

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 04, 2018 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT THE TOWN HOUSE, 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, N.Y., COMMENCING AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN; COUNCIL MEMBERS: DANIEL PASCHKES, DAVID DOW AND DIANE BRIGGS

ALSO PRESENT: TOWN CLERK, JOANNE PACE  
DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY, JOHN LOVELESS  
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ALISON BOAK

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN JODY SULLIVAN

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye to hold an Executive Session on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for personnel matters.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Supervisor Hansan reminded everyone that the Harvest Festival is Saturday, October 13, 2018 in the Town Park from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES: Acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of the Town Board meeting held on Thursday, September 20, 2018.**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilwoman Briggs, seconded by Councilman Dow, all voting aye to accept the Town Board meeting minutes of September 20, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Supervisor's Office - Kitley Covill, Legislator's Update**

Westchester County Legislator Kitley Covill, District 2, gave an update on what has been happening in Westchester County during the year. She went into detail about the fiscal condition of the County and it isn't too strong. The County is actually \$18 million dollars in the hole. With the settlement of the CSEA contract, there could be stability. The sale of Westchester County Airport to a private entity did not go through and that long term lease would have been revenue for the County; however, unloading the county's last major asset to fill a short-term budget problem is wrong. Legislator Covill mentioned that she can't see the County exceeding the 2% Tax Cap either.

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Legislator Covill mentioned that gun shows at the County Center have been banned. The County has recently banned gay conversion therapy for minors. They are looking to sign an order to “ban the box” on Westchester job applications. Applicants will no longer be eliminated by details of their past record and not allowed to ask if they have been convicted of a crime. Past details can be covered during the interview. The applicant does not have to disclose prior salaries either which will help close the gap between men and women’s salaries.

Legislator Covill also mentioned that people rejected from buying into a co-op in Westchester County would get a written explanation for the decision under a new bill proposed by lawmakers. This would give the Human Rights Committee a chance to review the letter to see if there is a pattern. It would also set deadlines for how long a co-op board has to decide to accept or reject an applicant.

Legislator Covill mentioned that the Earned Sick Leave for Certain Employees was approved guaranteeing 40 hours of paid sick time to most people in the County. The bill requires companies with five or more employees to provide at least an hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. Under that bill, domestic violence victims would also get some pay to go to court for their case.

Legislator Covill mentioned many other bills and proposals along with housing needs assessment and said they also hired a Sustainability Director to help companies uphold environmental standards and educate them on taking steps toward a greener future.

**-Proposed NYSEG resolution**

Supervisor Hansan gave the Town Board a resolution to request that the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) immediately consider NYSEG’s application for smart meters as extensive power outages are impairing the functioning of our Town, including our schools, roads and businesses. Councilman Paschkes had some concerns and questions regarding the smart meters and asked that this be put on the October 11, 2018 agenda as he would like to do his due diligence and read more about this including an opt out option for our residents. It was further explained that the frequency and severity of storms continues to increase and the smart meter would allow nearly instantaneous notifications of interruptions.

- **Energy Action Committee: request to appoint Michele Rudolph as Energy Action Committee Chairperson**

**RESOLUTION #: 162-18**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilman Dow, all voting aye on the following:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Michele Rudolph as Energy Action Committee Chairperson effective immediately.

- **Finance Department: request to approve changes to IMA for MEBCO**

Steve Conti, Director of Finance, gave a memo he received from the MEBCO Board of Directors dated September 10, 2018 referring to proposed revisions to the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) Mebco has with a consortium of surrounding Towns including Pound Ridge. It is proposing to expand the scope of the IMA from just offering benefits to also offering benefit services, which they have been doing anyway. The second group of edits are addressing the consortium's ability to join a captive group and obtain a certificate of authority under Article 47 of the Insurance Law. In order for MEBCO to be able to participate in a captive insurance arrangement by January 1, 2019, they have to receive the signed revised IMA by October 31, 2018.

The revision would also allow the Mebco Board to hold a vote annually on whether to remove or replace any or all members of the Executive Committee. The captive model would make the plan more affordable and give the opportunity to broaden the consortium pool. Currently, we have a stop loss carrier that would be eliminated by giving it to the captive group. The Town currently has a cap of \$75,000 on each individual and any claim between \$75,000-\$500,000 would go into the captive group and then claims over \$500,000 would go into the stop loss group. The Board of Directors would still retain a company to act as a "Third Party Administrator" to process MEBCO claims. The Town Attorney has reviewed the entire resolution and does not see any problem.

The Resolution for Approval of Revised MEBCO IMA is as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the inter-municipal agreement of the Municipal Employee Benefits Consortium (MEBCO) entered into on April 24, 1989 and amended on June 24, 2013 (the MEBCO IMA) be further amended as set forth in Exhibit A to be attached to the minutes of this meeting (the "Revised IMA"); and

**RESOLVED**, that the Revised IMA is approved in all respects to supersede the MEBCO IMA and be effective upon such date when all of the current MEBCO municipal corporation members execute the Revised IMA; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Revised IMA in the form presented at this meeting in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Pound Ridge as of October 4, 2018.

**RESOLUTION #: 163-18**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilman Dow, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye on the following:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby agrees to the changes in the IMA as presented to them and allows Supervisor Hansan to sign the revised inter-municipal agreement.

- **Economic Development Committee: Proposed Timeline for 77 Westchester Avenue**

The Economic Development Committee is asking the Town Board to officially charge the Economic Development Committee (EDC) with the task to explore future use possibilities for 77 Westchester Avenue, a property that the Town just acquired. Councilwoman Briggs is on the Committee and said that the members of the EDC are very excited to be involved in this project. They intend to reach out to the residents to see what they would like to see this property become. Councilwoman Briggs said that a proposed timeline to evaluate the use possibilities is between three or four months.

Councilman Paschkes raised the concern that some members of the EDC may have a conflict of interest in regard to this property. He wants to make sure they have read and signed the Code of Ethics and are aware that some of the members cannot participate in offers, bids, etc. for that property. The Town Board members decided to table the decision to charge the EDC with the project until next week's Town Board meeting. Councilwoman Briggs will make sure all the members understand the possible conflict of interest and read the Code of Ethics again.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- **Water Control Commission – release of bond**

**RESOLUTION #: 146 -18**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Briggs, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars Water Control Bond #: 2016-07 to Brian Harrington, 2 Bayberry Way, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 for repair of fire damage. The work has been completed in accordance with the code of the Town of Pound Ridge and the State of New York building requirements.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Joanne Pace  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
October 5, 2018