

Joint Town & Village Meeting

June 27, 2011

5:00 p.m.

Present: Sup. S. Reiter; Council Members A. Bax, M. Marra, & R. Winkley; Mayor T. Collesano, Trustees V. Eydt; E. Krell. T. Mudd & B. Sutherland. Finance Officer M. Johnson, Town Clerk C. Brandon & 2 press reps.

Sup. Reiter welcomed the Village representatives to the meeting and invited them to speak.

Mayor T. Collesano stated that the Village was not a part of last year's Police Contract and as a result their tax rate went up and they need some relief. Inquired about the number of police vehicles. (10)

Sup. Reiter: We are saving money by not buying more because with the current fleet the cars they have last longer based on use. Also some cars were obtained under grants.

M. Johnson said that the current formula percentage is Town 77% and the Village share is 23%. Insurance has gone up by \$40,000 and also benefits.

S. Reiter said that Town is absorbing the maintenance costs and provides storage. The formula will be reviewed.

T. Collesano said that the Village is appreciative of the presence of the Police Dept. and they do an excellent job. However, the cost is out of sight.

B. Sutherland asked that both boards meet more often to discuss issues.

S. Reiter discussed a possible special district for public safety. There could be a town wide tax. Also the public safety tax could include the fire company contracts.

T. Collesano said we need relief from the state mandates. Also, the Village wants to be included in the fire contract negotiations as does the Fire Prevention Board.

Reiter outlined some proposed projects. A seasonal ice skating rink at Academy Park using Greenway funds. Also updating of lighting at Academy Park The sale of Christmas trees, Christmas Walk etc. would also benefit the area.

T. Collesano stated that the 20 acres at the Upper Plateau could be utilized for winter activities i.e. sledding, ice skating. But for recreational purposes only.

Reiter said he would like to see a recreation center located behind the Town Hall and there would be joint discussion on this and other projects.

Councilmen Bax and Marra will serve on the Recreation Cmte. and Councilman Winkley and Trustee Krell will serve on the Fire Companies Cmte.

An update on Joseph Davis State Park was given by Sup. Reiter.

Bax questioned the status of consolidation of the DPW.

T. Collesano said the there was no change after the initial study was done. Bax offered to volunteer if there was further discussions.

It was unanimously agreed that both Boards will meet on September 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

On Motion of Trustee E. Krell, seconded by Councilman M. Marra the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully & Submitted by: Town Clerk C. Brandon

