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MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2017**

**Attendance:** John Noone, Andrew Puller, , John Corring, Ann Cron, Dewey Burleson, Jenna Szabo, David Dembrowski

Absent: Deborah Szabo

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa  
Director Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance:

Soccer: Drew Metz

Football: Devon Flanagan

Baseball: Abby Lundy

Hoops: Bob Basovosky

John Corring called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: Ann Cron accepted. Dewey Burleson seconded this motion

**Correspondence**

None at this time

**Topics for Presentation/Discussion:**

Re-Organization meeting

Ann nominated Dewey to be chairperson, John seconded and everyone agreed. Andy Puller nominated Ann Cron to be VP and John seconded this, everyone in favor.

Dewey takes over the meeting. There were no correspondences this month.

Finance Budget/Ordinances

Patty went over the various budgets, salaries and costs. The salary for the summer camp remains the same since a raise is given based on school year. The changes made were the addition of the Navigators sports program and the youth basketball secondary salary was raised from \$2000 to \$2500. It was noted there was no salary for the scoreboard keeper even though it's on the list. Patty wanted to mention that we are one of the only towns where the schools charge to use the gym. The cost of the summer camp was raised \$50 except for the St John 7-9 grades which were raised only \$25. There was no change to the after camp care programs. In terms of recreation fees youth basketball went from 55-60 and the other youth basketball went from 80-85. Patty mentioned that they are starting to integrate River vale girl's basketball with Hillside's. Andy

puller thinks this integration is the best way to keep the program going. This program will be advertised as such next year.

Anthony asks Patty to explain the budget process. It is explained that after we review the budget it goes in front of the finance committee and we can explain why we asked for what we did. In terms of recreation senior budget the salary total includes payment for Patty and Al.

It came up if we should increase the town day budget, Right now it is at 1800, John says 5000 Patty says go higher and everyone agrees on 7500.

There was a discussion on the cost of fixing the lights at Centennial Field, Dan said it would cost about 35,000 for light bulbs, truck rental and labor. There are about 26 lights out, out of hundreds.

Ann mentions that there is 600 dollars in the senior trip budget from last year. There was a trip that was planned in 2016 however it is 2017, so the money from 2017 will be used to pay for it. The extra 600 will hopefully be added to the 2017 budget. This will need to go through the finance committee.

There was an update on the gym floor. It is hoping to be completed by the first week in February. There was a delay because the subfloor had asbestos and needed to be replaced as well. We are waiting on the new floor to go down.

There was an issue with a group of boys coming into the gym at 2pm on Saturday for their 330 game, they were causing trouble and had to be thrown out.

The seniors mentioned they want a recreation center because it is hard for them to move from church to church. Ann said the seniors are going to look into this by looking into a benefactor to donate money to a center. Patty said that a recreation center has been talked about in the past. The idea was to do something at Stonybrook, possibly add a second floor to the main building. At one point the borough looked into buying the Lucia property however they decided it wasn't what they needed. Patty says in 2021 Stonybrook will be out of debt any may look into a loan for the recreation center then. She said the borough admin thinks they can start earlier. At the moment however they are concentrating on the dome being built.

Dewey brings up the Memorial Day parade and questions what we used the 4000 on; Patty says it has been used for bands and flowers. Anthony mentions he spoke to someone at the legion and was able to get approval for Uncle Sam on stilts, this will cost 250. He contacted 3 different groups for potential motorcades however 2 are already booked waiting to hear back from the third. The councilman also submitted forms to have a color guard come to the parade. Being that its fleet week the maritime branches of service are available to come. Our chances of securing them increase if we can provide transportation. He was also given the name of some other people to follow up with such as bands. Cost is unknown at this time, however Patty states that there is leftover money from last year.

### **Tree Lighting**

This event was successful and well attended. 250 candy canes, 15 gallon of hot chocolate and 384 donuts were given away. There were some issues with logistics and next year there will no DJ just a play mix and a choir.

There will be a new tree planted in Veterans Park. This tree came from Winter Wonderland at Van Saun Park. The trees were donated for the winter wonderland and each town was assigned a tree. This tree was decorated by Patty and someone from the DPW.

### Remarks for Citizens

The representative from the soccer mentioned that they will be sending over their coach list to Patty so she can tell them what standing their coaches are in. He mentions that he would like the Rutgers course more often. Patty states that the course is given at the borough in March, September and November and given in other places during other months. She told the representation to get back to her on when they would like the course. Abby from baseball said they would like it in February ideally. Bob from hoops had nothing to add.

Devon from football presented a PowerPoint presentation on how to fix up memorial field. There was a lot of discussion on this and cross discussion from members on this. Devon says the most important part is to level the field. He also says with this you can add a snack shed and even then make this a facility for other things./ Deborah Szabo It was decided that the recreation committee would like to support this agenda. Next steps are thinking about how to raise money for this, going to businesses, getting grants, fundraising were all mentioned. Dewey says in order to present to council a more formal agenda with cost; concept and reasons need to be created. The estimate cost is 250-300K. John Corring suggested different members reach out to different municipalities to see how they renovated their fields and get some ideas.

Patty gave Dewey the HBSA 2017 forms to sign.

Councilman Derosa tells everyone the difference in duties for Patty the director and the chairman Dewey. He says the director handles the day to day operations and sets the agenda for the meeting. The chairman has the same power as other members of the committee and they should be leading the agenda. It was also mentioned that no discussion between members can take place over email, and emails should be labeled for discussion only.

Ann motions to close the meeting and seconded by John.

Meeting adjourned, 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Anides

**Next meeting, February 2, 2017, 7:00pm**