That’s all I can tell you.

**Bonnie Orzechowski-** I spoke with the hotel staff and they said they are getting death

threats every day and it’s been on the local news. I cannot imagine the people who want

them there. And the people who do want them there, why don’t they take them in? Why do

they have to walk past my house when I have my grandchild playing outside? I know nothing

about these men. These are single men that nobody knows anything about. My grandchild

cannot play outside.

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** I think you know the history. The Mayor of New York City just

brought them here and rented rooms. We cannot discriminate in anyway. A hotel can rent a

room to anyone they want, but the way New York City just dropped them off without any

questions answered was not good. I can see why some of the neighbors are concerned.

**Bonnie Orzechowski** – The Governor is talking about building shelters for these people,

meanwhile the hotel put out 20 Veterans. Everyone is saying no, the news is saying no, but I

personally know two of them. They were given a twenty- four hour notice to leave the hotel.

This is upsetting. Everyone is lying about it. Somebody needs to stand up and be honest

about what’s going on in this country and stop agreeing with everything, keeping hush hush

because they don’t want to lose their jobs. If they were walking past your house and your

five year old granddaughter was outside, would you like it? You don’t even have to answer

that, I already know you would not. Something should be done and they are still coming.

50,000 have come into New York City and have been disbursed all throughout the state. If

you call the Governor’s office all they say is “I don’t know”.

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I sat on my front porch a year ago and I watched busloads, five at a time, twice a day 9am

and 6pm going past my house. There were no markings on them. I told my husband, “I’m

going to follow those buses”. They went straight into Stewart Airport. I called the airport and

asked why these immigrants are coming past my home. They were being brought in from

Westchester and Albany and then flown all over the United States. I don’t like it and I don’t

know what to do about it. I am not going to sit back and something happen to anyone in my

family.

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** If you or anyone feels threatened in anyway, they should call the police.

**Bonnie Orzechowski-** These poor Police, there are not enough of them to handle what is going on. I was there when the migrants were shipped in and because the Democrats had a complaint that me and my friend were there and we were against this, they called the Police. This is my opinion and I will voice it and say how I feel. I am not going to call the Police because I see five migrants walking past my house, stopping and looking at my property. What would that do?

**Supervisor Piaquadio –** I live very close to the hotel, within walking distance. There are many hotels that people with a bad criminal history’s are staying. If you see something you have to call the Police. The Police are there to keep the peace.

**Bonnie Orzechowski-** This is 130 single men, this is not one pedophile staying in a hotel. They are not just at the Crossroads Hotel, they are in hotels all over town.

**Joseph Candela-** Is there something the town is doing to keep us informed?

**Supervisor Piaquadio-** All we know is how many came. The action of the town is that you cannot turn a hotel into a shelter. That is what we are going on. We are certainly not going to do anything to discriminate against these people. What we can do is tell you is that they are there. We cannot tell you their names, we don’t know them. It’s a violation of their civil rights. We never got our questions answered. There is not much we can go into with this case in Federal court.

**Bonnie Orzechowski-** Just to be clear, I am not discriminating against anyone’s color of their skin or their religion. I am discriminating against these men that I do not know, neither does the hotel and neither does the government and they are walking in my neighborhood, stopping and starring, that’s my problem. This nothing to do with their color, religion or what they believe. It’s that they don’t belong here and the taxpayers are paying for it, that’s what really rattles my cage. I have worked my whole life and now I have to pay for this? It’s terrible.

**Joseph Candela -** Is there a plan for when the New York City stops paying?

**Supervisor Piaquadio** – The city never answered me on that part. It’s easy to come up with the problem, but what is the solution right?

**Joseph Candela** – Are the Town and County working together?

**Supervisor Piaquadio** – The town has their attorney’s and County has theirs.

**Joseph Candela** – I think the biggest thing is we are not hearing much. Even the County Executive does his Facebook thing and he is not even mentioning it. I know there is litigation going on but there should be something for residents to see or hear comments. I am actually very surprised that this is the first Town Board meeting since they arrived and that there are not more people here. I think this a breach of security that we don’t know who these people are.

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**Supervisor Piaquadio** – Thank you for your comments, both of you.

**Peter Calvano 66 Kings Hill Rd.**  - I would like to see if my road can get one of those speed signs that keep people from speeding. I like them. Especially by the blind spot, maybe they would slow down and give me a chance to get out of my driveway.

**Supervisor Piaquadio –** Didn’t Highway raise the mirror on the road?

**Peter Calvano** – As much as I appreciate it, they are not working. There are trees overgrowing it. I think the speed sign would work nice because people think there is a camera in it.

**Supervisor Piaquadio** – Ok we will get the Traffic and Safety Committee on it.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Councilman Manley to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion

seconded by Councilman LoBiondo. VOTE: Councilwoman Greene – absent; Councilman

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

Piaquadio – absent. Motion passed: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; 2 absent

*Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Lisa M. Vance Ayers Rachel Vazquez

Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk