

Town Board Minutes
Special Meeting
North Castle Town Board
Town of North Castle
15 Bedford Road
Armonk, New York
on
October 15, 2014

At 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Schiliro called the Special Meeting to order on the duly adopted motion of Councilman D'Angelo, and immediately adjourned to a Work Session to discuss Water District No. 2 Distribution System Replacement project bonding with ROWI and Windmill residents and a 2015 budget review. All Town Board members, the Town Attorney and the Town Administrator were present for the work session which adjourned to a special meeting at 8:30 p.m. to consider procedures concerning a special election on the ward system. The following persons were present:

Supervisor	Michael J. Schiliro
Councilmen	Stephen D'Angelo Barbara DiGiacinto Barry Reiter José Berra
Town Clerk	Anne Curran
Town Administrator	Joan Goldberg

Supervisor Schiliro provided background concerning propositions to establish a ward system submitted to the Town by Anthony Futia, North White Plains, and the recent notification from Westchester County Board of Elections that the propositions will not appear on the General Election ballot in November, 2014, as expected. The reason is that such propositions may only appear on the General Election ballot in odd-numbered years. It was also determined by the Board of Elections that the Town must hold a special election on a different date than the General Election date. The Supervisor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss procedures and to establish the special election date, polling hours and locations.

Town Attorney Baroni stated that the date of the special election must be after November 4 and before November 16, 2014. In response to Councilman DiGiacinto's query about the possibility of delaying the election to coincide with the 2015 General Election, Mr. Baroni said that the only person who could trigger postponing the special election is the petitioner, Mr. Futia, by withdrawing his petitions.

Several residents raised questions and commented on the problems of holding a special election outside of an established election day. Concerns included: expenses that the Town must assume in order to hold a special election; logistics concerning timing and procedures; voter turnout; and adequate communication of information to residents.

Mr. Futia stated that he was within his rights by law to petition for this election and he was not going to change his mind or consider withdrawing the petitions.

Councilman D'Reiter moved, seconded by Councilman Berra, to establish that a special election of the Town of North Castle, Westchester County, New York, will be held on the 13th of November, 2014, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., at three polling locations: Armonk Firehouse, Banksville Firehouse and the North Castle Community Center in North White Plains, for the purpose of voting on the adoption or rejection of two propositions with respect to establishing a ward system.

Vote: Unanimous

Councilman D'Angelo moved, seconded by Councilman DiGiacinto, to authorize Town Clerk Curran to hire an hourly worker to assist with clerical needs for the special election at a rate of \$20 per hour; and further moved, that additional hourly personnel may be hired by the Town Clerk, as needed for the special election, at the same or lower hourly rate.

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Vote: Unanimous

All Board members expressed regret that the special election must be held in a few weeks, rather than postponed until 2015 when petitions could appear on the General Election ballot, thereby incurring no administration by and expense to the Town.

In closing, the Supervisor expressed concerns but stated that we will move forward and will run the special election with integrity.

The Special Meeting was closed at 10:35 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman D'Angelo, and seconded by Councilman Reiter.

Anne Curran, Town Clerk

Dated: December 20, 2014