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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN HALL, MAHOPAC, N.Y.**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel was called to order by Supervisor Michael Cazzari on the 7th day of February 2024 at 7:02 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York. Members of the Town Board present by roll call were: Councilman Kearns, Councilwoman McDonough, Councilman Lombardi and Supervisor Cazzari.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was observed prior to the start of official business and a moment of silence was held to honor those serving in the United States Armed Forces.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marianne Chaluisan, Mahopac resident, stated that she watches the Town Board meetings from home and at times they do seem to get out of hand.

Ms. Chaluisan thanked Supervisor Cazzari for his quick response to her request for assistance with her annual Back the Blue Walk. The organization will hold their event this year at Camarda Park. She thanked Jim Gilchrist and Nina Kallmeyer for all of their assistance.

Ms. Chaluisan said that she contacted Supervisor Cazzari also to ask if something could be done by the town to honor a fallen U.S. Marine and his family. She shared a story that ten years ago a friend of hers lost her son who was a U.S. Marine. The family lived in the Town of Carmel at the time. Ms. Chaluisan thanked Supervisor Cazzari and Councilman Kearns who graciously agreed to coordinate a memorial for this fallen Marine and his family.

Frank Ciano, Mahopac resident, inquired as to why there has not been a Town Board meeting for the last couple of weeks. Councilwoman McDonough said that she would respond at the end of the meeting.

Jean Hopper, Mahopac resident, thanked Councilman Kearns for hosting his Town Hall meeting. She said it was a great opportunity for the public to ask questions and get answers.

Ms. Hopper inquired as to what happens to the budgeted funds for former Councilman Baranowski's salary and health insurance since he has resigned. She asked if those funds could be used to assist the Mahopac Library. She also asked if the Town's Insurance Agent Brown & Brown is the same company as the Spain & Spain Agency and was the town's insurance policy sent out for bids.

Ms. Hopper asked about the status of the Master Plan. She said that this is very important as it affects our every day lives.

Ms. Hopper noted the importance of updating the town's records as it relates to deeds and easements. She noted the significance for future generations to have access to accurate information.

Ms. Hopper inquired as to what is being done regarding the abandoned property in town that has been part of many discussions at these meetings over the past several months. She asked if the Town Board could contact the County and/or the State regarding this abandoned property and the squatting issues occurring in this town.

Ms. Hopper stated that PFOCs and PFOAs were mentioned at a Town Board meeting a few weeks ago. She added that water is our most precious resource and that we all need to share ways that we can reduce these harmful chemicals that are in our water.

Ms. Hopper offered an apology to Kathleen Valletta because she felt that Ms. Valletta was interrupted many times at a recent Town Board Meeting. Ms. Hopper said that the system as it stands is precluding any rebuttal and shuts down any civil discourse on town issues.

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Tina Louise Regina, Mahopac resident, acknowledged Councilman Kearns for keeping his campaign promise by waiving the health insurance offered by the Town. She said this will save the town \$160,000 over a four-year period. She asked Councilman Kearns if he will stand by his campaign pledge to eliminate health insurance benefits to all part time elected officials. She also asked Councilman Kearns to clarify another item on his campaign platform regarding his pledge to implement term limits for Councilmen/Councilwomen.

ENTRY INTO VARIOUS SERVICE CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED - MAHOPAC FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., MAHOPAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., CARMEL FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., NORTH SALEM AMBULANCE CORPS., CARMEL VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS., PUTNAM COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC., PUTNAM COUNTY SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, INC., REED MEMORIAL LIBRARY, MAHOPAC LIBRARY, AND COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WHEREAS appropriations have been made in the 2024 Town Budget for entry into various contracts for the provision of various services to the Town of Carmel, and
WHEREAS a public hearing was duly held on said contract amounts on December 13, 2023; and copies of said contracts are on file in the office of the Town Supervisor for the inspection and review of all Town Board members,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor Michael Cazzari to execute contracts with the following contractors for the services indicated in an amount not to exceed that set forth below:

CONTRACTOR	SERVICES	NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT
MAHOPAC FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRE PROTECTION-FIRE PROTECTION DIST. #1	\$915,500.00
MAHOPAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRE PROTECTION-FIRE PROTECTION DIST. #2	\$1,650,000.00
CARMEL FIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRE PROTECTION-FIRE PROTECTION DIST. #3	\$957,000.00
NORTH SALEM VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS	AMBULANCE SERVICES-CARMEL AMBULANCE DISTRICT #1	\$13,500.00
CARMELVOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS	AMBULANCE SERVICES-CARMEL AMBULANCE DISTRICT #1	\$495,000.00
PUTNAM COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.	DOG SHELTER SERVICES	\$50,635.00
PUTNAM SPCA	DOG CONTROL SERVICES	\$10,000.00
REED MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LIBRARY SERVICES	\$20,000.00
MAHOPAC LIBRARY	LIBRARY SERVICES	\$30,000.00
COUNTY OF PUTNAM	OUTREACH SERVICES	\$5,000.00

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Kearns
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

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EMERGENCY REPAIRS ACKNOWLEDGED - CARMEL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, acting as Commissioners of the various water and sewer districts of the Town of Carmel, hereby acknowledges the emergency performance of water and sewer district collection system/distribution system and treatment facilities repairs within Carmel Water District #7, as fully detailed in the memoranda of Town Engineer Richard J. Franzetti, P.E. to the Town Board dated January 10, 2024, as attached hereto and made a part thereof.

Resolution
Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Richard J. Franzetti, P.E.
Town Engineer



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Office of the Town Engineer
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Mahopac, New York 10541

MEMORANDUM

To: Carmel Town Board
From: Richard J. Franzetti P.E. Town Engineer
Date: January 10, 2024
Re: Emergency Repairs/Services

This memorandum is being presented to the Town Board to advise the Board of the attached emergency invoice that was submitted for payment/authorization to proceed in excess of \$10,000.00 for services rendered. The following provides a brief a summary of the work that was performed.

- CWD7 - Vineland Pump Station Well Failure

On December 20, 2023, Bee and Jay, the operator for the CWD 7 alerted the Engineering Department that well pump #1 was not operating due to burnout. Attached is an invoice in the amount of \$11,403.90 to replace 3 HP pump and motor with sub cable and leaking steel drop pipe with Sch 120 PVC and all related parts and fittings.

Per the attached, there are sufficient funds in the operating budget for this expense.

We request that this memorandum be put into the agenda as a matter of record.

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Code Chapter 111 entitled “Peddling and Soliciting” is a Type II action under SEQR and no further review is necessary.

Resolution
Offered by: Supervisor Cazzari
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

LOCAL LAW #1 OF THE YEAR 2024 – A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL, ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” – ADOPTED AS NOTICED AND PUBLISHED

TOWN OF CARMEL
LOCAL LAW # 1 OF THE YEAR 2024
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE TOWN CODE
OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL, ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York as follows:

SECTION 1:
This chapter is adopted pursuant to the authority, of Article 2, § 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 111 “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING
CHAPTER 111 of The Town Code of the Town of Carmel is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

CHAPTER 111 PEDDLING & SOLICITING
ARTICLE I – PEDDLING

§ 111-1. PURPOSE
The purpose of this Chapter to preserve the peace, health, safety, welfare and order of the Town and its inhabitants.

§ 111-2 DEFINITIONS
As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ESTABLISHED PLACE OF BUSINESS – A building or store in which or where a person transacts business and deals in goods, wares and merchandise on a regular, continuing and ongoing basis.

PEDDLER — Any person who, in any public street or public place or by going from house to house or from place of business to place of business, on foot or from any vehicle, sells or barter or offers for sale or barter or carries or displays for sale or barter any goods, wares or merchandise.

PEDDLE – The merchandising of any goods, wares, commodities, books, periodicals, labor or services; or requesting or seeking contributions of goods and/or money by going

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from house to house, place(s) of residence to place(s) of residence or by temporarily occupying a room, building, structure, land or other premises therefor.

PERSON — Is singular and shall apply to the individual who is actually going to do or is doing the peddling or soliciting.

SOLICITOR — Any person, either principal or agent, traveling either by foot or by any conveyance from place to place, from house to house, from street to street or from place of business to place of business, who takes or offers to take orders for the sale of any goods, wares or merchandise, including books or periodicals, for future delivery or for the performance of future services, whether or not he collects advance payments for such sale or service.

VENDOR — A person who engages in the act or occupation of selling or offering for sale from a fixed location or locations, and at times and from time to time, goods, wares merchandise or labor, meats, fish, produce and prepared foods from any portable cart, stand, vehicle or display device of any nature.

§ 111-3 PEDDLER'S LICENSE REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of peddler, as defined in § 111-2 of this chapter, within the Town of Carmel without having first duly obtained and having in force a license therefor as herein provided.
- B. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed to apply to any of the following:
 - (1) A sale conducted pursuant to order of any court.
 - (2) A sale of personal property at wholesale to a retail dealer in such personal property having an established place of business in the Town of Carmel.
 - (3) A sale made by a person who has or represents an established place of business within the County of Putnam, provided that such sale results from an order given through a deliveryman according to the usual custom.
 - (4) The peddling of meats, fish, fruit and farm produce by farmers and persons who produce such commodities on their own land, provided that they have otherwise complied with any licensing and health and safety requirements of any other competent governmental body or agency and the sale takes place from a stationary location upon property owned or leased by the seller.
 - (5) Any person peddling at the express invitation of any person or organization;
 - (6) A child or student regularly attending any public, private or parochial school; veterans organizations; fraternal organizations; civic groups; churches; tax-exempt charitable or religious organizations or sects; provided, however, that such child or member of such exempt organization shall carry on an otherwise prohibited conduct only in connection with an authorized activity of the school which the child attends or another school which has authorized such child to carry on the activity or, in the case of an exempt organization, which has authorized such member to carry on the activity. It shall be required, however, that prior to the commencement of such otherwise prohibited conduct, the school or otherwise exempt organization for which the activity shall be carried on shall notify the Clerk of the Town, in writing,

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of the intention of such school or exempt organization to conduct such activity within the Town, together with a brief description thereof.

§111-4 PEDDLERS LICENSE – APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE

- A. Any person desiring a license as herein provided shall file with the Town Clerk a written application therefor duly verified by the applicant upon blank forms provided by the Town Clerk. A license may be taken out only by such person and not in the name of a firm, corporation, association, club, etc. Such application shall include but not be limited to the following information:
 - (1) The name of the applicant together with proof of age as 18 years of age or older.
 - (2) The permanent home residence and the address the applicant if different than his home address.
 - (3) The name and address of all entities whose products the applicant intends to peddle.
 - (4) An itemized statement of all property or services to be sold or offered for sale.
 - (5) All municipalities (name and state) in which the applicant has carried on the business of hawking, selling or soliciting orders during the six months immediately preceding the application.
 - (6) A statement of the name, address and telephone number of any person and of any corporation, entity etc. which is employing and/or supervising the applicant's local selling activities under contractual or employment arrangement.
 - (7) Copies of all forms of order and of receipt used by the applicant in soliciting sales or orders.
 - (8) An enumeration of the number and kind of vehicles, if any, to be used by the applicant in carrying on the business for which the license is requested.
 - (9) The name and address of a person upon whom a legal notice may be served.
 - (10) A statement to the effect that, if a permit is granted, it will not be used or represented in any way as an endorsement by the Town of Carmel or by any department or officer thereof.
 - (11) Results of a national database criminal history/background investigation for all individuals which the applicant may intend to utilize and/or employ in connection with peddling activities sought under the application. Said investigation, reports and accompanying materials shall be from source(s) and in form in acceptable to the Chief of Police of the Town of Carmel.
- B. Any application submitted may be denied if such application and investigation reveals any of the following:
 - (1) Prior conviction(s) of an applicant, employer or any involved employees of a crime involving moral turpitude.

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- (2) A prior violation of a peddling or soliciting ordinance or law.

§111-5 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LICENSE.

- A. Any license issued hereunder shall be valid for a period of 120 (one-hundred twenty) days from the date of its issuance. The dates of issuance and expiration of the license as well as the purpose for which it has been issued shall be set forth on the face thereof.
- B. Any license issued hereunder shall be carried on the person of the licensee at all times while being exercised and shall be exhibited by the licensee to any person on demand. A picture of the applicant shall appear on the valid license with the Town Seal imprinted on the same.
- C. Any license issued hereunder shall not be transferable or assignable. In the event that a licensee shall permit any person other than the licensee to possess or use such license, such license shall automatically be revoked, subject to the provisions of §111-8 herein, and the licensee shall thereby be guilty of violating this chapter, and no application for a further license may be made for a period of one year from the date of revocation.
- D. The license is good only for the purposes stated thereon, and a change of product being sold or offered for sale without written consent from the Town Clerk shall constitute cause for revocation of the license, and the licensee shall thereby be guilty of violating this chapter, and no application for a further license may be made for a period of one year from the date of revocation.

§111-6 FEES.

The application fee for such a license shall be in accordance with the Standard Schedule of User Fees of the Town of Carmel.

§111-7 APPEALS.

Any person aggrieved by the action of the Chief of Police or of the Town Clerk in the denial of a license shall have the right of appeal to the Town Board. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Board, within 14 days after the notice of the action complained of has been mailed to such person's last known address, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for appeal. The Town Board shall set a time and place for a hearing on such appeal, and notice of such hearing shall be given in the same manner as provided in § 167-13B of this chapter for notice of hearing on revocation. The decision of the Town Board on such appeal shall be final and conclusive.

§111-8 REVOCATION

- A. Licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the Town Board after notice and hearing for any of the following causes:
 - (1) Fraud, misrepresentation or a materially incorrect statement contained in the application for a license.
 - (2) Fraud, misrepresentation or a materially incorrect statement made in the course of carrying on the business of solicitor, peddler, distributor or transient merchant.
 - (3) Any violation of this chapter.
 - (4) Conviction of any crime, misdemeanor or violation.
 - (5) Conducting the business of peddler, solicitor, distributor or transient merchant in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a

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breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.

- B. A notice of the hearing for the revocation of a license shall be given by the Town Clerk, in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of the hearing. Such notice shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the holder of the license at the address given on the application at least five days prior to the date set for the hearing or shall be delivered by an agent of the Town in the same manner as a summons at least three days prior to the date set for the hearing.

§111-9 PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES

In addition to the provision of §118 above, any person committing an offense against any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a violation pursuant to the Penal Law of the State of New York, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The continuation of an offense against the provisions of this chapter shall constitute, for each day the offense is continued, a separate and distinct offense hereunder.

ARTICLE II – CANVASSING AND SOLICITING

§ 111-10 PURPOSE

The purpose of this article is to prevent fraud, crime and unethical conduct and is for the general protection, health and welfare of the residents of the Town of Carmel.

§ 111-11 DEFINITIONS

CANVASSING AND SOLICITING – The personal contact one makes with another, either on the highways and streets of this Town or on public or private property other than his own, for the purpose of raising funds for, supporting goals of or recruiting new members into any organization. "Canvassing" and "soliciting" shall also be deemed to be making surveys for research purposes, analysis, opinion, polls, rating data and any such similar work which, of its nature, involves a door-to-door or place-to-place activity.

CANVASSING AND SOLICITING PERMIT – The permit issued by the Town Clerk to a representative or representatives of an organization to canvass and solicit.

PERSONAL CONTACT – The face-to-face canvassing or soliciting of a person by another. Mail and telephone contact does not require a permit under this article.

§ 111-12 PERMIT REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person to canvass and solicit within the Town of Carmel without having first obtained and having in full force and effect a permit therefor.

§ 111-13 CANVASSING AND SOLICITING PERMIT – APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE

The following data must be furnished by the applicant on the application form to be furnished by the Town Clerk:

- A. The name of applicant together with proof of age as 18 years of age or older.
- B. Name and address of the organization represented by the applicant.
- C. The purpose or purposes of the canvass or solicitation.

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§ 111-14 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT; CONDITIONS.

- A. Provided that the applicant has furnished the data required by §111-13 of this article, the Town Clerk shall forthwith issue a permit to the applicant. Each canvasser or solicitor must plainly display his or her permit on his or her clothing while canvassing or soliciting.
- B. A permit shall not be denied unless the applicant fails to furnish the information required by § 111-13 of this article.

§ 111-15 TERM OF PERMIT

Any permit issued hereunder shall be valid for a period of 60(sixty) days from the date of its issuance. The dates of issuance and expiration of the license as well as the purpose for which it has been issued shall be set forth on the face thereof.

§ 111-16 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

No permit, once duly issued hereunder, shall be revoked, except upon one or more of the following grounds:

- A. The use of the permit by a person other than the person to whom such permit is issued.
- B. The conviction of the permit holder of any crime or offense committed in the Town of Carmel during the permit period.
- C. Failure to obey any of the listed requirements of this article.

§111-17 FEES.

The application fee for such a permit shall be in accordance with the Standard Schedule of User Fees of the Town of Carmel.

§ 111-18 CONSTRUAL OF PERMIT ISSUANCE.

No canvasser or solicitor shall represent that the granting of a permit hereunder signifies an endorsement of the methods, goals or precepts of the organization by the Town of Carmel.

§ 111-19 PROHIBITED ACTIONS.

Should an owner, tenant or manager of private property display a sign prohibiting canvassing or soliciting, the permit granted hereunder shall not authorize the permittee to enter upon such property. Further, no permittee should engage in any unconsented touching of another person or interfere with the pedestrian or vehicular traffic flow while conducting his solicitation. Disregard of such prohibitions shall result in revocation of the permit.

§ 111-20 EXEMPTIONS

- A. Certain persons exempt. A child 18 years or under, enrolled in any public, parochial or private school and living within the Town of Carmel, is exempt from the provisions of this article.
- B. Political activities exempt. Political activities are exempt from the provisions of this article.

§ 111-21 PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES

Anyone canvassing or soliciting without a permit shall be guilty of a violation of this article punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 or a jail term not to exceed 15 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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SECTION 4 – HOME RULE

Nothing in this Local Law is intended, or shall be construed (a) to limit the home rule authority of the Town under State Law to limit the Town’s discretion in setting fees and charges in connection with any applications requiring Town approval.

SECTION 5 – SEVERABILITY

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AUTHORIZED – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - 2024 MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

RESOLVED that, pursuant to the request of Highway Superintendent Michael Stern, Town Clerk Alice Daly is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the purchase of the following materials and/or items:

- Bituminous Concrete
- Catch Basins & Sumps with tops;
- Crushed Gravel
- Aluminum, Polyethylene & Steel Culvert Pipe;
- Granular Base (item 4)
- Road Oil, Cut Backs;
- Run of Bank Gravel;
- Tree Felling & Trimming

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highway Superintendent is to furnish detailed specifications for the above to the Town Clerk to be used in conjunction with the Town's general bid conditions and specifications.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough
Seconded by: Councilman Kearns

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

ACCEPTANCE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNTY OF PUTNAM FROM MULTI-AGENCY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM AND RE-AFFIRMING CONTINUED RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION IN MULTI-AGENCY AGREEMENT – TOWN OF CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on or about October 18, 2006, the Town of Carmel Police Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) and Agreement between the Town of Carmel Police Department, the Town of Kent Police Department and the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office to receive and extend assistance to each other in the form of Emergency Response Team (“ERT”) services and resources to one another when assistance is required; and

WHEREAS, the ERT has been in operation since the execution of the MOU and Agreement and has successfully provided essential services to each other during times of emergency, has obtained funding and grants for the dedicated use of the ERT, and has greatly inured to the benefit of all participating parties and their respective constituents; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 4, 2023, the Town of Carmel received notification from the Putnam County Attorney’s office that, due to administrative error by the County of Putnam, the Sheriff’s office must withdraw from the ERT; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 6 of the Agreement, the Agreement and MOU and the ERT shall remain in effect despite the withdrawal of a party, and the Town Board of the Town of Carmel and the Carmel Police Department desire to affirm their commitment to participation in the ERT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby affirms its commitment to the Memorandum of Understanding, the Agreement and the Putnam County Multi-Agency ERT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Carmel hereby accepts the withdrawal of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, with regret and with thanks for their service to the Putnam County Multi-Agency ERT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor Michael Cazzari and/or the Chief of Police Anthony Hoffman are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Kearns
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi and Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Supervisor Cazzari stated that the Town of Carmel Police Chief, a lieutenant and a sergeant attended the Town of Kent Town Board meeting last night. The Town of Kent Police Chief Owens and representatives from their department are in attendance at tonight’s meeting. Both towns are committed to working together to keep our communities safe. The Town Board thanked the members of law enforcement for all they do.

NOTICE REQUIREMENT WAIVED IN SECTION 64 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ABC LAW WITH RESPECT TO A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PANCHO VILLA MEXICAN RESTAURANT, INC. D/B/A PANCHO VILLA MEXICAN RESTAURANT

WHEREAS, the representatives and/or proprietors of Pancho Villa Mexican Restaurant, Inc., dba Pancho Villa Mexican Restaurant, 957 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541 have advised of the intention to apply for an on-premises liquor license for which thirty days advance notice of such application must be sent to the municipality, and

WHEREAS, the notice required by Article 5 of the Alcohol Beverage Control Law may be waived by the Town Board, and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Carmel Town Board does not intend to comment upon the application referred to herein;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby waives the thirty-day notice requirement contained in Article 5 of the Alcoholic and Beverage Control Law, and states that it does not intend to offer any comments regarding said application, for a liquor license at the premises referred to herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Clerk Alice Daly is hereby authorized to sign a Waiver of Said Notice on behalf of the Town of Carmel.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilman Kearns

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Kearns	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Michael Cazzari	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Cazzari announced that Carmel Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 12th in observance of Lincoln’s Birthday and on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Councilwoman McDonough responded to resident Frank Ciano’s question regarding the scheduling of the Town Board meetings. She said that the Town Board meeting schedule is voted on at the organizational meeting in January. She explained that the voting meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of the month and the work sessions are held on the second and third Wednesdays of the month. She said that the board has been following this schedule since 2018. She added that the meeting schedule is usually lighter for the summer months of July and August.

Councilwoman McDonough responded to resident Jean Hopper’s inquiry regarding the status of the Master Plan. Councilwoman McDonough stated that they are still reviewing the comments from the Planning Board. This review should be completed in two to three more meetings. She anticipates that a Public Hearing will be held in April for the revised draft plan.

Councilwoman McDonough thanked Marianne Chaluisan for coordinating the Back the Blue Walk again this year.

Councilman Kearns responded to resident Tina Louise Regina’s inquiry regarding term limits. He stated that he strongly supports term limits and will be advocating for those changes, as well as to eliminate health insurance benefits for part time elected officials.

Councilman Lombardi stated that Lent will begin next Wednesday which is also the beginning of The Knights of Columbus Lady of the Lakes Council Annual Fish Fry. The dates are February 16th, February 23rd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, and March 22nd. The food is available for dine in or take out. Orders may be done in person or on the website at carmelknights.org/fishfry. Councilman Lombardi invited all to stop by as he will be cooking at the events.

Councilman Kearns thanked everyone who supported the “Operation Ice Splash” event which was held on January 27th. The event was a huge success which raised funds for the VFW. He said that he is looking forward to doing this event again next year.

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Supervisor Cazzari responded to resident Jean Hopper's inquiry regarding the Town's Insurance Agent Brown & Brown. He stated that Brown & Brown purchased the Spain & Spain Agency. He said that the town's insurance contract went out to bid two and a half years ago when he came into office. He said that the pricing and services offered by Brown and Brown, along with the contracts provided by NYMIR and PERMA are far better than the competitors. The Supervisor stated that the Town Board has done their due diligence with respect to the town's insurance contracts.

Councilman Lombardi agreed with Supervisor Cazzari that the contracts with NYMIR and PERMA are superior than the competitors. Councilman Lombardi added that ninety percent of the municipalities and school districts participate in the NYMIR program.

Supervisor Cazzari also addressed the issue raised earlier in the meeting regarding one of the abandoned properties in the town. He explained that the property deeds are maintained by the County and they are responsible for taking over properties that are delinquent. Supervisor Cazzari said that the Board has spoken to representatives at the County regarding several properties located in the town that are delinquent.

Supervisor Cazzari also responded to the earlier inquiry regarding PFOAs. He explained that the State issued letters to residents regarding PFOA water testing. Not all residents opted to have their water tested. Those who chose to have their water tested and it failed, the State installed carbon filters. He added that this is what the town will have to do for all water districts and this is going to impact the water rates.

Supervisor Cazzari addressed an earlier inquiry with regard to the salary of former Councilman Baranowski. He explained that the salary that was budgeted for that position has been put back in the budget to help offset the increased costs of supplies, including highway materials.

Councilman Kearns stated that the members of the Town Board have invited the Putnam County Legislators to come to Carmel Town Hall to provide updates on County issues and/or issues effecting the Town of Carmel. Legislators Erin Crowley and Greg Ellner have agreed to attend. Councilman Kearns said he would like this to be a monthly event.

ADJOURNMENT

All agenda items having been addressed, on motion by Councilman Lombardi, seconded by Councilwoman McDonough, with all Town Board members present and in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to Executive Session for discussions with the Town Engineer and the Town Attorney regarding litigation and regulatory compliance and, also to discuss the labor contract and general personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Daly, Town Clerk