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Minutes of a Special Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Riverhead Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Philip Cardinale,	Supervisor
Edward Densieski,	Councilman
George Bartunek,	Councilman
Barbara Blass,	Councilwoman

**Also Present:**

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Dawn Thomas, Esq.,	Town Attorney

**Absent:**

Rose Sanders,	Councilwoman
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Supervisor Cardinale called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. This is the November 9<sup>th</sup> Special Town Board Meeting for the primary purpose of reviewing the preliminary budget which must become the final budget by the 20<sup>th</sup> of November and to take public comment and any other comment in regard to the preliminary budget as it now stands.

And we also have— is it six, seven, relatively routine resolutions that are available for the public that's here to look at. They should be out on the table there. Of course, if they're not, we'll make copies but there's seven routine resolutions.

And one preliminary budget that's available for your reading pleasure and your questions.

We have Jack Hansen, the budget officer, with us and he's going to assist if anyone has questions.

There's a relatively modest audience, it being the day after Election Day in the afternoon. Is there anyone that has a question on the preliminary budget as it's proposed here?

You have a proposal. Okay. Do you want to read that into the record? We have a letter from Riverhead Housing Development Corp."

Barbara Grattan: "It says proposal to the Town of Riverhead. We have been asked to submit a request for proposal form for the 2006 budget year. Therefore, the Riverhead Housing Development Corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, as an

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instrumentality of the Town of Riverhead, needing approval from the town for all funding submissions and projects respectfully submits this proposal.

This proposal for in kind assistance is a restatement as many requests made to the Riverhead Town Board over an eleven month period.

1. Waive health insurance premiums reimbursed to the town. On a yearly basis, RHDC reimburses the town \$26,263.68. These are premiums for 2005 calendar year for two full time employees. This year there has been approximately an 10% increase over the past budget year.

As an instrumentality of the town, RHDC proposes that the town waives this reimbursement.

2. Phone bill. Previously the town paid our phone bill directly. We would like to have this happen again as the bill is still directed to the Town of Riverhead c/o Riverhead Housing.

Yearly amount approximately - \$2,700.00.

If the town undertakes absorbing these costs we can, because we have continued to be very aggressive in collecting monies owed to us, pay the cost of storage, maintain adequate staffing and provide for some critical capital expenditures. We will also be able to pay audit expenses, a cost that we previously received additional funding for.

We appreciate your consideration of these critical requests.

Christine McCusker, Director Riverhead Housing Development Corp.

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you."

Barbara Grattan: "You're welcome."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. Is there any other written correspondence you want to read into the preliminary budget hearing record?"

Jack, you're here to answer questions. Did you want to make a statement of any type? Not unless you need to in answer to a question. Okay.

Is there anyone who wants to make a comment from the public? Yes, this is a public hearing. I should note that it is 2:11 and I am opening the public hearing and requesting comment on the preliminary budget."

Public hearing opened: 2:11 p.m.

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

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Councilwoman Blass: "I have two questions for Jack just to put on the record."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Jack, why don't you come on up?"

Councilwoman Blass: "Thanks. Jack, I didn't see the synopsis until this morning, but I just wanted to make sure that the preliminary budget reflects the award to the sanitation-- for the sanitation collection districts-- the garbage. Yes. So this reflects that increase as well. And the personnel promotions that we-- the board entertained between the tentative budget and now, has the preliminary budget reflected--"

Jack Hansen: (Inaudible)

Councilwoman Blass: "Those promotions, they are now in here. Okay."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Good."

Councilwoman Blass: "Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. Any other comment, question? Yes?"

Councilwoman Blass: "Actually I just wanted to ask Jack are those the only changes that are here?"

Jack Hansen: (Inaudible)

Councilwoman Blass: "The bid award. Okay."

Jack Hansen: (Inaudible)

Councilwoman Blass: "And those are the only changes. Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Is there any other comment?"

Councilman Densieski: "Just-- we had one request. Are we going to discuss that at work session or--"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yeah. Just-- yeah, on the Riverhead Housing we've heard the request before. As Ed says, Ed and I have been talked to individually. I think maybe others, Barbara--"

Councilwoman Blass: "I've had conversations."

Supervisor Cardinale: "-- and I think that we're going to be-- they want to know basically-- I need to know if there are three votes

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in favor of adding the \$29,000 or some portion thereof to the budget. Because that is not in the budget now and it would need to be in the budget for the 20<sup>th</sup>. And we need to do that in the next 11- 10 days. When do we have to get you the final figures? Is it- I know it's November 20<sup>th</sup>. So say by the 19<sup>th</sup> you need them, right? So we've got 10 days to decide clearly and they've been very good at- persistent at calling, lobbying, they're doing what they're supposed to be doing this period. But we need to get a final answer to them. Okay.

Any other questions? Okay. I'm going to- since this is a complicated subject and a lot of people picked up- a lot of people aren't here, but the people that are here picked up the preliminary budget, you probably have a question, you may want to submit. So I'd like to- can I leave this open for five days to submit written material, a letter like here, a comment, and that way by the 14<sup>th</sup> we'll have the comments and the last time we're going to be able to look at this is, let's see, the 10<sup>th</sup>, the 17<sup>th</sup>. At the work session next week, we're going to have to make the preliminary budget final.

So, I'm going to keep the hearing open for five days for written. I'm going to close the verbal portion of it now, it being 2:16."

Public hearing closed: 2:16 p.m.  
Left open for written comment  
for five days

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Supervisor Cardinale: "We also have seven resolutions we have to look at and consider. I think- are they numbered? Yeah, they're numbered and Jack is here if anybody has any questions on the budget resolutions. And did everyone have an opportunity to look at these?"

Councilman Densieski: "Yes."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. So then- "

Councilwoman Blass: (Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yeah. So I wanted to- yeah, good point. Since even though it is a special meeting, we've taken the- in the past we've allowed comment as in an ordinary meeting of the town board for the resolutions. There's seven of them. You have a comment, Sal? Please come up."

Sal Mastropolo: "On 1068- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

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Sal Mastropolo: "Can you tell me what the Riverhead Central School District has to do with this resolution? They're in the last Resolve on the first page."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. Let me look. Oh, I think I know what it is, but let me just make sure. The last Resolve on the first page?"

Sal Mastropolo: "Yeah. I mean the agreement's between- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Oh, yes."

Sal Mastropolo: "-- the town of Riverhead and Riverhead Enterprises for 4400 square feet and all of a sudden- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Why are we copying them?"

Sal Mastropolo: "Yes."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Because the Riverhead Central- by chance not by anything else. When we were looking for space, you know, because we had to get out of the flooded basement, we chose- one of the buildings- the building we're moving into over there behind Social Security, was- had been rented by the Riverhead Central School District for the Alternative School. And they have no further need for it and it was empty and they were paying as a matter of fact, so this works out pretty well because the public is now going to get use of it and we're letting them get off the hook."

Sal Mastropolo: "Okay. Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Because they had an empty building and a lease. Okay. The- any other questions or comments on seven resolutions? If not, I'm signing and I guess we're supposed to sign this waiver of notice and consent on the meeting. Barbara- and Barbara you can call, I guess, 1063 through 1069."

#### Resolution #1063

Councilman Bartunek: "2005 ambulance acquisition capital project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

#### Resolution #1064

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Councilman Densieski: "Gateway East water extension capital project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1065

Councilwoman Blass: "Residential elderly emergency home repair fund budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Bartunek: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1066

Councilman Bartunek: "Appoints Ayne Warner to the- as a homemaker in the Nutrition Department. So moved."

Councilman Densieski: "Second the motion."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1067

Councilman Densieski: "Ratifies the approval of the Chapter 90 application of East End Rowing Institute LTD for a snowflake regatta. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Bartunek, yes; Blass."

Councilwoman Blass: "By the way, that was a great event. I don't know if everybody got a chance to go down there. I hope they do it again down here. It was wonderful. Yes."

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The Vote (Cont'd.): "Densieski."

Councilman Densieski: "Yes. It was great. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Cardinale."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes. And hopefully next year we'll do it again and we'll do it on a finished waterfront. So I vote yes."

Barbara Grattan: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1068

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Riverhead Enterprises. So moved."

Councilman Bartunek: "And I'll second that."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1069

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes the submission of an application to the American Rivers/NOAA Community based habitat restoration program partnership grant for construction of fish passage. So moved."

Councilman Bartunek: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. Is there any other— I don't believe there's any other resolutions for the Board to consider. Correct?"

Okay, that being said, unless there's any other comment, I'm going to call the meeting concluded at 2:20. Thank you."

Meeting adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

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