TOWN OF ORANGETOWN SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING BUDGET HEARINGS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

This Town Board Meeting was opened at 8:00 p.m. Supervisor Stewart presided and the Town Clerk called the Roll. Present were:

Councilman Denis Troy Councilman Thomas Diviny Councilman Thomas Morr Councilman Paul Valentine

Also present: Teresa Accetta-Pugh, Deputy Town Clerk

Rose Maiorano, Deputy Town Clerk John Edwards, Town Attorney Jeff Bencik, Finance Director

James Dean, Superintendent of Highways Joseph Moran, Commissioner of DEME Robert Simon, Receiver of Taxes

John Giardiello, Director of OBZPAE

Aric Gorton, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Donna Morrison, Human Resources Coordinator

The Town Board led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RESOLUTION NO. 509

OPEN CONTINUANCE PUBLIC HEARING CONTRACT/BLAUVELT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Councilman Troy offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the continuance of the public hearing to consider a contract with the Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., to provide fire protection services to and throughout the Blauvelt Fire Protection District within the Town is hereby opened.

Ayes: Councilpersons Troy, Diviny, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

The public comment portion was opened and there were no public comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 510

CLOSE PH/CONTRACT/BLAUVELT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Councilman Troy offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the public portion is hereby closed.

Ayes: Councilpersons Troy, Diviny, Morr, Valentine.

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 511

LEAD AGENCY/CONTRACT BLAUVELT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. /FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Morr and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board declares itself Lead Agency in this matter.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Morr, Troy, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 512

NEGATIVE SEQRA DECLARATION CONTRACT/BLAUVELT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Morr and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that a SEQRA Declaration of non-significance, resolving that the action of the Town Board in contracting for fire protection services with the Blauvelt Fire Department for the Blauvelt Fire Protection District will not have a significant negative impact on the environment, is hereby adopted.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Morr, Troy, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 513

BLAUVELT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY/FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES/APPROVE ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT/BLAUVELT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Councilman Valentine offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Orangetown has received the proposed budget from the Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., to contract with the Town of Orangetown to furnish fire protection to the Blauvelt Fire Protection District for the year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014, at an annual cost of \$755,685.00 plus Workers Compensation insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, it appears necessary and desirable and in the best interests of the Blauvelt Fire Protection District to accept the offer of the Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., to furnish fire protection to the Blauvelt Fire Protection District; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a 1-yr contract with the Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., for calendar year 2014, in the amount of \$755,685.00, plus Worker's Compensation insurance costs, to provide fire protection services to and throughout the Blauvelt Fire Protection District, within the Town.

Ayes: Councilpersons Valentine, Diviny, Troy, Morr

Supervisor Stewart

RESOLUTION NO. 514

OPEN CONTINUANCE PH/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Stewart offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the continuance of the public hearing to consider the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby opened.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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Summary of Public Comments:

Bill McDowell, Nyack Ambulance, explained they negotiated a 10-20% reduction with the Rockland County Paramedics. The cost of paramedic services is being reduced by \$15,000 each year over the next four years and preventing a 2% increase each year. He requested \$47,311 be restored due to members retiring and increase in payroll.

Bill Langham, Director of Orangeburg Library, spoke about 10% cut draws down their reserve fun, leaving very little for capital improvements.

Linda Moffitt, Employee of Orangeburg Library, Spoke against any cuts to the libraries.

Alyssa Moloney, Blauvelt, is against cutting the libraries' budgets and services.

Cheryl McNeil, Orangeburg resident and librarian, supports the proposed budget of a 0% increase. She recognizes that the library has a reserve fund currently equal to about 70% of their operating budget.

John Buckley, Orangeburg Library Trustee, requested that the Town Board add no further cuts to the library budget. The 10% cut has caused spending down their reserve fund. It will be impossible to come back ask the Board and taxpayers for an increase in order to get back to their normal operating budget.

Annmarie Uhl, Blauvelt, is concerned about taking money fund balance to pay to stay under the 2% cap. She objects to the Town collecting school taxes. The Board should consider having the school districts collect their own taxes.

Eileen Larkin, Palisades, asked if the 2014 budget reflects any salary increases for appointed officials. What part of the budget is below and above the cap? She appreciates that the budget is below the cap but it is important that the Town services are maintained.

Mike Mandel, Pearl River, said the Town could save \$80 - 90,000 by eliminating leaf pick-up on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day. A three-day delay really would not make a difference in picking up the leaves.

Raleigh Tozer, Tappan resident and Tappan Library, explained a cut to their budget will be a real hardship. At the end of their construction their fund balance will be \$250,000. He believes the Board should look at each library individually.

Carla Davie, Blauvelt, enjoys the children services at the Orangeburg Library.

Helena Powers, Palisades Library Trustee, are against cutting the budgets. The Board should look at the libraries' individually needs.

Habib Hanson, Pearl River, Senator Carlucci is supposed to bring money to the libraries.

Watson Morgan, Blauvelt, is against cutting the libraries' budgets and causing them to use their reserve funds.

Robert Simmon, Receiver of Taxes, spoke about the need for a clerk in the Office of the Receiver of Taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 515

CLOSE CONTINUANCE PUBLIC HEARING/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Stewart offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the public portion is hereby closed.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 516

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET VARIOUS LINE ITEMS

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Troy and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Line Item	Description	Supervisor's		Adjusted		Savings	
A.1110.440.13	Justice Supplies	\$	1,750	\$	750	\$	1,000
A.1220.440.13	Supervisor's Supplies	\$	1,050	\$	500	\$	550
A.1310.012	Finance 1.5x	\$	6,000	\$	5,000	\$	1,000
A.1310.440.13	Finance Supplies	\$	1,850	\$	1,000	\$	850
A.1330.440.13	Receiver Supplies	\$	1,050	\$	500	\$	550
A.1355.440.13	Assessor Supplies	\$	1,050	\$	500	\$	550
A.1410.440.13	Clerk Supplies	\$	3,350	\$	1,350	\$	2,000
A.1420.440.13	Attorney Supplies	\$	2,200	\$	1,200	\$	1,000
A.1622.457	SS - Contracts w/ Out Vendors	\$	121,900	\$	112,000	\$	9,900
A.1682.200	IT- Capital Outlay	\$	25,000	\$	15,000	\$	10,000
A.7020.440.13	Parks Supplies	\$	4,850	\$	2,850	\$	2,000
A.7110.462	Parks Fuel	\$	30,000	\$	27,000	\$	3,000
A.7520.440.13	Museum Supplies	\$	2,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
A.9950.900	Interfund Xfer - Community College	\$	338,900	\$	88,900	\$ 2	250,000
B.3120.440.13	Police Computer Supplies	\$	40,000	\$	15,000	\$	25,000
B.3120.448.16	Police Supplies	\$	75,000	\$	60,000	\$	15,000
B.3120.462.16	Police Fuel	\$	275,000	\$	260,000	\$	15,000
B.3122.012.16	Radio Operators 1.5x	\$	50,000	\$	45,000	\$	5,000
B.3621.440.13	Fire Supplies	\$	1,500	\$	1,000	\$	500
B.3640.465.16	Aux. Police Uniforms	\$	20,816	\$	15,000	\$	5,816

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 517

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET VARIOUS LINE ITEMS

Councilman Valentine offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Morr and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Line Item	<u>Description</u>	Supervisor's		A	Adjusted		Savings	
E.7250.011	Blue Hill Perm. Staff	\$	726,406	\$	707,324	\$	19,082	
E.7250.462	Blue Hill Gas	\$	36,000	\$	33,000	\$	3,000	
G.8110.012	Sewer - 1.5x	\$	30,000	\$	24,000	\$	6,000	
G.8120.457	Sewer - Outside Vendors	\$	100,000	\$	90,000	\$	10,000	
G.8120.458	Sewer - Meals	\$	500	\$	-	\$	500	
G.8120.473	Sewer Collection Water	\$	16,000	\$	12,000	\$	4,000	
G.8121.452	Ind. Pretreat. Equip. Repairs	\$	1,500	\$	1,000	\$	500	
G.8130.020	Sewer - 2x	\$	60,000	\$	50,000	\$	10,000	
G.8130.447	Sewer Operation/Repair	\$	25,000	\$	15,000	\$	10,000	
G.8130.455	Sewer Utilities	\$	310,000	\$	290,000	\$	20,000	
G.8130.457	Sewer Contracts w/ outside vendors	\$	95,000	\$	75,000	\$	20,000	
G.8130.473	Sewer Water	\$	68,000	\$	63,000	\$	5,000	
G.8197.410	Sewer Equip capital connection	\$	125,000	\$	110,000	\$	15,000	
G.8197.452	Sewer Equip capital equip.	\$	200,000	\$	150,000	\$	50,000	
V.1380.457	Fiscal Agent Fees Outside Vendors	\$	100,000	\$	-	\$ 1	100,000	
V.1380.457.49	Fiscal Agent Outside Risk Retention	\$	115,000	\$	113,569	\$	1,431	

Ayes: Councilpersons Valentine, Morr, Troy, Diviny

Supervisor Stewart

RESOLUTION NO. 518

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET VARIOUS LINE ITEMS

Supervisor Stewart offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Line Item	Description	Suj	oervisor's	A	<u> djusted</u>	Saving	gs
A.5010.440.13	Highway Supplies	\$	7,750	\$	2,750	\$ 5	5,000
D.5110.462.04	Highway Fuel	\$	355,000	\$	310,000	\$ 45	5,000
A.5010.013	Seasonal Part Time	\$	-	\$	36,845	\$ (36	,845)
D.5110.479.04	Highway Resurfacing	\$	550,000	\$	230,000	\$ 320,	,000
D.5140.012.05	Brush/Weeds 1.5x	\$	125,000	\$	137,577	\$ (12	,577)
D.5140.020.06	Brush/Weeds 2x	\$	110,000	\$	131,250	\$ (21)	,250)
D.5112.457.04	Perm Improv. Chips	\$	175,000	\$	274,807	\$ (99	,807)
Item 3105	Consolidated Highway Aid	\$	200,000	\$	274,807	\$ 74	,807

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 519

REJECT AMENDMENTS/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Troy and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the following amendments to the 2014 Preliminary Budget are hereby rejected:

Line Item	Description	Su	<u>pervisor's</u>	1	<u>Adjusted</u>	Savings
D.5110.479.04	Highway Resurfacing	\$	550,000	\$	450,000	\$ 100,000
	High Contract					
D.5130.400.05	Townwide	\$	360,000	\$	345,000	\$ 15,000
D.5140.020.05	Brush/Weeds 2x	\$	110,000	\$	-	\$ 110,000

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 520

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET/FAILED

Supervisor Stewart offered the following resolution, which **FAILED** due to no one making a second motion:

RESOLVED, that Tappan, Palisades and Orangeburg Libraries' budgets are kept at the same level as the 2013 budgets.

RESOLUTION NO. 521

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Councilman Troy offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and on a roll call was adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

		<u>Suj</u>	<u>oervisor's</u>	A	<u>djusted</u>	Sa	<u>vings</u>
Library	Orangeburg	\$	542,354	\$	488,118	\$	54,236
Library	Palisades	\$	415,869	\$	374,282	\$	41,587
Library	Tappan	\$	750,075	\$	675,068	\$	75,007
Ambulance	Nyack	\$	435,451	\$	482,762	\$	(47,311)
Fire Protection	Blauvelt	\$	879,650	\$	795,685	\$	83,965

Ayes: Councilpersons Troy, Diviny, Morr, Valentine

Noes: Supervisor Stewart

RESOLUTION NO. 522

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET/NYACK AMBULANCE FAILED

Supervisor Stewart offered the following resolution, which **FAILED** due to no one making a second motion:

RESOLVED, that Nyack Ambulance Corps' 2014 Budget be increased \$47,311.00.

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RESOLUTION NO. 523

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET BLAUVELT FIRE PROTECTION

Supervisor Stewart offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Valentine and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Fire Protection Blauvelt \$879,650 \$795,685 \$83,965

Ayes: Councilpersons Valentine, Troy, Diviny, Morr

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 524

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET POLICE CAPITAL OUTLAY

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Troy and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 525

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET SALES TAX

Councilman Troy offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Morr and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

 Supervisor's
 Adjusted
 Savings

 A.1120
 Sales Tax Distn
 \$1,200,000
 \$1,350,000
 \$150,000

Ayes: Councilpersons Troy, Morr, Diviny, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 526

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET WORKERS COMP

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Valentine and was unanimously adopted:

Resolution No. 526 - Continued

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

 Supervisor's
 Adjusted
 Savings

 A.9040.800
 Workers Comp
 \$ 300,000
 \$ 250,000
 \$ 50,000

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Valentine, Troy, Morr

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 527

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET CAPITAL OUTLAY

Councilman Valentine offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Troy and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Capital Outlay for Bonding

<u>Department</u>	<u>Am</u>	<u>iount</u>	<u>ltem</u>	Equip#	<u>Year</u>
Highway	\$	175,000	Case Loader	38	1997
Highway	\$	295,000	Heavy Duty Truck	63	1990
Highway	\$	280,000	Vac-All Sweeper	58	2001
Highway	\$	295,000	Heavy Duty Truck	64	1990
Highway	\$	295,000	Heavy Duty Truck	65	1992
Highway	\$	185,000	Medium Duty (HARV)	47	1999
Highway	\$	38,000	Leaf Machine	L-14	2002
Highway	\$	38,000	Leaf Machine	L-11	2003
Highway	\$	37,000	Dump Trailer	TD-4	2002
Highway	\$	37,000	Dump Trailer	TD-5	2004
Parks	\$	450,000	New Garage Facility		
Blue Hill	\$	22,000	Bag Drop Area		
Blue Hill	\$	40,000	Chemical Sprayer		1998
IT	\$	15,000	Renovate Town Hall for IT Person		
Buildings	\$	35,000	Nike Roof Replacement		
Sewer	\$	500,000	Nyack Sewer re-lining		
Sewer	\$	200,000	Nyack sewer replacement		
Sewer	\$	350,000	Rebuild Sludge Press		
Sewer	\$	100,000	Demolition of Old Hunt Rd. PS		
Sewer	\$	75,000	Renovate RPC PS		

Ayes: Councilpersons Valentine, Troy, Diviny, Morr

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 528

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PBA AND CSEA PENSION BENEFITS

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Troy and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended to amortize the cost of pension benefits for the Orangetown Police, pay CSEA pension benefits cost as it comes due, and return any remaining balance to the fund balance.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

RESOLUTION NO. 529

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION BUDGET PERSONNEL MATTERS

In attendance, at this Executive Session, were Supervisor Stewart, Councilmen Troy, Diviny, Morr and Valentine, John Edwards, Jeff Bencik, Jim Dean, John Giardiello, Aric Gorton, Robert Simon, Joe Moran and Donna Morrison.

Supervisor Stewart offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Morr and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board entered Executive Session to discuss particular budget personnel matters, at 10:10 p.m.

Ayes: Councilpersons Morr, Troy, Diviny, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 530

RE-ENTER STBM

Councilman Morr offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Troy and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board re-entered the Special Town Board Meeting at 11:15 pm.

Ayes: Councilpersons Morr, Troy, Diviny, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 531

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Councilman Troy offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Valentine and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended, to increase the estimated revenue, from Building Safety Inspection fees, from \$1 million to \$1.1 million (B1560.000.17), in order to fund the vacant Building Inspector position at \$52,000 plus benefits (B3620.011.17) and a part-time seasonal help position, for the Building Department, at \$25,000 (B3620.013.17).

Ayes: Councilpersons Troy, Valentine, Diviny, Morr

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

Supervisor Stewart asked, if there were any other amendments to the 2014 Preliminary Budget.

Jeff Bencik double checked with the Town Board, regarding the amortizing the PBA and CSEA pension cost. The Town Board voted on these again as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 532

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AMORTIZE/PBA PENSION BENEFITS CSEA PENSION BENEFITS

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Valentine and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the 2014 Preliminary Budget is hereby amended to amortize the cost of pension benefits for the Orangetown Police, and pay CSEA pension benefits cost as it comes due.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Valentine, Troy, Morr

Supervisor Stewart

RESOLUTION NO. 533

AMEND/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AMORTIZE/PBA PENSION BENEFITS CSEA PENSION BENEFITS

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Troy and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that any savings, from amortizing/or paying PBA & CSEA pension benefits, be returned to the fund balance.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 534

TOWN BOARD DECISION/2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Councilman Diviny offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Stewart and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopts the 2014 Preliminary Budget with the above amendments as the 2014 Final Budget.

Ayes: Councilpersons Diviny, Troy, Morr, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 535

REJECT ROOFING BIDS FOR TOWN OWNED OVESC HOUSING UNITS

Under new business, Councilman Valentine offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Morr and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby rejects all of the bids opened on November 7th for roof replacement and repair of the Town owned OVESC housing units, and authorizes the issuance of a re-bid or RFP solely for Housing unit numbers 163 and 165.

Ayes: Councilpersons Valentine, Morr, Troy, Diviny

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

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RESOLUTION NO. 536

ENTER WORKSHOP MEETING & ADJOURNED/MEMORY

Councilman Morr offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Diviny and was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board entered the Workshop Meeting at 11:20 p.m. and adjourned in memory of George M. Reilly, Nanuet resident, retired FDNY Lieutenant and Charlotte Madigan's daughter-in-law's father; and Michael Holbrook (29 yrs old), Pearl River, at 11:30 p.m.

Ayes: Councilpersons Morr, Diviny, Troy, Valentine

Supervisor Stewart

Noes: None

Teresa Accetta-Pugh, Deputy Town Clerk