

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2011

A regular meeting of the Mayfield Town Board was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the Mayfield Municipal Complex 28 N School Street. The meeting was called to order at 7PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Argotsinger. A moment of silence was held in memory of William (Bill) Guido.

PRESENT Richard Argotsinger, Supervisor
 Vincent Coletti, Councilman
 Shawn Humphrey, Councilman
 Tom Ruliffson, Councilman

ABSENT Steve Van Allen, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Phillips, Liz Argotsinger, Richard Simmons, Vicki Croft, Richard Morrison, Barbara Cook Leader- Herald, Sally Morrison, Charles Morrison, Carla Kolbe Sacandaga Express, Mel Dopp Highway Superintendent, Barbara Handy, Cheryl Gifford, Jack Putman, Brandon Tyler, Kevin Wilcox, Lita Hillier, Garth Hillier, Carol Hart, Mike Stewart CEO, Jane Potts DCO

PUBLIC- Garth Hillier, Captain of the Sherriff's Department spoke to the board regarding eliminating the road patrol, also gave the board a resolution that they would like the board to address.

Barb Handy questioned the list that was given to the Supervisor's on the possible cuts to the budget and asked if the Supervisor would be in favor of cutting any of these services. Victoria Croft questioned why the board only has public comment at the beginning of the meeting and doesn't allow input during the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT- Mike Stewart submitted his monthly report which included 7 permits issued for the month, 5826 visits to the website in October. The Comprehensive Plan committee met and has received 59 surveys to date. The Planning Board met and made a negative declaration regarding the Paradise Point Development project.

RES# OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE CONTRACT

On motion by Councilman Ruliffson seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to open the scheduled public hearing on the proposed contract with the Broadalbin Kennyetto Fire Department at 7:15PM.

Mike Stewart read the certificate of publication.

The public hearing was left open and the town continued with town business.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT-Mel Dopp submitted his monthly report which included the boiler at the highway department is in, Beech Street is coming along and should be open in two weeks, and road work is being done. Also stated if the town is

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purchasing a new truck for next year if they send in a letter of intends they would save 8 to 10% on the total cost. Sidewalks in Vails Mills will not be the responsibility of the town this winter, but next year needs to have a plan in place.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT- Supervisor Argotsinger reported that the rates going up at Time Warner Cable, training schools are January 11-14 and February 19-22 sponsored by Association of Towns. At the county level it is budget season and asked if anyone had any suggestions on ways to cut the budget. A lengthy discussion followed with several recommendations.

RES# 144 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2012

On motion by Councilman Humphrey seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to open the scheduled public hearing at 7:40PM on the preliminary budget for 2012.

Mike Stewart read the certification of publication.

Victoria Croft asked if the tax rate was the same as 2011.

Jack Putman questioned if any part of the Beech Street project is in the 2012 budget.

Barb Handy questioned if any fund balance would be left after we use it this year?

Lita Hillier Budget Director explained the process.

Barb Handy commended the board for all their hard work and keeping the tax rate the same.

Kevin Wilcox stated he is not opposed to overriding the tax cap.

Rick Simmons suggested consolating services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS- Councilman Humphrey reported he had attended a meeting and suggested storing the steam table in our executive session room and putting power in the meeting room for the table.

OLD BUSINESS

RES# 145 AUTHORIZE TO PLACE AD FOR BIDS FOR TRACTOR/ ARM MOWER

On motion by Councilman Humphrey and seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to advertise for bids for a 1970 tractor with arm mower with bids due and opened by December 15th at 3PM.

Councilman Humphrey questioned on the truck rotation for the Broadalbin Fire Department.

RES# 146 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE CONTRACT

On motion by Councilman Humphrey seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

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RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to close the scheduled public hearing on the fire contract at 8:10 PM

Jack Putman suggested suspending paving in the town for 2012.

RES# 147 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to close the scheduled public hearing on the proposed preliminary budget for 2012 at 8:14PM.

RES# 148 OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP

On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Humphrey the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to open a budget workshop at 8:15PM.

Supervisor Argotsinger reported that the tipping fees at the county landfill are going up for 2012.

RES# 149 CLOSE BUDGET WORKSHOP

On motion by Councilman Ruliffson seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to close the budget workshop at 8:18PM

RES# 150 ADOPTION OF TOWN BUDGET

On motion by Councilman Humphrey seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Supervisor Argotsinger	AYE
Councilman Coletti	AYE
Councilman Humphrey	AYE
Councilman Ruliffson	AYE
Councilman Van Allen	ABSENT

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the preliminary budget as the adopted budget for 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

RES#151 SET TIME/ DATE FOR HOLIDAY GATHERING

On motion by Councilman Humphrey seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to set the holiday gathering for December 15th from 6-7PM.

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RES# 152 APPROVAL TO OBTAIN LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF APPEALS

On motion by Councilman Ruliffson seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (VanAllen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to advertise for letters of interest for planning board & Board of Appeals due by December 23rd.

RES# 153 SET YEAR END MEETING

On motion by Councilman Humphrey seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to set a year end meeting for Thursday December 29th at 7PM.

Town Clerk's report was submitted with fees collected in the A account \$49.50 B account \$615.00 Decals \$47.52

RES# 154 APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Humphrey the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the payment of vouchers in the following accounts

Union Rural Cemetery	vouchers 28-32	\$2,164.62
General Townwide	vouchers 248-273	\$15,089.35
General Outside	vouchers 51- 55	\$6,818.40
Highway Townwide	vouchers 33- 37	\$1,054.40
Highway Outside	vouchers 165-179	\$4,879.50

RES# 155 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUB DIVISION REGULATION CHANGES

On motion by Councilman Humphrey seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (VanAllen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to set a public hearing for sub division regulating changes on December 15th at 7:15PM.

Jane Potts DCO inquired if the town was interested in having a veterinarian on call in case of emergencies. A small discussion followed with the animal control committee to meet with Jane and report back.

RES# 156 APPROVAL TO KEEP ROAD PATROL AT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Humphrey the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Van Allen) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

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Whereas, the Town of Mayfield Town Board acknowledges the importance of public safety in our community to protect the life and property of our citizens;

Whereas, the Town of Mayfield Town Board recognizes that the first response to requests for assistance in an emergency situation of crimes in progress comes primarily from the road patrol division of Fulton County Sherriff's Office;

Whereas, the Town of Mayfield Town Board further recognizes the efforts of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office that provides non-emergency services to our community in the form of highway patrol's for violations of vehicle and traffic laws, providing residential, seasonal and business checks of premises, delivery of court documents, process service of orders of protection, responding to citizens complaints, and arresting individuals who have victimized our town residents.

Whereas, the County of Fulton has in its proposed 2012 budget reduced the number of positions in the road patrol division at the Fulton County Sheriff's Office by three;
Whereas, the Fulton County Board of Supervisors is weighing options to stay below the New York State imposed 2 percent tax cap, and may choose to eliminate the entire Fulton County Sheriff's Office road patrol;

Whereas, this reduction in available manpower to respond to and provide police services in the Town of Mayfield severely jeopardizes the life safety and protection of property;

Whereas, the Town of Mayfield Town Board, by this resolution fully supports the efforts of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and has determined that we cannot afford any reduction in manpower that would cause possible harm to persons or places in our township;

Be it therefore resolved, that this governing body opposes any reduction in the manpower staffing or the loss of three positions within the road patrol AND

Directs our Town Supervisor, acting in his capacity as a member of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors to reinstate said cuts in the Sheriff's budget and fully fund the road patrol so that our Town residents may continue to enjoy the comforts of a safe community.

RES#157 MOVE INT OEXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Humphrey the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to move into executive session at 8:30 PM for the purpose of employment history.

RES# 158 MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Humphrey the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to move out of executive session and back into regular session at 8:45PM.

RES# 159 APPROVAL TO PAY FORMER EMPLOYEE ACCURED SICK/
VACATION TIME

On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Humphrey the following resolution was ADOPTED 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves to pay former employee Clifford Marcellus 27 hours for accrued sick/ vacation time at a rate of \$18.10 per hour.

On motion by Councilman Coletti seconded by Councilman Humphrey the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM 4 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Humphrey, Ruliffson) 1 ABSENT (Van Allen)

Respectfully Submitted:

Dorothy Hart, Town Clerk RMC