

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD,  
HELD AT TOWN HALL, 4383 ALBANY POST ROAD, HYDE PARK, NEW YORK,  
12538, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR ALFRED TORREGGIANI  
COUNCILWOMAN NICOLE NOAKES  
COUNCILWOMAN LYNN RUGGIERO  
COUNCILMAN DONALD PRUSAKOWSKI  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN SARAH WILSON  
TOWN CLERK DONNA McGROGAN

ABSENT:

COUNCILMAN JOHN LOMBARDI

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes  
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

That the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Town Board meeting, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be approved.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR      4  
All OPPOSED      0                      CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Pollard, Hyde Park Recreation Director, shared his appreciation for Resolutions 13 & 14, and thanked the Board for assisting Town employees as they continue their professional training.

Neil Krupnick, Scenic Dr, Hyde Park, expressed discontent with the Board's retention of special consultant services.

#### **RESOLUTION 2:7 – 1 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE VAN DEWATER & VANDEWATER, LLP TO ACT AS ATTORNEYS TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK FOR NON-ESCROWED MATTERS AND DOES SO TO APPOINT THEM TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE ON NON-ESCROWED MATTERS AND LITIGATION SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park, ("Planning Board"), finds that it is in the best interest of the Planning Board to retain the legal services of Van DeWater and Van DeWater, LLP, to act as Attorneys to the Planning Board of the Town of Hyde Park for non-escrowed matters, and does so to appoint them to provide legal advice on non-escrowed matters and litigation services effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, at the rate of \$220.00 per hour plus disbursements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to retain the services of Van DeWater and Van DeWater, LLP, to act as Attorneys to the Planning Board and the Town of Hyde Park for non-escrowed matters, and does so to appoint them to provide legal advice on non-escrowed matters and litigation services effective January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022 at the rate of \$220.00 per hour plus disbursements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does also hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute said agreement and said agreement shall terminate all prior agreements pertaining to the same.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes  
SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR      4  
ALL OPPOSED      0                      CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 - 2 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR 2022 WITH TERESA GASPARINI FOR WEBMASTER AND FACEBOOK SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hyde Park is in need of a Webmaster who can not only maintain, update, and make changes to the Town's website but also maintain the Town's Facebook Page as well in order to help enhance the Town's social media platforms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board would like to hire Teresa Gasparini as the Webmaster for the Town as she has the experience and knowledge to not only assist with the Town's website but is also knowledgeable as well to assist the Town with their Facebook Page.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute an agreement for Webmaster and Facebook services effective January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Teresa Gasparini shall be paid for services rendered at an hourly rate of \$40.00 per hour to be invoiced and paid monthly with a total billing for the agreement term not to exceed \$3,500.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all requests for reimbursement pursuant to this agreement shall be submitted by a signed and itemized voucher to be audited and approved by the Town of Hyde Park Comptroller.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero  
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR      4  
ALL OPPOSED      0                      CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 - 3 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE NUNC PRO TUNC AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, OTHER DUTCHESS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES AND THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK CONCERNING THE TOWN'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hyde Park desires to continue the existence of the Drug Enforcement Task Force (hereinafter referred to as the "TASK FORCE") which was organized under the direction of the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hyde Park has agreed to furnish manpower for said Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force, consisting of police officers from each of the participating municipalities shall act independently of each Municipal employer under the exclusive direction of the Unit Coalition as described and provided for in this agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for each participating municipality to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby approve the Town's continued participation in the Drug Enforcement Task organized under the direction of the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office and according to the stipulations in said agreement between Dutchess County and the Town of Hyde Park; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does also hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute Nunc Pro Tunc any and all documents pertaining to the Town's continued participation in said Drug Task Force.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4

ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 - 4 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board, does hereby appoint Alfred Torreggiani, Town Supervisor and Donald Prusakowski, Jr. to represent the Town of Hyde Park as voting members to the Dutchess County Transportation Council and to represent the Town of Hyde Park at the DCTC Meetings.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4  
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 – 5 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDE THE RESIGNATION OF EFRAIN RENDON, JR. PART-TIME POLICE ASSISTANT FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Efrain Rendon, JR., Part-Time Police Assistant for the Town of Hyde Park Police Department, has submitted a letter of resignation effective Monday, January 24, 2022.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby acknowledge the resignation of Part-Time Police Assistant, Efrain Redon, JR., effective Monday, January 24, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor and the Town extend their appreciation and gratitude to Efrain Rendon for his service to the Town of Hyde Park Police Department.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero  
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4  
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 - 6 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDE THE RESIGNATION OF TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE OFFICER BRANDON EWING**

**WHEREAS**, Town of Hyde Park Police Officer Brandon Ewing has submitted his letter of resignation effective Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board acknowledges the resignation of Town of Hyde Park Police Officer Brandon Ewing; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Supervisor and Town Board extend their appreciation and gratitude to Police Officer Brandon Ewing for his dedicated service to the Town of Hyde Park.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski  
SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4  
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 – 7 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPOINT FOR A NINETY DAY PERIOD MARC PASSANTINO AS A TEMPORARY FULL-TIME TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a vacancy in the Town of Hyde Park Police Department for a full-time Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, current part-time Police Officer Marc Passantino is willing to step in and cover the full-time police officer vacancy for a period not to exceed 90 days effective February 23, 2022, at a rate of \$27.09 per hour.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby approve the appointment of part-time Police Officer Marc Passantino to full-time Police Officer for a period of ninety (90) days at a rate of \$27.09 per hour.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes  
SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR      4  
ALL OPPOSED      0                      CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 – 8 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION OF TOWN OF HYDE PARK LEGISLATIVE AIDE LAURA NORDSTROM**

**WHEREAS**, Town of Hyde Park Legislative Aide, Laura Nordstrom had submitted her letter of resignation effective Wednesday December 29, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby acknowledge with regret, the resignation of Legislative Aide Laura Nordstrom; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Supervisor and Town Board extend their appreciation and gratitude to Laura Nordstrom for her dedicated service to the Town of Hyde Park.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero  
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR      4  
ALL OPPOSED      0                      CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 - 9 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE VACATION CARRY OVER FOR TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE ASSISTANT DERRICK BYRNE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Town of Hyde Park Police Assistant Derrick Byrne to carry over up to 40 hours of accrued vacation time which he was unable to use prior to his

anniversary date of February 9, 2022, and that said carry over vacation time must be used no later than August 9, 2022.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4

ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

#### **RESOLUTION 2:7 - 10 OF 2022**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE VACATION CARRY OVER FOR TOWN OF HYDE PARK DEPUTY ASSESSOR MAUREEN GILMARTIN**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Town of Hyde Park Deputy Assessor Maureen Gilmartin to carry over up to 35 hours of accrued vacation time which she was unable to use prior to her anniversary date of March 2, 2022, and that said carry over vacation time must be used no later than September 2, 2022.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4

ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

#### **RESOLUTION 2:7 - 11 OF 2022**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BENSON TO ATTEND AS THE NEW YORK STATE REPRESENTATIVE THE FBI'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AT THE NATIONAL COMMAND COLLEGE IN THE STAFFORD/ FREDERICKSBURG AREA OF VIRGINIA MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Hyde Park Police Chief Robert Benson was chosen out of all of the Police Chiefs in New York state to be the New York representative for the FBI's Leadership Training for Small Municipalities and is requesting to attend said training at the National Command College in the Stafford/ Fredericksburg area of Virginia from May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board deems it appropriate and beneficial for Chief Benson to attend this training, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no fee required for Chief Benson to attend as travel and lodging will be covered by the FBI.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Chief Robert Benson to attend the FBI's Leadership Training for Small Municipalities to be held at the National Command College in the Stafford/ Fredericksburg area of Virginia from May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does also hereby authorize reimbursement for necessary business expenditures deemed appropriate and reasonable.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero  
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4  
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 – 12 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE OFFICERS JASON BERKOWITZ AND MICHAEL STALLONE TO ATTEND A TWO DAY “STREET SURVIVAL SEMINAR” FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 IN ATLANTIC CITY NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, Chief of Police Robert Benson has requested approval for Police Officers Jason Berkowitz and Michael Stallone to attend a two day “Street Survival Seminar” February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Tropicana Atlantic City Hotel, Resort, and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, this seminar discusses the need to prepare officers with critical thinking for making sound legal and reasonable decisions under stressful conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board deems it appropriate and beneficial for Police Officers Jason Berkowitz and Michael Stallone to attend this training; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee for this training is \$518.00 for registration for both officers as well as \$101.44 for lodging and will be allocated from the 2022 Police Training Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Police Officers Jason Berkowitz and Michael Stallone to attend a two day “Street Survival Seminar” February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Tropicana Atlantic City Hotel, Resort, and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does also hereby authorize reimbursement for travel and necessary business expenditures deemed appropriate and reasonable.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski  
SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4  
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2:7 – 13 OF 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK RECREATION DIRECTOR ROBERT POLLARD TO ATTEND THE 2022 AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION TRI-STATE CAMP CONFERENCE MONDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 IN ATLANTIC CITY, NJ**

**WHEREAS**, Robert Pollard, Hyde Park Recreation Director had requested permission to attend the 2022 American Camp Association Tri-State Camp Conference Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Atlantic City, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has deemed it appropriate and beneficial for Robert Pollard to attend this conference as it would improve his skills as Recreation Director and would be in the best interest of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a \$75 fee associated with this conference and will be allocated from the 2022 Recreation Training Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the attendance of Robert Pollard, Recreation Director to attend the 2022 American Camp Association Tri-State Camp Conference Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Atlantic City, NJ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize reimbursement for any travel and necessary business expenditures deemed appropriate and reasonable.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes  
SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR     4  
ALL OPPOSED     0                    CARRIED

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Torreggiani expressed condolences to the family of Matthew Fitzgerald, former Hyde Park Town Justice.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes  
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

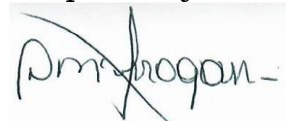
To adjourn meeting.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR     5  
ALL OPPOSED     0                    CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna McGrogan  
Town Clerk



IN MEMORY OF  
MATTHEW P.  
FITZGERALD  
TOWN JUSTICE  
1977 - 2003