STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
TOWN OF LA GRANGE

TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 22, 2013

Present: Supervisor Joseph Luna
Councilman Edward Jessup
Councilman Gary Polhemus
Councilman Andrew P. Dyal
Councilman Alan Bell

Recording Secretary: Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

Others Present: Ron Blass, Esq. Van De Water & Van De Water
Wanda Livigni, Administrator of Public Works

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 24 Firemen's Way, Town of LaGrange. Supervisor Luna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk led the flag salute.

Mr. Luna asked for a motion to accept the minutes for May 8, 2013.

Councilman Jessup moved to do so, seconded by Councilman Polhemus. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

Mr. Luna asked for a motion to accept the bid for the Cab and Chassis Industrial Vacuum Sweeper from Vantage Equipment for $249,292.00.

Councilman Polhemus moved to do so, seconded by Councilman Jessup. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luna asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Karen McLaughlin to the vacant part–time accounting position in the Comptroller's office, with a salary of $18.58 per hour. He added that he had been remiss in not bringing this matter before the Board earlier; however Ms. McLaughlin was chosen by the Comptroller as the best candidate for the position as she has the requisite experience and would provide the smoothest transition.

Councilman Polhemus asked about the number of days she would work.
Mr. Luna replied that she would work three days; she presently has another part-time job at Tri-Municipal Sewer Commission.

Councilman Dyal asked if she would be making the same salary as Mr. Brady.
Supervisor Luna stated that Mr. Brady's salary had been $18.80 per hour.

Councilman Jessup moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilman Polhemus. The motion carried unanimously.

The Comptroller requested an extension of the time to accept RFPs for IT support due to an insufficient response. Mr. Luna added that the New York State Audit had mentioned a lack of RFP for IT support as a matter to be addressed.
A discussion ensued.

Councilman Jessup, seconded by Councilman Polhemus moved, to extend the acceptance period to June 30, 2013; with the RFP re-advertised prior to that date. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Luna asked the Board for a motion to allow the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual Carnival on Town property from June 26th through June 29, 2013. The event will have a beer tent and games of chance. The Knights will provide proof of insurance. The Town Clerk has sent the proper paperwork to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department for approval.

Councilman Dyal moved to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Bell. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution: Tax Certiorari Settlement Agreement for 1493 Route 55 (SEE ADDENDUM)

Councilman Polhemus stated that the reduction was due to limited usability, since the entire parcel is located in a flood zone. The estimated refund will be $304.03

Resolution: Tax Certiorari Settlement Agreement for Overlook Road; near Germania Hall (SEE ADDENDUM)

Councilman Polhemus stated that the reduction is due to the fact that "out" buildings on the property no longer exist. The estimated refund amount will be $744.53.

Supervisor Luna asked for a motion to accept a bid for fencing around the condensers. Three bids were received ranging from $7,980 to $3,000. The lowest bid did not have the best references in terms of the timely completion of work. Adam's submitted a bid for $3,785 and overall their reputation is considered to be very good. A brief discussion followed.

Councilman Polhemus moved to approve the bid from Adams, seconded by Councilman Bell. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luna reported that the Town Hall renovations have resulted in many necessary upgrades. The move in and re-opening will be completed by June 3rd. He asked for a motion to approve replacement of the toilets and sinks, which were originally installed in 1968. A brief discussion followed.

Councilman Polhemus moved to replace the toilets and sinks, seconded by Councilman Jessup. The motion carried unanimously.

The sidewalks had to be dug up to facilitate the water hook-up. The back sidewalk is in good condition now, but the front sidewalk will need to be redone. Additionally, the front sidewalk had a height difference of about three inches on one slab, creating a tripping hazard. Mr. Luna asked for a motion to replace the sidewalk and curb to address this liability issue.

Councilman Dyal moved to do so, seconded by Councilman Bell. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luna also stated that the Town Hall parking lot will be patched and not paved this year in order to allow for settling. He added that the parking lot showed alot of settling since the renovation; which is probably due to heavy use by trucks and other equipment.

Supervisor Luna stated that the rumor that the project is over budget is untrue. The project has benefitted from his expertise in architectural design as well as input from the Building Inspector and Ms. Livigni, both of whom have engineering backgrounds.

Mr. Luna stated that a few years ago the Board was authorized to bond up to $700,000 for a new roof; but since the bids came in over $800,000, the project was shelved. The Board bonded for $400,000 for the current project since the insurance did not cover the roof or HVAC upgrades. The HVAC upgrades will save the Town about 50% on utilities. He added that the insurance paid out about $600.000, which includes rent for the temporary location.

Councilman Jessup stated that the insurance amount actually was about $472,000 including rent.

Councilman Polhemus stated that he was impressed with the work on the HVAC.

Supervisor Luna went over a "punch list" of work that would needed to be done to tie up loose ends on the project. Installation of a reduced pressure zone valve as per Department of Health regulations will be done to prevent back flow contamination.

Committee Reports

Water and Sewer

No Report

Recreation

Community Day is June 8th starting at 12 noon.

Open Space

Councilman Jessup reported that he has been in touch with the Director of the BOCES program to see if they could coordinate a project with the BOCES carpentry class to re-erect the Sleight

Farm barn. There are transportation issues that need to be addressed in order to get the students to the site. A brief discussion ensued about use of the Town van which seats 12.

Highway

The Highway Committee met on May 16th. Clapp Hill Road and Daley Road are in the process of being paved. Maloney Road will be paved after school lets out. Spring work is caught up.

Issues which will need to be addressed going forward are: the broken saddles on Four Winds Drive; Scenic Hills Subdivision replacement piping for water, sewer, and storm water; Titusville Heights water distribution system, which is privately owned and encompasses the area around Richards Boulevard and King Drive; long term funding for road paving as well as updating the Capital Plan for future Highway Department purchases.

Councilman Bell asked if Superintendent Kelly has drawn up a long term plan to schedule road paving.
Supervisor Luna replied that Mr. Kelly had done so; however due to the increase in the cost of asphalt and a decrease in State money for paving (CHIPS) he must pave the roads which are in the worst shape.

Town Attorney

No comment

Public Works

No comment

Town Board Comment

No comment

Public Comment

Councilman Jessup moved to open the Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Polhemus. The motion was carried by all.

Mr. William Robinson asked about the heat for Town Hall.
Mr. Luna replied that it will be propane.

A student asked about the IT room.
Mr. Luna replied that the IT room was created to have the server and panel in one place.

Councilman Polhemus moved to close the Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Bell. The motion was carried by all.

Mr. Luna asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Jessup so moved, seconded by Councilman Polhemus. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine O'Reilly-Rao

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Town Clerk

ADDENDUM

- Resolution: Tax Certiorari:1493 Route 55
- Resolution: Tax Certiorari: Overlook Road

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, heretofore Brian Page filed petitions under Real Property Tax Law Article 7 in New York, State Supreme Court, Dutchess County, challenging the real property tax assessment for certain real property located in the Town of LaGrange and more fully described on the annexed schedule prepared by Drake, Loeb, Heller, Kennedy, Gogerty, Gaba ,and Rodd PLLC, Counsel to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Brian Page and the Town have reached mutually agreeable settlements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: that the Town Board does hereby authorize Counsel to the Town to enter into and execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the Town for assessments for Brian Page all in accordance with the annexed schedule.

Motion: Councilman Polhemus

Second: Councilman Dyal

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Supervisor Joseph Luna	AYE
Councilman Edward Jessup	AYE
Councilman Gary Polhemus	AYE
Councilman Andrew Dyal	AYE
Councilman Alan Bell	AYE

Dated: May 22, 2013

LaGrangeville, New York

Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE

Property: 1493 Route 55 Tax Map No.: 6560-02-546974-000

Current Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Change
$529,900	$250,000	$279,900

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, heretofore IPE Asset Management LLC filed petitions under Real Property Tax Law Article 7 in New York State Supreme Court, Dutchess County, challenging the real property tax assessment for certain real property located in the Town of LaGrange and more fully described on the annexed schedule prepared by Drake, Loeb, Heller, Kennedy, Gogerty, Gaba ,and Rodd PLLC, Counsel to the Town, and

WHEREAS, IPE Asset Management LLC and the Town have reached mutually agreeable settlements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: that the Town Board does hereby authorize Counsel to the Town to enter into and execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the Town for assessments for IPE Asset Management LLC all in accordance with the annexed schedule.

Motion: Councilman Jessup

Second: Councilman Polhemus

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Supervisor Joseph Luna	AYE
Councilman Edward P. Jessup	AYE
Councilman Gary Polhemus	AYE
Councilman Andrew P. Dyal	AYE
Councilman Alan Bell	AYE

DATED: May 22, 2013

Lagrangeville, New York

Christine O'Reilly-Rao

Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE

Property: Overlook Road Tax Map No.: 6261-02-828898-000

Current Assessment	Settlement Assessment	Change
$189,300	$75,000	$114,300