## 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 Kenneth Schmitt on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2018 at 7:09 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York. Members of the Town Board present by roll call were: Councilman Barile, Councilman Schneider, Councilman Lupinacci, Councilwoman McDonough and Supervisor Schmitt.

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

### **NEW YORK STATE COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE**

Supervisor Schmitt reported on the governor-mandated County-Wide Shared Services Initiative. The Initiative, included in the enacted New York State 2018 Budget, requires county officials to develop localized plans that find property tax savings by facilitating operational collaboration between local government agencies.

## MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 1/10/18 AND 1/17/18 - ACCEPT AS SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

On motion by Councilwoman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Lupinacci, with all members of the Town Board present and voting "aye", the minutes of the Town Board meetings held on January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk.

## COUNSEL APPOINTED FOR TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS - JOSEPH A. CHARBONNEAU, ESQ. - STERN VS. THE TOWN OF CARMEL

RESOLVED, the Town Board of The Town of Carmel hereby appoints Joseph A. Charbonneau, Esq., 3 Starr Ridge Road, Brewster, NY as counsel for the Town of Carmel in the matter of Stern vs. The Town of Carmel, Putnam County Supreme Court Index No. 500494/2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said legal services are hereby approved at a rate of \$205.00 per hour.

Resolution				
Offered by:	Councilm	Councilman Schneider		
Seconded by:	Councilw	Councilwoman McDonough		
Roll Call Vote		YES	NO	
Michael Barile				Abstain
Jonathan Schn	eider	X		•
John Lupinacci		X		
Suzanne McDo	nough	X		· -
Kenneth Schm	itt	Χ		<u>.</u>

## EQUIPMENT DECLARED OBSOLETE AND DISPOSAL AUTHORIZED - 2004 FORD CROWN VICTORIA

RESOLVED that, the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby declares the following vehicle to be obsolete and authorizes its disposal in accordance with Town Law, including but not limited to Town Law §64(2-a):

•2004 Ford Crown Victoria VIN # 2FAHP71W54X143386

Resolution	
Offered by:	Councilwoman McDonough
Seconded by:	Councilman Lupinacci

Roll Call Vote	YES	NO
Michael Barile	X	
Jonathan Schneider	X	
John Lupinacci	X	
Suzanne McDonough	X	

## <u>PROPOSAL ACCEPTED FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES - R LESTER, LLC V. TOWN</u> OF CARMEL - GREYSTONE VALUATION GROUP, INC.

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Carmel has been advised by Town Assessor Glenn Droese that professional appraisal services will be required in the defense of certain tax certiorari proceedings currently pending in Supreme Court, Putnam County, specifically the matters of R Lester, LLC v. Town of Carmel, filed under Index Nos. 1424/2015; 944/2016 and 500400/2017; and

WHEREAS the Town Assessor has procured proposals from various professional real property appraisal services and has recommended acceptance of the proposal submitted by Greystone Valuation Group, Inc., Bedford, NY dated January 22, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Assessor hereby accepts the referenced proposal of Greystone Valuation Group, Inc. to prepare an appraisal report for said matters at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00 and for trial testimony from Greystone Valuation Group, Inc. at a rate of \$1,400.00 per day if necessary all in accordance with the terms of the proposal referenced above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Comptroller Mary Ann Maxwell is hereby authorized to make any and all budget transfers or modifications necessary to fund the services authorized herein.

### Resolution

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Kenneth Schmitt

Offered by:	Councilman Lupinacci			
Seconded by:	Councilman Barile			
Roll Call Vote		_YES_	_NO	
Michael Barile		X		
Jonathan Schneider		X		
John Lupinacci		X		
Suzanne McDo	onough	X		
Kenneth Schm	itt	X		

CARMEL SEWER DISTRICTS #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 AND #8, AND CARMEL WATER DISTRICTS #2, #3 AND #12 - EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES AUTHORIZED - INFRAMARK, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SEVERN TRENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES)

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, acting as Commissioners of the eight duly-formed Sewer Districts of the Town of Carmel, and acting as Commissioners of Carmel Water Districts #2, #3 and #12, hereby authorizes entry into extension of the existing contract for operation and maintenance services for the referenced sewer districts and water districts with Inframark, LLC (formerly known as Severn Trent Environmental Services) through and including March 31, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt is hereby authorized to execute such extension agreement as authorized herein.

### Resolution

Offered by:	Councilman Barile
Seconded by:	Councilman Lupinacci

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Roll Call Vote	YES	NO
Michael Barile	X	

Jonathan Schneider X
John Lupinacci X
Suzanne McDonough X
Kenneth Schmitt X

## <u>DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SUMMER BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - AUTHORIZED</u>

RESOLVED that, pursuant to the request of James R. Gilchrist, Director of Recreation and Parks, Town Clerk Ann Spofford is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for bus transportation for the Town of Carmel Recreation and Parks 2018 Summer Camp Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Recreation and Parks 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

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Offered by: Councilman Schneider
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

Roll Call Vote	YES	NO
Michael Barile	X	
Jonathan Schneider	X	
John Lupinacci	X	
Suzanne McDonough	X	
Kenneth Schmitt	X	

### BOND RELEASE AUTHORIZED - MCDONALDS USA, LLC - 1931 ROUTE 6, CARMEL - TM #55.11-1-41

WHEREAS applications have been made by McDonalds, USA/McDonald's Real Estate Company for the total release of a bond posted in accordance with Chapter 131 and/or Chapter 156 of the Town Code regarding the property known and designated as Town of Carmel Tax Map 55.11-1-41 located at 1931 Route 6 Carmel, NY; and

WHEREAS said applications have been reviewed by the Planning Board and the Office of the Town Engineer, both of which have recommended the release of said bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby authorizes the release of the bond referenced herein specifically Liberty Mutual Insurance, Bond No. 404008034 in the amount of \$320,000.00.

### Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough
Seconded by: Councilman Schneider

Roll Call Vote	YES	NO
Michael Barile	X	
Jonathan Schneider	X	
John Lupinacci	X	
Suzanne McDonough	X	
Kenneth Schmitt	X	

## <u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - CONTRACT AWARDED FOR PURCHASE OF DEICER SOLUTION - TRIUS, INC.</u>

RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, upon the recommendation of Town of Carmel Highway Superintendent Michael Simone, hereby authorizes the award of bid contract for purchase of sugar-beet based de-icer solution to be utilized on Town of Carmel roads during the contract period of August 22, 2017 through August 21, 2018 from Trius, Inc., Bohemia, NY under Suffolk County Bid No. 9-17.4.13.

Resolution				
Offered by:	Councilman Lupinacci			
Seconded by:	Councilwoman McDonough			
Roll Call Vote		YES	NO	
Michael Barile		X		
Jonathan Schneider		X		
John Lupinacci		X		
Suzanne McDonough		X		
Kenneth Schmi	itt	X		

## PROPOSAL ACCEPTED FOR HAZARD CLASSIFICATION STUDIES AND EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS - LAKE CASSE DAM AND UPPER TEAKETTLE AND LOWER TEAKETTLE DAMS - WOIDT ENGINEERING

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, upon the recommendation of Town Engineer Richard J. Franzetti, P.E. and as Commissioners of the Lake Casse Park District and the Lake Teakettle Park District, hereby accepts the proposal of Woidt Engineering, Binghamton, NY for performance of Hazard Classification Studies and Emergency Action Plans for the Lake Casse Dam and the Lake Teakettle Dams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hazard Classification Studies are hereby authorized at a cost not to exceed \$4,833.33 per dam and \$14,000 in the aggregate for all three dams referenced herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Emergency Action Plans, if deemed necessary shall be authorized at a cost not to exceed \$16,500 per dam and \$49,500 in the aggregate for all three dams referenced herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED expenditures authorized herein shall be apportioned to the respective Park Districts for which each such Classification Study and/or Emergency Action Plan shall be prepared; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Comptroller Mary Ann Maxwell is hereby authorized to make any and all necessary budget transfers or modifications required to fund the cost of this authorization.

Resolution Offered by: Seconded by:		nan Barile nan Lupinac	ci
Roll Call Vote Michael Barile Jonathan Schn John Lupinacci Suzanne McDo Kenneth Schmi	nough	YES X X X X X	NO

# CARMEL WATER DISTRICTS #1, #2, #9 AND #12 AND CARMEL SEWER DISTRICTS #2 AND #6 - PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AUTHORIZED - ED KUCK EXCAVATING, BEE & JAY PLUMBING AND EMPIRE STATE ELECTRIC MOTORS

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, upon the recommendation of Town Engineer Richard J. Franzetti, P.E. and as Commissioners of the various water and sewer districts within the Town of Carmel hereby authorizes payment for the following emergency repairs performed within said water and/or sewer districts:

- Carmel Water District #2 to Ed Kuck Excavating, Carmel, NY the sum of \$5,157.00 for repairs performed on or about January 3, 2018;
- Carmel Water District #1 to Ed Kuck Excavating, Carmel, NY the sum of \$6,806.00 for repairs performed on or about January 6, 2018;
- Carmel Sewer District #6 to Ed Kuck Excavating, Carmel, NY the sum of \$6,080.00 for repairs performed on or about January 13, 2018;
- Carmel Water District #9 to Bee & Jay Plumbing, Mahopac, NY the sum of \$18,141.00 for repairs performed on or about January 21 2018;
- Carmel Water District #12 to Bee & Jay Plumbing, Mahopac, NY the sum of \$10,194.54 for repairs performed on or about January 22 2018;
- Carmel Sewer District #2 to Empire State Electric Motors, Goshen, NY the sum of \$6,118.00 for repairs performed on or about February 2, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Comptroller Mary Ann Maxwell is hereby authorized to make any and all necessary budget transfers or modifications required to fund the cost of this authorization.

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Councilman Lupinacci pointed out that the repairs in the various water and sewer districts are a result of the very cold winter weather.

# TERMS OF AWARD ACCEPTED SET FORTH IN THE 2013-2014 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CARMEL AND THE TOWN OF CARMEL PBA

WHEREFORE, the Town of Carmel Police Department and the Town of Carmel Police Benevolent Association, Inc. ("PBA") were parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement that expired on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREFORE, the Parties were unable to agree to the terms of a successor agreement and submitted the dispute to interest arbitration before the Public Employment Relations Board pursuant to the New York State Taylor Law; and

WHEREFORE, on November 23, 2015, following a hearing, the panel of arbitrators issued an Award settling the dispute and setting forth certain terms and conditions of employment for PBA members for the period of January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREFORE, the Town is bound by the Award pursuant to the Taylor Law; and

WHEREFORE, the Parties thereafter prepared a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the term of January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2014, incorporating the terms of the Award;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby formally accepts the terms of the Award, as set forth in the 2013-14 Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Supervisor shall execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement incorporating the terms of the Award on behalf of the Town Board for the Town of Carmel.

<u>Resolution</u>			
Offered by:	Councilwoman McDonough		
Seconded by:	Councilman Lupinacci		cci
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Roll Call Vote		YES	NO
Michael Barile		X	
Jonathan Schneider		Χ	
John Lupinacci		Χ	
Suzanne McDonough		X	
Kenneth Schmi	tt	X	

Supervisor Schmitt explained that although the dispute was settled in 2015, the Town Board was recently made aware by Labor Counsel that a formalizing resolution was necessary.

## RESOLUTION FROM 2/14/18 AMENDED - CARMEL WATER DISTRICT #2 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - LEGACY SUPPLY, LLC

WHEREAS that the Town Board of the of the Town of Carmel, acting as Commissioners of Carmel Water District #2 previously awarded the contract for replacement of approximately 12,600 linear feet of iron and/or ductile iron water main, valves, hydrants, etc., within the Gleneida Ridge, Glenvue Road and Route 301 regions of Carmel Water District #2 to Legacy Valve, LLC, Valhalla, NY; and

RESOLVED, that the name of the contractor/vendor is hereby amended to Legacy Supply, LLC, Valhalla, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon receipt of insurance certificates in form acceptable to Town Counsel the work activities authorized in this resolution shall be permitted to commence.

Resolution			
Offered by:	Councilman Lupinacci		
Seconded by:	Councilwoman McDonough		
Roll Call Vote		YES	NO
Michael Barile		·	X
Jonathan Schn	eider	X	
John Lupinacci		X	
Suzanne McDo	nough	X	
Kenneth Schm	itt		X

Prior to offering the resolution, Councilman Lupinacci addressed two correspondences submitted to the Town Board in connection with the resolution.

Councilman Barile commented that they were to be read aloud at the last meeting.

Councilwoman McDonough clarified that she was not notified that these letters were asked to be read aloud at the last meeting, because had she known, she would have had them read.

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Councilwoman McDonough read into the record, the following correspondence from Carmel Water District #2 resident Peter Gebhardt dated February 14, 2018:

To the Carmel Town Board,

As the water commissioners for Carmel Water District No. 2 I encourage you to not award the contract for the replacement of water lines affected by the rust condition. I am certainly in favor of giving relief to those affected with the rusty water, but this should be part of a competitively bid undertaking involving all the aspects that require attention in this obsolete water district. This should not be considered an emergency just to circumvent the requirement for the compeditive process. This situation has been bought to he attention of the town for the past several years and has not been previously addressed, so it can not be considered an emergency now. To place the repairs required by the water district piecemeal will result in much greater expense to the Hamlet of Carmel water district than securing comeditive bids to address al the issues required. At the January 10th. meeting some of the resident affected by he discolored water implored the Town Board to look at the whole picture and solicit compeditive pricing. Please consider you actions in this regard and vote agains awarding this contract this evening. Thank you, Peter Gebhardt

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

Supervisor Schmitt then read into the record, the following correspondence from Carmel Water District #2 resident Greg Ellner dated February 14, 2018:

Greg Ellner 33 Sunset Ridge Carmel, NY 10512

February 14, 2018 Via Email & Fax (845) 628-6836 - 2 Pages

Dear Commissioners of Carmel Water District 2:

As a prior engagement prevents me from attending tonight's meeting I wish to express my thoughts and opinions not only as a taxpayer of Water District 2 but as a professional with over 35 years of experience in the municipal water & wastewater industry.

I feel for my neighbors who have been experiencing water quality issues that are more severe than what my family experiences however, I strongly feel that tonight's vote for the piping replacement contract should be tabled for a few weeks or even defeated. The rationale for my decision is as follows:

A delay of a few weeks could result in having the repairs completed in less time. There are replacement piping technologies and procedures that have yet to be considered and investigated. Use of these technologies such as burst and replace, and/or injectable pipe could considerably shorten project completion time and would result in a better higher quality piping installation. As no cost analysis has been performed it is unknown how the cost of the above technologies would compare to what is being considered. It is possible that use of the above technologies when coupled with the additional cost of temporary water supply and home tie ins will compare favorably with what is presently being considered and this will provide affected residents with clean water faster.

The current plan involves the use of PVC pipe sections that get "coupled" together. It is only a matter of time before the couplings eventually fail. The above technologies utilize thermally fused pipe resulting in essentially one continuous pipe. This means that new pipe will last much longer. Even if the installed cost is greater with fused pipe the longer life will result in overall lower life cycle costs.

It was not mentioned at the previous public hearing if the connection from the water main(s) to each home is also iron pipe. Should this be the case, then each connection from a water main to each home probably needs to be replaced as this iron pipe has also likely decayed. If each pipe run from the main to a home is replaced, then the actual cost associated with temporary water would be reduced. Use of temporary water would ease the hardship of the residents in the quickest manner. Could you imagine the travesty if the water mains are replaced and the brown water issues continue?

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In addition to the decaying ductile iron pipe throughout Carmel Water District 2 the water treatment plant needs to be replaced and as others have mentioned so do the water storage tanks. By taking a design build approach to both the storage tank(s) replacement and a new specific membrane-based water treatment plant these upgrades could be completed in 6-16 months less time. Requesting design build proposals only costs the district the price of advertising of the request for proposal which is insignificant.



My years in business have demonstrated that when a piecemeal approach is taken to solving issues the costs associated with solving the problems are greater than when all issues are addressed and solved at once. Perhaps we are better off taking step back and doing most if not all things at onetime,

It is my hope that you will quickly take the design build path and proceed with bonding for the new water plant and additional water main piping. Also, it would benefit everyone if you work to get all these projects exempt from Wicks law. Exemption from Wicks law will not only result in appreciable savings it will allow for completion to take place faster.

Respectfully.

Gren Filmer

Councilman Lupinacci addressed Mr. Ellner's recommendation in the correspondence to take a design-build approach to the project and asked Legal Counsel Gregory Folchetti if that would be an option.

Mr. Folchetti stated no and explained that design-build as a standard form of procurement is only available in New York State to six or seven State administrative agencies. Discussion was held.

Mr. Folchetti went on to explain with regard to Mr. Ellner's recommendation to seek to get the project exempt from the Wicks Law, how it is a possibility.

Councilman Lupinacci addressed a comment from Mr. Gebhardt's correspondence in which he indicated that this should not be considered an emergency because the situation has been brought to the attention of the Town for the past several years. Councilman Lupinacci pointed out that the situation has changed because the flushing program initiated by the Engineering Department for years is no longer proving to be effective.

Councilman Lupinacci went on to offer the resolution, which was seconded by Councilwoman McDonough. At the conclusion of the roll call vote taken, Mr. Folchetti explained that the resolution was amended due to an oversight in which Legacy Supply, LLC was incorrectly identified as a related entity, Legacy Valve, LLC.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

Jerry Ravnitzky, Mahopac resident expressed his support of the Town utilizing sugarbeet based de-icer solution the roads. He encouraged the Town Board to develop other environmentally friendly alternatives in an effort to save money and reduce global warming.

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Mr. Ravnitzky went on to inquire if the public will be permitted to participate in the discussions with regard to the New York State County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.

Supervisor Schmitt replied that the public will be given the opportunity to weigh in.

Mr. Ravnitzky asked if the Initiative would include personnel.

Supervisor Schmitt replied that it could as everything is on the table.

Mr. Ravnitzky inquired about the 3-2 vote in connection with the Resolution Amending Prior Resolution - Carmel Water District #2 Water Main Replacement Project.

Councilwoman McDonough indicated that the Town Board members have expressed their individual opinions on the matter at prior meetings.

### **TOWN BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

No member of the Town Board wished to comment at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Ravnitzky addressed the sale of Town owned land to Paul Camarda a number of years ago where he proposed to build a hotel, which was also to include a WMCA and a playground on the property. He questioned the provision in the contract of sale which assessed a penalty if it was not completed.

Mr. Folchetti explained that there was a contractual provision where the WMCA had an option on a portion of that property and if the YMCA did not exercise its option within seven years of a date certain, then there would be a penalty. The YMCA did not exercise their option and the matter is currently in litigation in the Putnam County Supreme Court. A brief discussion followed.

Steven Turnbull, Brookside Road, commented that residents are upset about a lot and that he will be addressing it in the future. But for now, he stated, he just wanted to introduce himself.

Armanda Famiglietti, Carmel resident asked when discussions will commence in connection with the next Town contracts with the cable providers.

Mr. Folchetti indicated that he believed that Comcast has commenced their negotiations for the renewal of their franchise that expires in 2020 and that Joseph Charbonneau, Esq. who has served as the Town's Special Counsel to the Cable Television Advisory Committee has touched base with the Town Board. He indicated that the Verizon Agreement is not expiring in the near future.

Ms. Famiglietti stated that the Town's website should be updated where it indicates that the Cable Television Advisory Board meets the second Monday of each month. She stated that she has an interest in attending the meetings and then went on to put her name forth to serve of the Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Schmitt directed Ms. Famiglietti to provide her contact information to his Confidential Secretary Anne Pasquerello and discussion followed.

### TOWN BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - OPEN FORUM

Supervisor Schmitt congratulated Susan Schwenk on her retirement from the Recreation and Parks Department after seventeen years of dedicated service.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

All agenda items having been addressed, on motion by Councilwoman McDonough, seconded by Councilman Lupinacci, with all Town Board members present and in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. to Executive Session for an update on Lake Mahopac Dam litigation from Legal Counsel Gregory Folchetti, to discuss a proposal with Highway Department personnel, and for personnel updates from Police Chief Michael Cazzari and Lt. John Dearman.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Spofford, Town Clerk