

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP OF THE HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD, HELD AT TOWN HALL, 4383 ALBANY POST ROAD, HYDE PARK, NEW YORK, 12538, ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 AT 9:00AM

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN ELIZABETH MESQUITA
COUNCILMAN JOHN LOMBARDI
COUNCILMAN DONALD PRUSAKOWSKI
SUPERVISOR ALFRED TORREGGIANI
ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN KYLE BARNETT
TOWN CLERK DONNA MCGROGAN

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN MARC PRINE

Supervisor Torreggiani called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Supervisor Torreggiani asked if any Town Board member had any conflict of interest regarding any items on today's meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

To add a resolution to the agenda.

WORKSHOP: Attorney to the Town Eriele gave a presentation regarding the proposed Cannabis law and where in town the dispensaries could be located.

RESOLUTION 1:26 - 1 OF 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPOINT CECELIA COPPOLA AS HOURLY SECRETARY TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy for an hourly Secretary in the Town Supervisor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor would like to fill said position as he feels it is necessary to have the added administrative support in the office; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has determined that Cecelia Coppola is the best candidate to fill said position.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby appoint Cecelia Coppola to said hourly position of Secretary to the Town Supervisor effective Monday, January 29, 2024, at a rate of \$19.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Coppola's benefits, terms, and conditions of employment shall be subject to the Town of Hyde Park Employee Handbook.

MOTION: Councilwoman Mesquita

SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilman Prine

Absent

Councilwoman Mesquita	Aye	
Councilman Lombardo	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 1:26 - 2 OF 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE VAN DEWATER & VAN DEWATER, LLP TO SETTLE THE TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS FILED AGAINST THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK

WHEREAS, tax certiorari proceedings have been filed against the Town of Hyde Park by Michael Poppinga in regard to the assessments upon certain property located in the Town of Hyde Park and designated as Tax Map No. 6066-04-598014-0000 (8 Poppinga Lane)

WHEREAS, it is desired to settle the 2018 through 2023 proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park authorizes Kyle W. Barnett, Esq., of the law firm of Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, to negotiate a settlement whereby the 2024 assessment year, and, for succeeding years as allowable by Real Property Tax Law § 727, to \$208,750, and to reflect a market value of \$466,440, and Kyle W. Barnett, Esq is authorized to sign such documents as are necessary to effectuate the settlement; The consent judgement document is attached hereto.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi
 SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilman Prine	Absent	
Councilwoman Mesquita	Aye	
Councilman Lombardo	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

At an IAS Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held for the County of Dutchess, at 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York on the _____ day of _____, 2024

PRESENT: Hon. James V. Brands, J.S.C.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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 MICHAEL POPPINGA,

Petitioner,

- against -

TOWN OF HYDE PARK, a Municipal Corporation, its ASSESSOR, and its BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW,

Respondents.

For a Review under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

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CONSENT JUDGMENT

Index No. 2018-52372
 2019-53008
 2020-52190
 2021-53240
 2022-52518

Petitioner having heretofore served and filed the Notices of Petition and Petitions to review assessments made by the Town of Hyde Park for the assessment years 2018 through 2022 upon certain real property located in the Town of Hyde Park, New York, and designated as Tax Grid No. 6066-04-598014-0000 on the tax maps and assessment rolls of the Town of Hyde Park; and

The issues of these proceedings having duly come before an IAS Term of this Court, and the Petitioners having appeared by Kyle W. Barnett, Esq., of Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP, and the Respondents having appeared by Ellen A. Faulkner, Esq. of Craig T. Bumgarner, P.C., for the Town of Hyde Park, and the parties having agreed to a settlement of these proceedings, it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DETERMINED with prejudice, that the petitions challenging the assessments are hereby withdrawn by Petitioner; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that the Assessment on the property designated as 6066-04-598014-0000 on the Tax Map and Assessment Rolls of the Town of Hyde Park for the assessment year 2024 shall be set at the Equalized Value of \$466,400.00: and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that the officer or officers having custody of the aforesaid assessment rolls and the tax rolls of the Town of Hyde Park shall make or cause to be made upon the proper books and records of said Town the entries, changes and corrections necessary to conform said assessments to such reduced valuations; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DETERMINED that this Order and Judgment hereby constitutes and represents full settlement of the tax review proceedings herein, and that there are no costs or disbursements awarded to, by, or against any party and that upon compliance with the terms of this

Order and Judgment, the above proceedings shall be, and the same hereby are, settled and discontinued with prejudice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York
_____, 2024

ENTER

HON. JAMES V. BRANDS, A.J.S.C.

Signing and Entry of the within Order is hereby

Consented to:

VAN DEWATER & VAN DEWATER, LLP

CRAIG T. BUMGARNER, P.C.

BY: _____

KYLE W. BARNETT, ESQ.
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BY: _____

ELLEN A. FAULKNER, ESQ.
Attorneys for Petitioner
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RESOLUTION 1:26 - 3 OF 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE VAN DEWATER & VAN DEWATER, LLP TO ENFORCE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF NORRIE PARK ESTATES, INCLUDING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park desires to enforce the provisions and conditions of approval of Norrie Park Estates including the road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the performance bond posted in connection with those approvals may not be sufficient to cover the cost of enforcement thereof and the cost to the Town of making the necessary improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to retain the legal services of Van DeWater and Van DeWater, LLP, to provide legal advice and litigation services for this Action at the rate of \$250 per hour, plus disbursements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and ratifies commencement of any action deemed necessary and proper to enforce the provisions and conditions of the approval Norrie Park Estates and to recover any damages and costs recoverable in connection therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to retain Van DeWater and Van DeWater, LLP, to provide legal services for any such action.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilwoman Mesquita

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilman Prine	Absent	
Councilwoman Mesquita	Aye	
Councilman Lombardo	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 1:26 – 4 OF 2024

RESOLUTON AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 19, 2024 between the Hyde Park Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and the Town of Hyde Park for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027.

MOTION: Councilwoman Mesquita

SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilman Prine	Absent	
Councilwoman Mesquita	Aye	
Councilman Lombardo	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADDED AT THE DAIS

RESOLUTION 1:26 – 5 OF 2024

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

**IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE BENEVOLENT
ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA) and the Town of Hyde Park (Town) are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park and the Police Benevolent Association have agreed to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the hiring of Full-Time Police Officer Steven Reilly; and

WHEREAS, both parties agree to the amendment as worded pending approval by the Attorneys for both the Town of Hyde Park and the Police Benevolent Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute said Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Hyde Park and the Police Benevolent Association pending approval by the Attorneys for both parties

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilman Prine	Absent	
Councilwoman Mesquita	Aye	
Councilman Lombardo	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 1:26 - 6 OF 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO
APPOINT STEVEN REILLY AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER TO THE
TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Hyde Park Police Department for a full-time police officer due to the resignation of former full-time police officer Zacharry Vagias; and

WHEREAS, after conducting interviews, Police Chief Robert Benson has recommended that Steven Reilly a Police Officer with the New York City Police Department be appointed to said position according to the provisions stipulated by Civil Service Law dealing with a transfer; and

WHEREAS, Steven Reilly falls under this category for appointment to the Town of Hyde Park Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby appoint Steven Reilly to the position of full-time Police Officer to the Town of Hyde Park Police Department effective Monday, January 29, 2024, at a rate of \$35.28 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is subject to Civil Service Law and the Rules of the Dutchess County Department of Civil Service.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski
SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilman Prine	Absent	
Councilwoman Mesquita	Aye	
Councilman Lombardo	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

MOTION: Supervisor Torreggiani
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

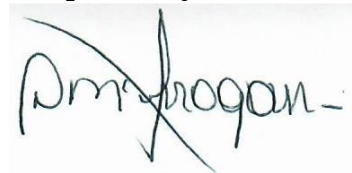
To adjourn meeting

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR	4	
ALL OPPOSED	0	CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 11:05am

Respectfully submitted,



Donna McGrogan
Town Clerk