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TOWN WORKSHOP 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 28th of December 2020

**PRESENT** Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor  
Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman  
Joseph P. Pedi, Town Clerk

**PRESENT** Scott M. Manley, Deputy Supervisor  
**REMOTELY** Paul R. Ruggiero, Councilman  
Anthony LoBiondo, Councilman  
Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town

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MR. PEDI: It's 7:00 p.m. It's Monday, the 28th of December. This is a regularly scheduled workshop meeting. The first order of business is roll call. Mrs. Greene.

MS. GREENE: Here.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero.

MR. RUGGIERO: Present.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley.

MR. MANLEY: Here.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo.

MR. LOBIONDO: Here.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Here.

MR. PEDI: Okay. Let's all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.)

MR. PEDI: Okay. Mr. Supervisor, any changes to the agenda?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Number 12-A and B are going to come off the agenda.

MR. PEDI: Okay. Any others?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: That's the only ones I have.

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MR. PEDI: Anything else?

MS. GREENE: I have nothing.

MR. LOBIONDO: Nothing.

MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 5 for approval of audit.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So we're going to look for a motion to approve this audit in the amount of \$1,003,683.64.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. LOBIONDO: Second.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo seconded the motion. Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 6 which is the resolution, adoption of introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2020, Records Retention.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So we're looking for a motion to adopt the Local Law No. 5 of 2020 dealing with records retention. Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 7.

This is a resolution, adoption of introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2020 which is the Solar Energy

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PILOT.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So, again, we're looking for a motion for the adoption of this Local Law No. 3 which is a Solar Energy PILOT. Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 8 for Animal Control, a T-94 withdrawal.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Cheryl Cunningham, Animal Control Officer, is requesting that \$752.23 be spent from the T-94 account, and

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that will be to the Newburgh Veterinary Hospital.  
Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Ruggiero, did you  
second that?

MR. RUGGIERO: No. It was Councilman  
LoBiondo.

MR. PEDI: Thank you. Any further  
discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 9 for  
the Police Department. The first item A is  
approval to purchase body worn cameras.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So the Chief is suggesting that we purchase some body cams to be worn by the officers. We're looking for a motion to purchase 45 Axis W100 Body Worn Cameras and associated software at a cost of \$32,969.50, and there's no recurring licensing fees. He's requesting that the purchase be made for this equipment from drug seizure money. It's in the 2020 budget under 3120.485. Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make that motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second the motion.

MR. PEDI: Councilwoman Greene seconded the motion. Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to the second item which is approval to purchase radar speed signs.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We have several of these, and our Police Chief Campbell is requesting that we purchase two more.

I want to thank Paul Ruggiero because he's involved in the placement and relocation of these radar signs. They seem to make a difference.

The motion would be to purchase two Evolis Radar Speed signs with solar panels and mounting kits for a total of \$5,775. The signs are solar powered, collect traffic data from both directions, and can be removed and redeployed to different locations. The funds used for this purchase are in the 2020 budget under line item 3120.200. Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. PEDI: Motion made by Councilman Manley. May I have a second, please?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

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MR. PEDI: Thank you. Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 10 which is an agreement between the Town and the Town of Newburgh Emergency Medical Services.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Right. So on this one now, and of course everybody knew it in the past as the Town of Newburgh Volunteer Ambulance, because they have a new name, Town of Newburgh Emergency Medical Services. This agreement is between the ambulance service and the Town. What this is is that they will stand by at five of the Town held events in 2021, and

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the cost will be \$5,000. So we're paying them like \$1,000 each event for standby. And they do provide a service to the Town. This will give them a little bit of help here in these bad times.

So does someone want to make a motion that this agreement is okay?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 11 which is for the Engineering and the Water Department, approval to hire a full-time

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secretary.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. And this, again, is in the 2021 budget. After interviews -- so this person will share between the engineer as well as the Water/Sewer Department, and it's to hire Deborah Morello-Deegan as secretary. It is a Civil Service position so it will be provisional pending her taking that test. It is a full-time position under the CSEA contract. It will be a Step No. 9. The fund appropriation is 1440.5100. She's already been an employee for some time as a part timer, so the physical and all isn't necessary. The starting date is January 4, 2021. If someone would make that motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

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MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 13 for the Accounting Department which is a budget transfer.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Here we have three budget transfers from our Town Accountant, Ron Clum. I'm going to just say as presented here because these are all budget transfers so we stay within budget for the 2020 year.

Does someone want to make that motion as presented?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 14 for adjournment.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion to --

MS. GREENE: Go ahead.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Ruggiero made the motion to adjourn. May I have a second, please?

MS. GREENE: I'll second it with wishes for a happy new year for everybody out there. Be safe and don't party too hardy.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I think that's a message from all of us. I usually don't speak for the Board, but I think that goes for all of us. I hope it's a better year, '21, than this '20 year.

MS. GREENE: I agree.

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MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to  
adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Thank you, everyone.

(Time noted: 7:09 p.m.)

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I, MICHELLE CONERO, a Notary Public  
for and within the State of New York, do hereby  
certify:

That hereinbefore set forth is a  
true record of the proceedings.

I further certify that I am not  
related to any of the parties to this proceeding by  
blood or by marriage and that I am in no way  
interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand this 1st day of January 2021.

*Michelle Conero*

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