

Draft Minutes
Joint Village and Town Meeting
New Paltz Board of Trustees and the Town Board
November 1, 2012
Village Hall, 6:30pm

Present: Village: Mayor West
Deputy Mayor Rhoads
Trustee Glenn
Trustee Kimbiz

Town: Supervisor Susan Zimet, arrival at 7:02pm
Councilman Barry
Councilwoman Brown
Councilwoman Gallucci, arrival at 7:56pm
Councilman Logan

Absent: Village: Trustee Basco

Also Present: Kathryn Doyle-Bunker, Village Clerk
Rosanna Mazzaccari, Town Clerk, Arrival at 7:22pm

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor West moved to approve the Agenda. Deputy Mayor Rhoads seconded. 4 Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Brown moved to accept the Agenda. Councilman Logan seconded. 3 Ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comment

A gentleman addressed the Board regarding the budgetary issues to be discussed at the Town Meeting. In particular the gentleman wanted to address the Board regarding the \$11,000.00 stipend portion of the raise for Supervisor Susan Zimet. The gentleman stated that he was livid. His first point was that an elected official would have the gall to ask for a raise relatively early in their term and such a large raise at that. The gentleman went on to say he was livid that the Town Board would approve such a raise. The gentleman went on to say that Supervisor Zimet was hired knowing what the job would be, and doing a good job is what it entails so doing the job one should not get a raise. Everyone else is hired to do a good job just as the Supervisor is. Then the gentleman continued to state that he is livid given the current economic climate it seems out of line to ask for such a raise. If the Supervisor believes that good performance warrants such a raise he thinks that poor performance should likewise be penalized. The gentleman then suggested setting certain high goals that must be met and working out penalties if they are not met. The gentleman stated that the Board is out of touch with the townspeople they represent. The gentleman stated letters to the newspaper show the shock and outrage of people at the very idea of such a raise or any raise at this point. The gentleman wanted to know specifically and have it reported more widespread which members of the Board specifically voted the stipend raise. Then the gentleman wanted to know if there was anyway the raise could be stopped, and if the raise was for the Supervisor's full term.

Councilwoman Brown responded that the raise was retroactive for this past year and will extend for 2013.

The gentleman responded was there anyway the raise could be reversed?

Councilman Logan responded that if the gentleman could continue this discussion for the Town Meeting. The matter could be brought up again as a budget line reduction. It could be proposed to reduce the budget line for the Supervisor's which is on the A side of the budget which the Board can discuss prior to the adoption of the budget.

Announcements

Councilwoman Brown announced that Mohonk Consultations is hosting an alternative energy conference on Monday, November 12 at Mohonk Mountain House from 9:00am to 4:00pm. There will be speakers on Geothermal, Solar, Wind, Biofuel, and NYSERTA will be there. One can find out more on registering at www.mohonk-consultations.org

Mayor West announced that the Town and Village of New Paltz dodged a really large bullet again with Hurricane Sandy. The pictures from down in New York tell a lot for us here. As always the Village and Town need to thank Chief Snyder and the Town Police, Chief Dugatkin and the SUNY Police, Chief Bassinette and the New Paltz Rescue Squad, Chief Maguire and the Fire Department, Superintendent Terwilliger and the Village DPW and Supervisor Marx and the Town Highway and there are a couple of other people to thank. All of the previously named people in these organizations have chosen to spend their careers in emergency services and they are trained well. They are incredibly gifted people who put their own lives aside to make our lives better and make sure that we are safe in an emergency, but there are a couple of other people who stepped forward when called who didn't have training who had never been part of an emergency operations center, and Mayor West believed that they deserve to be known. Two of those people were at the table. Deputy Mayor Rhoads and Councilman Logan who were called to set up an OP alternate site at Village Hall. If someone made a call last year during Irene and were routed here to Village Hall find out where a shelter was, or where to get blankets or what roads were closed the Emergency Operation Center put Deputy Mayor Rhoads and Councilman Logan were in charge of setting up the alternate site and they had things organized, lined up and ready to go, and thankfully it was unnecessary to pull that trigger. Mayor West also wanted to thank K.T. Tobin and Craig Shankles who were the first of half a dozen people who called Mayor West back when he reached out to find Public Information Officers. People who could just focus on getting information out to the public. They both really rose to the occasion. They were at every EOC meeting as were Deputy Mayor Rhoads and Councilman Logan. If someone saw the Emergency Operations Blog they have Craig and K.T. to thank for the blog and all the information that went out. Mayor West continued on to say that he agreed with Mayor Bloomberg that climate change accelerated or amplified the storm which means that this isn't going away, and we will be doing an EOC again, and again, and again. Mayor West stated especially for anyone who was watching at home if anyone watching ever wanted to be a firefighter or a paramedic it's time. We need your help. We need you in the Fire Department, we need you in the Rescue Squad, we need you volunteering, and next time we are in one of these emergencies, and the lights are out and people are racing around trying to get lights turned on someone at home could be one of those helping. We need your help. Please call and please volunteer. Mayor West concluded that it was a fantastic drill, with risk enough to be taken deadly seriously, but it was a beautiful evening and it was a perfect night for an EOC. The last person Mayor West wished to thank, someone he felt probably doesn't get enough thanks is Gail Gallerie. Gail Gallerie ran the EOC in both Irene, and Sandy and if you see her on the streets please shake her hand and give her a big word of thanks.

Councilman Logan wanted to offer a word of thanks for the Halloween Parade. A word of thanks to the Lions Club and David Santner and so many others who dropped what they could and made sure that the week went off without as smoothly as possible.

Water Meters

Mayor West began the conversation on the water meters. The water meters were a project that were started in 2007 for the Village to buy water meters for the Town, because the Village replaced their water meters at the time. The funds have been sitting in the Village account for all of these years. The Village is offering to purchase water meters that offer more accurate readings for the Town,

Councilman Logan clarified that the Town had put in to its budget the cost for the same meters and that in fact the Town would be paying the Village to read the meters.

Councilwoman Brown said that for the Town to have the water meters for this year they would just need to decide which line on the budget to charge.

Mayor West suggested that if the Town Board wanted to table the discussion of the water meters until the Town Meeting at 8:00pm the same evening that would be fine.

Councilwoman Brown reiterated that the Town would need a number to add into their budget process.

Councilman Logan stated that it had been the plan the year before that the Town would pay the Village to read the meters. At the end of his statement Councilman Logan stated “the answer is yes we are definitely interested.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads advised Councilman Logan that the Town Board would need to move to approve the Town working with the Village to develop an electronic water system. For the Town it is going to save a half line of a person and a lot of bookkeeping cost and then the Town would need to authorize a representative from the Town and Nancy Branco, the Village Treasurer to work out the process of how it will be done.

Councilman Logan made the motion that the Town would accept the water meters from the Village of New Paltz. Councilman Barry seconded.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads offered a friendly suggestion the Supervisor and the Village Treasurer will work out the plan. Councilman Logan accepted the Friendly suggestion by saying “as Sally said.” 3 Ayes. Motion passed.

Fire Protection Contract

Mayor West began the conversation on the topic of the Fire Contract, and stated that there had been a lot of back and forth on new ideas between the Village and the Company on the Fire Protection Contract. The Village and the Company have come to the verbal agreement to use the same contract from the prior year with updated budget numbers for this year. Then in February of 2013 have a meeting with all of the primary players sitting around the table in one session. Everyone can then go over all of the ideas for improvements with the thought of having it done by the start of the Village budget season. The Contract would be complete for the budget year in June. Mayor West stated “rather than drag this contract out we sign this one with the old terms and start over with the new contract.”

Councilwoman Brown stated that the Town Board had received an email from Supervisor Zimet stating that the Supervisor had received a new contract with new numbers in it.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads echoed the information shared by Mayor. The new contract was really a roll over from last year’s contract with the same language and just the new numbers for the new year. Deputy Mayor Rhoads moved the contract on the Village side. Mayor West seconded. 4 Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilwoman Brown said that she could not vote on the contract because she did not know if the Boards were talking the numbers from Joe Moriello’s memo (attached here as part of the record.)

Councilman Logan said to Councilwoman Brown that the Boards were discussing the Fire Protection Contract that had been updated from the past year. (attached here as part of the record.)

Councilman Barry addressed Mayor West and said that he had a question regarding the payment. Item #4A. Councilman Barry wanted to know 50% of what number would the Town be paying.

Mayor West stated that it would be 50% of the total consideration due from the Town. The total amount would be \$251,844.60.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads reminded the Town Board that the contract was not signed on time and that the Town would now need to make one payment to the Village, and not the two payments of 50% each that was listed in the contract.

Councilwoman Brown asked for clarification on the expiration of the proposed Fire Protection Contract.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads clarified that the proposed contract would expire on May 31, 2013.

Councilwoman Brown questioned if the Town of New Paltz had made any payments to the Village for this year’s Fire Protection Contract.

At nearly the same moment Mayor West, Deputy Mayor Rhoads and Trustee Glenn answered that no payment has been made. Mayor West then went on to explain that without a signed contract the Town could not make a payment, and that was why he felt it was so important to settle this matter soon so

that it did not get tangled up in any of the other budgetary items the Town was organizing for the new budget year.

Councilwoman Brown made the Motion that the Town should enter into a contract with the Village in the amount of \$251,844.60 to expire on May 31, 2013. Councilman Barry seconded for discussion purposes. Councilman Barry stated to the Town Board that he would really like to like to handle this matter during the Town Board meeting later the evening of the 1st so that the Town Board could have more information in making their decision.

Councilwoman Brown withdrew her Motion.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads that she was happy to agree to the Town waiting until their meeting to make the Motion on the Fire protection Contract as long as the Town Board agrees to make a decision and send the check in the mail immediately.

Councilman Barry said that he did not have a problem taking care of it tonight he just wanted more input from Supervisor Zimet.

Discussion on the Moriello Pool

Councilman Barry said that the short version of the issue with Moriello Pool is that the projected budget for 2013 looks as though the pool will be running at a \$60,000.00 operating loss. The Town was requesting the Village pay 50% of the loss at a total of \$30,000.00.

Mayor West inquired as to how this was different than paying the loss from the “A Fund”.

Councilman Logan said that the Town would put the expense for the Pool on to the “B Side” and that the Town and Village would just split the loss.

Mayor West rephrased the question if the Village and Town tax payers equally share the burden for the losses for the pool that is the status quo because if it is already a loss paid out of the “A Fund” the Village residents pays those taxes. So a Village resident is already paying their share of the losses. What benefit is it to have the two governments to have the expenses and losses split into two different budgets rather than kept in one because essentially for the public it doesn’t make a difference at all.

Councilman Logan responded that it makes a huge difference because the loss on the Village side is only \$0.25 on the dollar so the Village is gaining on their loss. The Village tax assessment is less than the Town so the Village residents are only paying about a quarter of every dollar. So if the Town and Village split the loss 50-50 then the Village is paying \$0.50 on the dollar and the Town is paying \$0.50 on the dollar.

Mayor West stated that is not how the “A Fund” works for individual programs.

Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Barry, and Councilman Logan all responded at nearly the same time that this is how the “A Fund” works.

Councilman Logan apologized he assumed that the information available to the Town Board would have been sent over to the Village Board for prior review. Councilman Logan continued on to say that the point is that the Town and Village both run the pool. Councilman Logan said that it had been a great year, and that representatives from the Town had been able to sit down with Trustee Glenn and Trustee Bassco and work together. Councilman Logan said that the goal now was to move ahead and have the Town and Village share all of the expense equally.

Mayor West said that his first reaction is a little bit skeptical because what it sounds like to him was that the pool has been badly managed and is running at a loss and now the Town is coming to the Village for a bail out. Mayor West stated that the Town wanted the Village to pay more of a share of the loss. Mayor West said to the Town Board that to please tell him what he is missing because that is what sounds to him like, and looks like on the surface.

Councilman Logan responded that it was all how one viewed Government. If one thinks that Government is there to provide for its citizens what they can’t provide for themselves then.

Councilman Logan answered yes. Recreation programs run at a loss. If one feels that the pool needs to run at a profit or a break even venture Councilman Logan said that he would disagree there were certain things that needed to be provided. Councilman Logan said it wasn't poor management, and that he took offense to that remark. If the Town and the Village were to raise the rate they are already getting to the point where they are pricing people out. The membership is going up every year. The amount of people who are not vacationing away from home is going up every year.

Trustee Kimbiz raised the question to Mayor West if he had ever visited the pool. Mayor West responded that he had. Trustee Kimbiz stated that he had never been swimming at the Pool. Mayor West reminded Trustee Kimbiz that neither of them had children. Trustee Kimbiz stated that he thought the role of Government was more to protect the public from things they can't protect themselves from as opposed to maybe offering programs at the end of the day one could say that it has been mismanaged, but he did not think it had ever run even. Trustee Kimbiz stated that at the end of the day he would try to make it break even, and that he did not think there was a reason to run at a deficit. Trustee Kimbiz suggested that if the Town was in charge of operations, and they wanted to split the expense then perhaps the Town should split the operations decisions.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads stated the Village does pay for the pool through the "A Fund" and that Village taxpayers pay an equal amount to Town taxpayers in terms of the "A Fund" and to ask the Village to split it 50/50 when the Village tax base is about 27% of the Town "A Fund" she would not consider it a good deal. If you were proposing that the Village help the Town by absorbing 27% of the Town's loss Deputy Mayor Rhoads might be willing to discuss that solution. She is not willing to discuss a 50/50 break when the Village has already paid, and she felt that it should be proportioned over the tax base of the "A Fund".

Supervisor Zimet arrived at 7:02pm

Councilman Barry responded to Deputy Mayor Rhoads by saying that in that if someone were talking about providing member of the community with something that was positive with all of the things that the Town and Village spend money on \$60,000.00 to provide a pool for the residents for the summer is cheap. Councilman Barry continued on to say \$60,000.00 with all the money the Town and Village spend on stuff to give people a place to go in the summer time that don't have a place to go, kids that are cooped up in apartment buildings, and some don't have air conditioning. Councilman Barry said that he thought \$60,000.00 was a joke when it compares to providing our community with an opportunity, and it is the cheapest recreational activity we have in our Town.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads said that the Town took the responsibility to run the pool. If the Town would like to share on 50/50 bases then the Village should have an equal say in the operation.

Councilwoman Brown inquires as to if the Joint Committee spoke about this model at all. Councilman Logan responded no. The Joint Committee took care of emergency things. Councilwoman Brown said that she was very fine with alternating managing of the pool each year. If the Village would like to manage the pool next year the Town and the Village would share the expense, share the revenue, and alternate yearly on who manages the operation.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads clarified that she was talking about a shared management.

Councilwoman Brown stated that perhaps that was too many cooks in the kitchen.

Supervisor Zimet apologized for being late. There was confusion on the timing, because of the change around in the scheduling.

Supervisor Zimet stated that if one were to go back to the minutes it would show that the Village had chosen not to be a part of the operations of recreation. Supervisor Zimet said that she did not know how that decision can to be. In consideration of the options for operating the pool Supervisor Zimet, and Councilwoman Gallucci considered several thoughts. Supervisor Zimet stated that she then reached out to individual member of the Village Board to collect their thoughts. Specifically she mentioned Trustee Glenn and Trustee Basco stating that if the Village were going to share in the operating cost the Village should share in the management decisions. A subcommittee was formed of

Councilman Logan, Councilman Barry, Trustee Glenn and Trustee Basco who have come together, and helped the operations of the pool avoid some of the problems they have encountered in the past.

Councilman Logan stated that the role of Government was to provide services whether someone sees that as protection or recreation. Councilman Logan stated that the County Pool also runs at a loss each year. If the Town were forced to raise the rates to break even the family membership would be raised to about \$150.00 to \$175.00 more than the current rate, and the daily rate would have to go up about \$4.00 to \$5.00 each and that would put it out of reach for many of the people who are using the pool.

Mayor West responded to Councilman Logan by saying that lack of support to what the Town Board is saying should be done is not a way of saying those on the Village Board are stating that they are objecting to the Town's idea because they hate children or that they are trying to make life tougher on the poorer members of the community. Everyone thinks the pool is a good thing, but the argument that the Town and Village are having right now is how to make it best function for the community. The Town Board's idea that it should just be split 50/50 has on its face some obvious benefits and is clearly something worth talking about. When the Village Board come back to you with some serious objections to a 50/50 split it is not the Board's way of saying "screw you we don't want a pool." The Village Board is coming back to you with an alternate idea. Maybe if the Board explored the options they can come to a better plan together. Mayor West wanted to know from the trustees if there was enough information to make a decision that evening or if they needed a longer conversation.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads said that she would like to see a proposal in writing before the next Joint Village and Town Board meeting on what the Town is proposing.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she felt that recreation like public schools and libraries are one of those things that always run at a deficit and is one something that not everyone uses but that everyone contributes to the maintenance of, and that is one of the roles that Government plays. Councilwoman Brown felt that the process of the subcommittee coming together and then going back to each of their Boards, and then each of the Boards voting on a matter can be cumbersome, but if the Village Board feels that is the way to feel included she would support it for one year to see how it works.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads stated that the Village is happy to contribute its fair share. She is stating that fair share is not 50/50. It should be a proportional distribution.

Supervisor Zimet stated that there are a lot of people who wonder why the Town and Village maintain the Moriello Pool when there is the County Pool. Supervisor Zimet suggested taking the \$60,000.00 deficit and subtracting 20% representing the "A Fund" and then splitting the remainder in half. Supervisor Zimet explained how important it was for her to be able to present the Town's budget, and right now the Town's budget is predicated on the Town absorbing half of the loss and the Village absorbing half of the loss.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads stated how she wished the proposal had come in writing, and that she felt it was very strange that the Town was at the end of their budget process, and this was the first time the Village was hearing about this proposal. Deputy Mayor Rhoads went on to say that the proposal really does deserve some consideration.

Rosanna Mazzaccari, arrival at 7:22pm.

Supervisor Zimet said that when the Town and Village were supposed to have met in the last few months the Moriello Pool was supposed to be one of the topics. Supervisor Zimet also stated that the Board directed her to put a budget together, and then to put half of the responsibility of the Pool back on the Village's shoulder. The Village Board would then have been able to respond yes or no, and if the Village had said no then the Town would have had to make a decision if they were going to open for part of the summer or not open at all. Supervisor Zimet stated that she did not go that route rather she, and Councilwoman Gallucci created a plan that seemed fair as a way to work together.

Trustee Kimbiz addressed to Joint Meeting by saying that all due respect the members of the Joint Boards agreed to a set of parameters in terms of getting items in for the Joint Agenda. The Board members are responsible for getting items into their respective clerks whether there was a storm or not, and everyone should have had the information about the Pool in their packets, and if not it should have

gone on to the next meeting. Trustee Kimbiz stated he thought the idea brought up by Councilwoman Brown was a great idea even if it is a little cumbersome the Town and Village Board has seen some good work done by the subcommittee. Trustee Kimbiz stated it was his opinion that if there was a shared management responsibility then there might be a more willingness to share fiduciary responsibility.

Supervisor Zimet responded that she understood there was a deadline and that she and Mayor West had met on Friday (October 26th), and they were going to put the agenda together, but then later that morning they were in rescue squad mode, and emergency mode and it wasn't until Monday (October 29th) that they even had a chance to discuss the Town and Village Meeting. They agreed that they needed to cancel the meeting, but because of the Town budget, Supervisor Zimet said that she needed to meet with the Village ahead of time. So a special meeting was called because of the time constraints and concern. She was sorry that the Boards had not received the proper packet information.

Trustee Kimbiz clarified that it was not one particular time. The prior meeting the Town Clerk had been blamed for failure to gather the information needed, and if the Meeting was set for Monday then the Agenda should have been drafted long before the emergency.

Supervisor Zimet stated the understanding she and the Mayor have is that they have until the Friday before a Joint Meeting to draft an Agenda.

Mayor West requested that someone on the Town Board to write a revised Moriello Pool Contract with everything the Board hopes to change about the relationship between the two, and then send it over to the Village Board so they everything in one place so the Village Board can discuss the contract and go line by line.

Trustee Glenn stated that what has happened in the last hour was in his mind a perfect example of why the Town and Village should have coterminous government, and he is happy to meet as a subcommittee. Trustee Glenn requested to have an outline of ideas to start working with when the subcommittee had their meeting.

Discussion on the New Paltz Rescue Squad

Mayor West inquired if the discussion about the Rescue Squad was very much the same conversation.

Supervisor Zimet distributed to the Board an Opinion 88-69 drafted by the State Comptroller's Office dated March 22, 1998 (Attached to the record) and Correspondence from Joseph Moriello dated May 30, 2012 (Attached to the record). Supervisor Zimet also distributed a paper breaking down the 2011 Rescue Squad call by Town and Village. (attached to the record.)

Mayor West stated that he felt the Boards did not have time to digest.

Supervisor Zimet spoke to the Board that the quick nutshell was that Carol Connolly had received the list of 2011 Town and Village calls on the afternoon of November 1st. Supervisor Zimet the applied the same formula that had been used in the past for determining any overage amounts for the Village. Based on her calculations Supervisor Zimet is requesting that the Village pay about \$12,000.00 toward the Rescue Squad.

Mayor West stated that since the Village Board did not have to make a decision that evening they would be able put this matter on the Agenda for the next Village Board Meeting. It would give the Village Treasurer and Attorney a chance to review the information . Mayor West went on to clarify that the Town Board would need a draft contract before they could consider agreeing to an arrangement.

Minutes

Mayor West moved to approve the minutes from May 16, 2012 and June 26, 2012. Trustee Glenn seconded.

Trustee Kimbiz stated that he had just received the minutes for the first time.

Clerk Doyle-Bunker clarified that this was not the first time the Boards had seen the minutes.

Mayor West then decided to table the minutes for the next Joint Meeting.

Discussion on Consolidation

Deputy Mayor Rhoads addressed the Board to discuss the finding of the Consolidation Committees specifically the Finance Committee. Deputy Mayor Rhoads stated that the Finance Committee took on the work of the Infrastructure Committee. The Finance Committee has come to the conclusion that if the Town and Village were to merge there would be a savings of 1.4 million dollars based on the actual figures from 2011 for the Village and Town. Deputy Mayor Rhoads explained that they do not have everything yet because the Finance Committee was still in need of the Human Resources Consolidation Committee Final Report.

Councilman Barry stated that he had filed the report with the Town and Village Clerks on the afternoon on November 1, 2012.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads continued reporting to the Joint Boards by stating that at this moment there is a 1.4 million dollar savings to the Town and Village, and that is not taking into account the one million dollar grant the State will give to New Paltz to help offset the cost of consolidation. Deputy Mayor Rhoads reminded the Joint Boards that the Efficiency Study had recommended that before the Joint Boards set out a referendum before the community that there should be zero tax impact. Deputy Mayor Rhoads stated that she thought the Finance Committee had not been conservative in the calculations on Consolidation.

Supervisor Zimet interjected that her opinion was that the Finance Committee had been conservative in its numbers.

Councilman Barry concurred that his opinion was that the Finance Committee had been conservative in its calculation.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads wanted to publicly thank Chris Marx and Bleu Terwilliger for the help work they were able to do in helping herself, and Susan Zimet on the DPW budget.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads stated that what she wanted to accomplish this evening was to commit to a date to hold the referendum, and if the Town and Village would like to enjoy the grant from the State of New York the referendum would have to be before April 1, 2013.

Mayor West stated that he would fight Deputy Rhoads on setting the date on the referendum tooth and nail. Mayor West stated that everything that had been discussed by the Deputy Mayor, and the Supervisor was completely logical, and makes sense, but it was skipping steps. Mayor West stated that no one has read the Consolidation Committee reports yet. No one knows how accurate, and complete they are; nor does Mayor West know what the sum total of the reports means for the community. Mayor West stated that if the Joint Boards were going to blindly set a date for a referendum that no one know if anyone other than those who are working on it are in support of then he thinks it is a big mistake. Mayor West stated that it is critical at least once in the process that the Joint Boards get some kind of public input. Mayor West state he is looking for the same type of public procedure that the Town and Village use for every other part of the planning process. If the Joint Boards do not hold themselves to the same standard for public involvement that an applicant before the Planning Board would be held to then we do not deserve to be sitting at this table, and we certainly shouldn't be telling people that we are going to be making their lives better if you just vote yes on a referendum for consolidation because it's a nice idea to have one government. Mayor West continued on to says there was a need for a complete set of data, then an article in the newspaper, a public forum with questions and answers, and after people are informed, and can make an informed vote then the referendum should be scheduled.. Mayor West concluded that he felt they were not doing their job if they just got the papers together, and then ran to the next step.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads responded to Mayor West's statement by saying that much like when the Town and Village know when their budgets are due, and they then work backwards in this situation they must have a set deadline, and work backwards to set up the steps. Deputy Mayor Rhoads

addressed Mayor West by telling him that she has tried to hear what he is saying and the study committees have met, some reports have been handed in, all of the meetings have been televised for people to follow to watch, to ask questions to come to meetings to do.

Councilman Logan stated that he needed to echo some of Mayor West sentiments, and that somewhere something has gotten lost in translation. He also wanted to clarify that the one million dollar grant is for government efficiency not necessarily for consolidation. If most of the inefficiency is on the Town please show him where he can save ½ million dollars. Not necessarily tonight but soon. Councilman Logan stated that it was his opinion that then end game for everyone involved was that consolidation was the only way to improve efficiency. Councilman Logan stated efficiency does not necessarily mean consolidation it doesn't mean that it isn't consolidation it just means that there isn't enough data. Councilman Logan stated that he watched much of the Consolidation Human Resource Meetings from home. It was the opinion of Councilman Logan that consolidation of personal would mean a lot of hard work with rooms full of unions and attorneys.

Trustee Kimbiz responded to Councilman Logan by saying that Councilman Logan had dragged his feet by not holding his committee.

Councilman Logan responded that Trustee Kimbiz that it is true he did not hold his committee meetings.

Trustee Kimbiz stated even if the consolidation does not go through the research has been done there are still things that the research can be used for, but if the Boards do not move forward one way or the other than we will never get anywhere. Trustee Kimbiz addressed Mayor West, and said that he was concerned about moving forward to quickly, but that he felt that Deputy Mayor Rhoads made a good point, and that maybe the Boards could find out when they would need to hold the referendum vote by. Trustee Kimbiz continued on to say that up until the proposed date for the referendum the Town and Village Boards could cram, and devote as much attention humanly possible to getting to the proposed date, and then have a vote to then decide whether or not to go to the referendum.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads stated that she thinks it is very important to set a timeline and work as hard as possible to get the process done, and that just this evening as hard as everyone tries to work together a lot of time is spent getting not much done, and that one government might be a better way for this community to go. Deputy Rhoads stated she was asking the Joint Boards to commit to thinking of the end in sight, and to start working backwards. Deputy Mayor Rhoads continued on to say that if we don't get there we will have to say we gave it our best try, and now we will have to wait a year.

Supervisor Zimet stated that she was backing up what Deputy Mayor Rhoads and Trustee Kimbiz have already said. Supervisor Zimet said that she felt it was the true the million dollars does make a difference, and that it is important to give the community the chance to get the money in 2014. Supervisor Zimet stated is an obligation on the parts of the Town and Village to try their hardest to do their best to be able to use the grant. Setting the date now is not a commitment the Town and Village have lived by. Supervisor Zimet said by setting the date now it gives everyone time to work backward to collect all the reports, work together to make a recommendation on what this government is going to look like based on all of the reports, come up with a model, start to sell it to the community, get the two boards to agree that they like to model, we could agree at any point not to go forward on March 19, 2013. Supervisor Zimet described it as working toward the goal, and if the community is not ready we do not need to take the test.

Councilwoman Gallucci arrives at 7:56pm.

Mayor West interjected with the question "When did we decide that we are selling this to the community?"

Supervisor Zimet responded what she meant to say was that the Outreach Committee will be able to take the work that has been done and bring it forward to see if the Community is interested in doing this.

Mayor West responded with the question: Would it be possible to get a proposal much like the needed Moriello Pool and Rescue Squad issues? Mayor West then stated that under no circumstances would

he vote for any date because he wanted to see a timeline: who is going to be doing the work, what work needs to be done, what is a reasonable framework of time for them to do, that rather than pick the date that we can try to get money, and shoehorn in the rest of the process. Mayor West stated that it the Joint Boards do not even know the work that needs to be done yet, let alone the work it will take the Joint Boards to do it. Mayor West pointed out how long it has taken to do the committees, and all of the work is not done yet.

Councilman Barry stated to Mayor West a deadline needed to be set. Without a deadline nothing would ever get done.

Councilwoman Brown said that she did get a chance to review the Human Resources report today, and her interpretation of the report lead her to believe that this might be an opportunity for both of the municipalities to renegotiate their employee contracts, and the union contracts. Councilwoman Brown continued on to say that she did not believe the Town and Village would have the same opportunity for renegotiation if they remained the same.

Trustee Kimbiz stated that it was not a clean slate, and the committee had made recommendations for future negotiations.

Councilman Barry stated that Councilwoman Brown was right that it was an opportunity that with a new government all contracts could be renegotiated.

Councilwoman Brown said that it seemed to her that was the greatest hope for the Town and Village. Councilwoman Brown said that it was her understanding that in merging the governments it was an opportunity to move the starting point, and maybe the biggest savings, and efficiency that the merged governments could hope to see, because separately each of the governments are locked into what they have now.

Deputy Mayor Rhoads moved to set March 19, 2013 a Tuesday, “as deadline, optimistic goal that we will try, and have all of our work done by both all of the committees, the umbrella committee, which is all of us, the proper hearings, and everything else and work backwards from that”. Trustee Kimbiz seconded for discussion purposes. 3 Ayes. 1 Nay, Mayor West. Motion Passed.

Trustee Glenn stated that he was disappointed that when they began this process that Joint Boards were going to have joint meetings every month, and particularly stay on top of this topic and it hasn’t happened very well. Trustee Glenn continued on to say that he personally disappointed by that, and if the Joint Boards were going to move ahead many people have spent a lot of time on this, and that the Joint Boards owe it to the community to go full speed to get the work done, and see if this is a good idea or not. The Town and Village can’t continue the way they are, and get anywhere because some of the committees didn’t meet even though they were supposed to start in June. The Town and Village are going to have a hard job because they are going to have to come up with a proposal, and if they have so much trouble with minor things it is going to be a lot of time. Trustee Glen stated that some of the things mentioned by Mayor West are a responsibility of the Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee has met several times and has plans for getting started especially now that the first report is completed. The Outreach Committee will get started on disseminating the report to the community by various methods so that hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to see the reports. If anyone has any other ideas on how to get the information out please let them know. Trustee Glenn stated that no matter what anyone feels about it in their own opinion the Boards of the Town and the Village owe it to the people who elected them to give the time, and do it right, and get the work done.

Councilwoman Gallucci requested that the Motion be explained to her.

Supervisor Zimet with the help of Councilman Logan and Councilman Barry helped to fill Councilwoman Gallucci in on the Motion on the table.

Councilman Barry moved to make the same motion that was made by Deputy Mayor Rhoads. Councilman Logan seconded. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, Councilman Logan, Motion Passed\.

Mayor West made the Motion to close the Meeting. Trustee Glenn seconded. 4 Ayes. Motion passed.