

21 SEPTEMBER 2011

**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 21st day of September 2011 at 7:14 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York. Members of the Town Board present by roll call were: Councilman Ravallo, Councilman Lombardi, Councilwoman McDonough and Supervisor Schmitt.

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

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AWARDED - SANDY POMPEI

The Town Board acknowledged Sandy Pompei with a certificate of recognition for organizing the recent Lee Pompei Memorial Car Show which raised over \$10,000.00 to benefit Hospice Care of Westchester/Putnam. Mrs. Pompei in turn, expressed her appreciation to all those who assisted her with the fundraiser named in honor of her late husband.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE 95 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL ENTITLED "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE"

Supervisor Schmitt asked the Town Clerk to read the following Notice of Public Hearing as published in the Town's official newspaper:

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 Mc Alpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a Local Law amending Article 95 of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE", as follows:
TOWN OF CARMEL
Proposed Local Law No. of the year 2011
BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Carmel as follows:
Chapter 95 of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel Entitled Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse is hereby amended to read as follows:
§ 95 30 Period/Term of License and Renewal.
A. All licenses issued hereunder shall be for a term of the calendar year, commencing January 1 and concluding December 31 of each year. All licenses shall, unless properly renewed, expire on December 31 of each year of issuance. In seeking a license renewal, the licensee shall submit an application pursuant to § 95 28 and appropriate fees pursuant to § 95 29 herein. Upon the enactment of this provision, any license fees previously paid by an applicant for existing licensed issued hereunder shall be pro-rated and/or credited toward any renewal and/or new application fees due from applicant.

B. In seeking renewal of a license issued pursuant to this Chapter, the applicant shall submit a completed application pursuant to §95-28, together with the applicable fee(s) no later than November 15 of each year. The submission of a completed application and fees pursuant to this section shall be deemed compliance with the licensing provisions of this chapter and shall be deemed a valid current license in the absence of any action to the contrary by the Town Board of The Town of Carmel.
C. The failure of the applicant to submit the renewal application in strict accordance with subsections A and B above shall be deemed a new license application pursuant to §95-29 herein and any existing license shall be deemed expired.
D. Any new license applications submitted and received subsequent to January 1 shall, upon approval of the Carmel Town Board, be valid from the date of approval until December 31. Licence fees shall not be reduced for any application submitted after January 1, notwithstanding the fact that the license term may be for a period of less than one year.
At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof.
By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Ann Garris, Town Clerk

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With no one objecting to the public notice as read, Supervisor Schmitt opened the Public Hearing for public comment at 7:30 p.m. Five (5) people were in attendance.

With no present wishing to be heard on the subject of the Public Hearing, on motion by Councilman Lombardi, seconded by Councilman Ravallo, with all members present in agreement the Public Hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

SEQR DETERMINATION MADE IN REGARD TO LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2011 - TOWN CODE CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE" - TYPE II ACTION

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby determines that, proposed Local Law #6 of 2011 concerning amendments to Town of Carmel Town Code Chapter 95 entitled "Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse" is a Type II action under SEQR and no further review is necessary.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilman Ravallo

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

LOCAL LAW #6 OF THE YEAR 2011 - A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE 95 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL ENTITLED "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE" - ADOPTED AS NOTICED AND PUBLISHED

Town of Carmel
Local Law #6 of the Year 2011
A Local Law Amending Chapter 95 of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel
Entitled, "Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Carmel as follows:

Chapter 95 of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel Entitled Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 95-30 Period/Term of License and Renewal.

A. All licenses issued hereunder shall be for a term of the calendar year, commencing January 1 and concluding December 31 of each year. All licenses shall, unless properly renewed, expire on December 31 of each year of issuance. In seeking a license renewal, the licensee shall submit an application pursuant to § 95-28 and appropriate fees pursuant to § 95-29 herein. Upon the enactment of this provision, any license fees previously paid by an applicant for existing licensed issued hereunder shall be pro-rated and/or credited toward any renewal and/or new application fees due from applicant.

B. In seeking renewal of a license issued pursuant to this Chapter, the applicant shall submit a completed application pursuant to §95-28, together with the applicable fee(s) no later than November 15 of each year. The submission of a completed application and fees pursuant to this section shall be deemed compliance with the licensing provisions of this chapter and shall be deemed a valid current license in the absence of any action to the contrary by the Town Board of The Town of Carmel.

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C. The failure of the applicant to submit the renewal application in strict accordance with subsections A and B above shall be deemed a new license application pursuant to §95-29 herein and any existing license shall be deemed expired.

D. Any new license applications submitted and received subsequent to January 1 shall, upon approval of the Carmel Town Board, be valid from the date of approval until December 31. License fees shall not be reduced for any application submitted after January 1, notwithstanding the fact that the license term may be for a period of less than one year.

Offered by: Councilman Ravallo
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Councilman Ravallo explained that the Local Law was being adopted for administrative purposes, to make the licensing process easier to manage.

Supervisor Schmitt noted that prior to adopting the Local Law, all license applications expired at different times throughout the course of the year.

Councilman Lombardi added that the Local Law establishes a time period for license renewals.

MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON 8/24/11 - ACCEPT AS SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

On motion by Councilman Lombardi, seconded by Councilwoman McDonough, with all members of the Town Board present and voting "aye", the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on August 24th, 2011 were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk.

PAVILION AT CAMARDA PARK - BIDS REJECTED AND RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS AUTHORIZED

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby rejects all bids previously received for the purchase and installation of a PAVILION at Camarda Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, Ann Garris, Town Clerk of the Town of Carmel is hereby authorized to re-advertise for bids for the purchase and installation of a Pavilion at Camarda Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the James R. Gilchrist, Director of Recreation and Parks and Town Engineer, Ronald Gainer, P.E. are to furnish detailed specifications for the above to the Town Clerk, Ann Garris to be used in conjunction with the Town's general bid conditions and specifications.

Resolution
Offered by: Councilman Ravallo
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

21 SEPTEMBER 2011
TOWN BOARD MEETING

**PROPOSAL FOR 2012 LEGAL SERVICES LABOR COUNSEL ACCEPTED -
DONOGHUE, THOMAS, AUSLANDER & DROHAN, LLP**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby accepts the proposal of Donoghue, Thomas, Auslander & Drohan, LLP for Labor Counsel services for 2012 at the terms contained in the proposal as attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon presentation of insurance certificates in form acceptable to Town Counsel, Town Supervisor, Kenneth Schmitt, is hereby authorized to sign said proposal.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough

Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	X	
Frank Lombardi	X	
Suzanne McDonough	X	
Kenneth Schmitt	X	

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August 22, 2011

VIA EMAIL & FIRST-CLASS MAIL: [ks@ci.carmel.ny.us]

Mr. Kenneth Schmitt
Supervisor
Town of Carmel
60 McAlpin Avenue
Mahopac, NY 10541

Re: Legal Fees - 2012

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

In response to your letter dated July 26, 2011, and taking the Town's economic climate into consideration, our firm has, for the third year, elected to freeze our rates at the levels in effect for the 2009 year. We currently charge the Town of Carmel at the rate of \$205.00 per hour for attorneys and \$90.00 per hour for paralegal services.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this agreement with a signature line. If it is acceptable to you, I would appreciate your executing it and returning it to me. It will constitute an agreement between the Town and my office.

Sincerely,

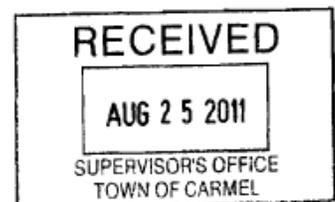
Stuart S. Waxman

SSW/al
Enclosure

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

By: _____
Kenneth Schmitt, Supervisor

Dated: _____



LAKE SECOR PARK DISTRICT - APPLICATION FOR A SOUND AMPLIFICATION PERMIT - FEE WAIVED

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby waives the fee regarding the application of the Lake Secor Park District seeking a sound amplification permit for its teenage battle of the bands event scheduled for September 23, 2011 at Lake Secor.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilman Ravallo

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION - APPLICATION FOR A SOUND AMPLIFICATION PERMIT - FEE WAIVED

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby waives the fee regarding the application of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention which seeks a sound amplification permit for its Putnam County walk event scheduled for October 30, 2011 at the Carmel Firehouse.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Ravallo
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT CLEANING SERVICES - VOIDING OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZED AND RE-AWARDING OF CONTRACT - AUTHORIZED

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of Chief of Police Michael Johnson, the Town Board of Carmel previously awarded a contract for Police Department Cleaning Services to Chappaqua Cleaning Corp.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has advised the Town Board that during the year 2011, Chappaqua Cleaning Corp. has failed and/or refused to provide the regular cleaning service required under the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the cleaning services required under the contract are necessary for the effective and proper conduct of Police Department duties and responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs that the existing contract with Chappaqua Cleaning Corp. be hereby declared null and void; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the remainder of the contract period for the aforesaid cleaning services be awarded to CTE Inc/Reliable Cleaning Services, of Garrison, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon presentation of proper insurance certificates in form acceptable to Town Counsel, Town Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt is authorized to execute the contract documents referred to herein.

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Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough
Seconded by: Councilman Ravallo

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 10/12/11 - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 156, ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL - "BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 156, entitled "Zoning" of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel; as follows:

TOWN OF CARMEL
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # _____ OF THE YEAR 2011

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, State of New York as follows:

Article VIII of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel entitled "Board of Architectural Review", consisting of sections 156-62 through 156-69 inclusive, is hereby repealed.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Ravallo
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Councilman Ravallo explained that the Public Hearing will be held to consider what the Architectural Review Board (ARB) contributes to the process of improved development in the Town of Carmel and whether or not to continue to have the board. Councilman Ravallo stated that the current Town Board, as well as past Town Boards believed that better results would be achieved and the appearance of the Town improved by eliminating the ARB. The function would be delegated to the Planning Board as in a number of other towns.

Supervisor Schmitt agreed that the duties and responsibilities of the ARB could be absorbed into the Planning Board while achieving a more effective result. He added that abolishing the board would result in a budgetary savings of \$5,000.00 for 2012.

Councilman Lombardi indicated that eliminating the board would streamline the development process because the projects are already subject to appear before the Planning Board for review and eliminating the ARB would contribute to downsizing government.

Councilwoman McDonough agreed that abolishing the ARB would result in the process being much more user friendly.

RE-APPOINTMENT MADE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD - ROBERT LAGA

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby re-appoints Robert Laga to the Town of Carmel Environmental Conservation Board for a term commencing on June 14, 2011 and expiring June 13, 2014.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

RE-APPOINTMENT MADE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD - CARL W. STONE

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby re-appoints Carl W. Stone to the Town of Carmel Environmental Conservation Board for a term commencing on June 14, 2011 and expiring June 13, 2014.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Ravallo
Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

RE-APPOINTMENT MADE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOARD - ANTHONY DUSOVIC

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby re-appoints Anthony Dusovic to the Town of Carmel Environmental Conservation Board for a term commencing on June 14, 2011 and expiring June 13, 2014.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough
Seconded by: Councilman Ravallo

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Supervisor Schmitt thanked the newly reappointed members of the Environmental Conservation Board for their service to the Town of Carmel.

LAKE SECOR PARK DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT MADE - LINSEY HICKEY

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby appoints Linsey Hickey to the Lake Secor Park District Committee, effective immediately.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi

Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

LAKE CASSE PARK DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT MADE - UGO FARISELLI

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby appoints Ugo Fariselli to the Lake Casse Park District Committee, effective immediately.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Ravallo

Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

TEAKETTLE SPOUT LAKES PARK DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS MADE - DAN PEARSALL, JOHN KOMENDOWSKI, RANDY ABRAMS, ANTHONY TROTTA, AND GERARD DELUCA

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby appoints the following individuals to the Lake Teakettle Park District Committee, effective immediately:

Dan Pearsall
John Komendowski
Randy Abrams
Anthony Trotta
Gerard DeLuca

Resolution

Offered by: Councilwoman McDonough

Seconded by: Councilman Lombardi

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Ravallo	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Frank Lombardi	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Suzanne McDonough	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Kenneth Schmitt	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CARMEL AND SEVERN TRENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS SEWER DISTRICTS AND WATER DISTRICTS - AUTHORIZED

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby authorizes the extension of the existing contracts for operations and maintenance of Carmel Sewer Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8, as well as operations and maintenance of Carmel Water Districts #2, #3 and #12 with Severn Trent Environmental Services, Inc., for a period of six (6) months commencing retroactively from July 1, 2011 and continuing through December 31, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon review and approval of insurance certificates in form satisfactory to Town Counsel Town Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation required in connection with said contract extensions.

Resolution

Offered by: Councilman Lombardi
Seconded by: Councilwoman McDonough

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Robert Ravallo	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Abstain
Frank Lombardi	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Suzanne McDonough	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Kenneth Schmitt	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	

Councilman Lombardi stated that the rates of Severn Trent Environmental Services, Inc. will remain the same through the extension.

Supervisor Schmitt explained that the Town of Carmel is currently negotiating a five year contract with Severn Trent Environmental Services, Inc. and the extension is necessary to resolve certain issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Barile spoke in favor of the Architectural Review Board. He commented that the ARB does a tremendous job despite the lack of backing or support from the Town Board and eliminating the ARB would be a mistake.

Mr. Barile inquired where Severn Trent Environmental Services, Inc. is located.

Supervisor Schmitt stated that they were headquartered in Newburgh, New York.

Mr. Barile commended Rob Vara, Town of Carmel Engineering Projects Coordinator for his efforts during Hurricane Irene. He then spoke regarding an issue with regard to Severn Trent Environmental Services, Inc. and commented that a five year contract with them is too long. Mr. Barile concluded by inquiring about when there will be public discussion with regard to the 2012 budget.

Donald Schiff inquired about the resolution authorizing the retention of labor counsel services for 2012.

Councilman Lombardi explained that they are the attorneys who handle the Town of Carmel's personnel issues when they arise. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Town's collective bargaining agreements.

TOWN BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilman Lombardi praised the efforts of the special conditions unit of the Carmel Police Department with regard to recent drug arrests and seizures of significant amounts of illegal substances.

Councilman Lombardi reminded residents that school is in session and to drive safely.

Councilman Lombardi announced that the local food pantries continue to be in serious need of donations at this time.

Supervisor Schmitt announced that in response to the recent Hurricane Irene, representatives from FEMA will be available to assist local residents who sustained damage with their applications for relief aid on September 24 through September 26, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department.

Supervisor Schmitt reminded the public that in observance of Rosh Hashanah, the next meeting of the Town Board will be held on a Tuesday, the 27th of September at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmel Town Hall.

Supervisor Schmitt announced that the Town of Carmel Historical Society is sponsoring a guided bus tour of Carmel's most interesting and historic cemeteries on October 22, 2011 commencing at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church and concluding with a buffet lunch.

Supervisor Schmitt announced the details of the Italian American Club of Mahopac's annual Columbus Day dinner dance to be held at the Villa Barone Hilltop Manor in Mahopac on September 25, 2011.

Supervisor Schmitt reported on a \$100,000.00 grant received from the New York State Power Authority for the installation of a photovoltaic cell system (solar panels) for the Carmel Town Hall which would benefit the environment and provide a \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 annual electricity savings to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

All agenda items having been addressed, on motion by Councilman Lombardi, seconded by Councilman Ravallo and Councilwoman McDonough, with all members present and in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss a budgetary personnel matter and a matter of litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Garris, Town Clerk