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Town of Fallsburg Town Board  
2010 Re-Organizational Meeting on  
Tuesday, January 5, 2010  
At the Town Hall Court Room, 19 Railroad Plaza  
South Fallsburg, NY  
6:30 PM

Present:

Steven Vegliante, Supervisor  
Arnold Seletsky, Deputy Supervisor  
Mike Weiner, Councilman  
Nathan Steingart, Councilman  
Joe Levner, Councilman

Donna Akerley, Town Clerk  
Jacob Billig, Attorney for the Town  
Ron Hiatt, Assistant Attorney for the Town  
Bruce Perlmutter, Special Prosecutor  
Peggy Torres, Confidential Secretary  
Bart Rasnick, Town Justice  
Ivan Kalter, Town Justice  
Simmie Williams, Provisional Police Chief  
Scott DuBois, Comptroller  
Leni Binder, Sullivan County Legislator  
Ann Prusinski, Past Councilwoman  
Billy Jakaitis, Highway Superintendent  
Wayne Pirnos, Assist. Highway Superintendent  
Will Illing, Town Engineer  
Allen Frishman, Code Enforcement Officer  
Mira Anderson, Justice Court Clerk  
Maria Zeno, Planning Board Member

6:00 PM – WORK SESSION Prior to Re-Org Meeting

6:20 PM – Motion by Councilman Levner, seconded by Councilman Weiner to enter into Executive Session.

Special Presentation: \*Ashley Exner a Tri-Valley Student will be singing “Songs for Soup” and collecting canned soup donations for distribution to a local food pantry.

6:30 PM – Re-Organizational Meeting called to Order by Deputy Supervisor Arnold Seletsky

Salute to the Flag. - By Deputy Supervisor Arnold Seletsky

*Administration of Oath of Office to Town Supervisor Steven Vegliante by the Honorable Bart Rasnick.  
Two (2) year term to expire 12/31/2011.*

*Administration of Oath of Office to Town Councilman Mike Weiner by the Honorable Bart Rasnick.  
Four (4) year term to expire 12/31/2013.*

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Four(4) year term to expire 12/31/2013.*

*Administration of Oath of Office to Jacob Billig Attorney for the Town by the Honorable Bart Rasnick.  
One (1) year term to expire 12/31/2010.*

*Administration of Oath of Office to Ronald Hiatt Assistant Attorney for the Town by the Honorable Bart Rasnick.  
One (1) year term to expire 12/31/2010.*

*Administration of Oath of Office to Bruce Perlmutter Assistant Attorney for the Town by the Honorable Bart Rasnick. (Special Prosecutor) One (1) year term to expire 12/31/2010.*

**Supervisor's Report. - By Supervisor Vegliante** – “I would first like to thank Ashley Exner for coming here tonight and singing for such a wonderful cause. Having grown up with Paul, it is clear that she inherited her lovely voice from her mom Leah. Paul and Leah, you have raised a remarkable young woman and you have much to be proud of. Thank you again. It is with great pride and purpose that I address you here tonight as your Town Supervisor. I take the reins of a Town with over one hundred full-time employees and a budget that tops seventeen million dollars. As the days and weeks that follow tonight unfold, I intend to become fully familiar with every budget line and every dollar we spend as a Town. We cannot progress without acknowledging our past. I humbly sit in the same seat occupied by Steven Levine for the past 12 years. As a lifelong resident, past president of the Lion's club, little league coach, past fire chief, past Town councilman and finally Supervisor, Stevie as those of us who know him call him, has given this Town his heart and soul for the past 20 years as your Supervisor and Councilman. During that time he managed to raise three incredible children and when it comes to the Town, we always for two for the price of one in Ellen, his wife, a family with a true history of service to our Town. We as a Town owe Steve Levine a debt of gratitude and I as a person want to thank him for his help and guidance through the election and in this transition period. I truly hope that he will not be a stranger in the Town Hall. I look forward to managing our Town with the help of our Town Board, all of which I consider not only colleagues but friends. For perhaps the first time ever, each member of this Board has school age children in our local schools. Each of us yearns to transform this Town and County into a place where our children will return to find gainful employment, and the lifestyle we enjoyed growing up. I believe that we are truly a team and that by working together we can improve our fate, improve our Town, and make Fallsburg all we know it can be. Arnold, Mike, Joe and Nate, I want to thank you for your service to the Town and for your support this past year. Donna, you are an excellent Town Clerk, and a good friend.

But remember, as soon as I am done speaking we all have much work to do. We are a dichotomous Town. We have crime, but unlike many other communities, we invest in a full time professional police force. The force is dedicated to our safety and they patrol our Town 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Each day these men and women put their lives on the line for our safety, mostly unnoticed except for when we drive too fast or our person or property have been violated. They have my support and this Board's support, but most importantly they deserve your support, We have water and sewer lines to every hamlet, yet our plants and systems are aging and must be upgraded. We have many miles of roads, yet each year more than we can afford need to be paved and sealed, straining our budget. We have two affordable campgrounds two breathtaking golf courses and spectacular parks yet many of our residents do not know of or take advantage of them. We can and will market these resources better. We will aggressively pursue grant programs to upgrade out infrastructure. We will explore new and better ways to treat and fix our roads to lessen expenses and make our Town a better place to live. We will continue to support our Police. We will seek to consolidate out spending and efforts with neighboring municipalities to reduce costs. We will do all of this while steadfastly holding a line on spending. Our residents cannot afford to shoulder any new taxes for these programs and they will not. As I began to spend time in the Town Hall following Election Day I was truly touched and more importantly impressed by the level of dedication shown by our employees. In Steve Levine's last address, he emphasized the service of the employees of the Town and he could not have been more correct. This Town runs of the back and hearts of each employee from managers to laborer and clerks. I will be spending time in the next few months in each department understanding their purpose, their mission and their resources. This "audit" of sorts will include each department head and the Town Board in the hopes that we can eliminate waste, coordinate services, and trim expenditures without trimming services. "We live in interesting times", Robert Kennedy once said, and I do believe he said that after campaigning here in the Town of Fallsburg. As we continue to weather this financial downturn, we will do everything in our power as a Board to make life just a little easier in the coming years. I inherit a Town in good financial shape, with good managers and good resources and for that; I thank this Board and former Supervisor Steve Levine. It will be my job and the job of this Board to manage these resources wisely, never forgetting the solemn oath we have taken here tonight. We can count ourselves lucky however, we have a Board that is a cohesive unit determined to do what is best for our Town. While you see some new faces here tonight, mine being one, the core leadership group remains. We have excellent relationships with our Federal representatives and the Governor's office. When we need assistance, Senator John Bonacic has shown our Town his support time and time again, and we could not ask for a better representative than our Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. She is my friend in the truest sense of the word and I am grateful for her consult and kindness. We also have the benefit of County Legislators that want to do the right thing for our Town. Thank you Ron Hiatt, Leni Binder and Jody Goodman for your dedicated service to the residents of Fallsburg. While you struggle with the very public issues like waste and a County Jail, please know that you have a Town Board in Fallsburg that wants to help you tackle these challenges in a way that benefits us all. I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the volunteers and friends that joined me on my election journey last spring. To my old friends and the new ones I met along the way I say thank you. To my children, Morgan and Cody, and to my

girlfriend Dali I say I would not be sitting here without your love, support, and I thank you. Our road begins anew tonight. I leave you with a favorite quote uttered by President Harry Truman over fifty years ago. 'Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better. That is our cause, and our cause is right and just.' Thank you."

Res.#1

Adopt Roberts Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for all Town Board Meetings.

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 2

Motion to re-affirm all Town Policies, Regulations, Ordinances and other Town Laws and Rules including the Code of Ethics, Substance Abuse Policy & Discrimination and Harassment Policy.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 3

Motion to establish the following dates and times for official Town Board Meetings for the year 2010. (*See attached*)

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 4

Motion to establish the following Employee Holiday Schedule for the year 2010. (*See attached*)

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 5

Re-appoint Arnold Seletsky as Deputy Supervisor and Town Board Liaison for Parks & Recreation, Police Commission and Senior Citizens.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Seletsky)

\*Supervisor Vegliante: "We are naming Arnold Deputy Supervisor yet again, he has been an invaluable source for me, he has given me support and friendship and I am proud to appoint him Deputy Supervisor yet again."

Res. # 6

Re-appoint Michael Weiner Town Board Liaison – Youth Programs -Police Commission.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Weiner)

Res. # 7

Re-appoint Nathan Steingart Town Board Liaison - Golf / Fire & Safety.

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Steingart)

Res. # 8

Re-appoint Joe Levner Town Board Liaison - Planning and Zoning / Beautification.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Levner)

Res. # 9

Set annual salary for Town Supervisor, Steven Vegliante \$34,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Supervisor Vegliante)

Res. # 10

Set annual salary for Town Board Member, Arnold Seletsky \$10,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Seletsky)

Res. # 11

Set annual salary for Town Board Member, Michael Weiner \$10,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Weiner)

Res. # 12

Set annual salary for Town Board Member, Nathan Steingart \$10,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Steingart)

Res. # 13

Set annual salary for Town Board Member, Joseph Levner \$10,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Levner)

Res. # 14

Re-appoint Donna Akerley Town Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Land Tax Collector, F.O.I.L. Officer and Records Management Officer.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 15

Set annual salary for Town Clerk Donna Akerley \$45,427.00

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 16

Re-appoint Victoria Korchanik as Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Land Tax Collector and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 17

Appoint Edward H. Corley of the Sullivan County Correctional Facility as Deputy Town Clerk for the purpose of issuing marriage licenses to inmates. – No Stipend.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 18

Re-appoint Karen Luse as Deputy Town Clerk - Woodbourne Correctional Facility for the purpose of issuing marriage licenses to inmates. – No Stipend.

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 19

Appoint Jacob Billig as Attorney for the Town at the annual salary of \$36,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 20

Re-appoint Ronald Hiatt as Assistant Attorney for the Town at the annual salary of \$14,320.00

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 21

Appoint Bruce Perlmutter as Assistant Attorney for the Town (Special Prosecutor) at the annual salary of \$ 12,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Steingart)

Res. # 22

Re-appoint Simmie Williams as Provisional Chief of Police at the annual Salary of \$81,905.00 to be effective January 1, 2010.

On Motion by Councilman Steingart, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

\*Supervisor Vegliante: "I think that Simmie does a great job and I want to thank him. He has been a real help is my transition and I look forward to working with him"

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 23

Re-appoint William Jakaitis as Commissioner of Public Works at the annual salary of \$67,408.00 to be effective January 1, 2010.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

\*Supervisor Vegliante: "I say the same thing with Billy and all of the managers that came here tonight, I probably will not get to you because you are not appointed. I want to thank the managers that came here tonight to support me and everyone, I appreciate it."

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 24

Re-appoint Nancy Marinchak as Animal Control Officer at the annual salary of \$19,552.00 to be effective January 1, 2010.

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 25

Re-appoint Robert Hawkes Court Officer at the hourly rate of \$14.00 to be effective January 1, 2010.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 26

Re-appoint William Illing as Town Engineer at the annual salary of \$15,600.00 to be effective January 1, 2010.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 27

Approve the selection of Duso Vending Company as the official supplier of vending services to Fallsburg properties.

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky to TABLE.

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 28

Motion to authorize Town Supervisor Steven Vegliante to sign and execute town policies, contracts, and agreements.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Supervisor Vegliante)

Res. #29

Authorize Supervisor Steven Vegliante, Deputy Supervisor Arnold Seletsky, Town Clerk Donna Akerley, Deputy Town Clerk Victoria Korchanik to open competitive bids for purchase, contracts and other public works matters after such bids are authorized by the Town Board.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 3 Ayes, 2 Abstain (Supervisor Vegliante, Councilman Seletsky)

Res. # 30

Designate the following banks as depositories of Town Funds subject to a letter in which the bank would secure the checking accounts and certificates of deposits

Catskill Hudson Bank  
Provident  
First National Bank of Jeffersonville  
J.P. Morgan Chase

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 31

Setting the bonding limits of Town Officials as to form and sufficiency of surety in the amount of \$100,000.00

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 32

Authorize Supervisor Vegliante, Deputy Supervisor Seletsky and Town Comptroller Scott DuBois as signatees for all bank transactions.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 3 Ayes, 2 Abstain (Supervisor Vegliante, Councilman Seletsky)

Res. # 33

Authorize Supervisor Vegliante, Deputy Supervisor Seletsky and Town Comptroller Scott DuBois to continue wire transfers for Town of Fallsburg Investments.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 3 Ayes, 2 Abstain (Supervisor Vegliante, Councilman Seletsky)

Res. # 34

Motion to designate the following Town of Fallsburg locales as official polling places:

- District 1 - Municipal Hall (Firehouse) Woodridge
- District 2 - Woodbourne Firehouse
- District 3 - Loch Sheldrake Firehouse
- District 4 - Senior / Youth Center, South Fallsburg
- District 5 - Mountaindale Firehouse
- District 6 - Hurleyville Firehouse
- District 7 - Senior / Youth Center, South Fallsburg
- District 8 - Old Stone House, Hasbrouck
- District 9 - Municipal Hall (Firehouse) Woodridge

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 35

Motion authorizing the reimbursement rate for persons using their own vehicles for Town Business at \$ 0.45 cents per mile.

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 36

Designate the Sullivan County Democrat as the official newspaper of the Town of Fallsburg and the Times Herald Record as an official newspaper when the need for a timely advertisement cannot be satisfied with a bi-weekly newspaper.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 37

Authorize any member of the Town Board, the Town Clerk, Chairman of the Planning Board, Chairman of the Zoning Board, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Assessor, the Town Comptroller, the Chief of Police, and the Public Works Director to attend the Association of Towns Meetings to be held in 2010 and that their actual and necessary expenses shall be audited and allowed as a Town Charge.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 38

Authorize Town Supervisor Steven Vegliante to vote as representing the Town Board of the Town of Fallsburg at the Association of Towns Meeting.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Supervisor Vegliante)

Res. # 39

Authorize Deputy Supervisor Arnold Seletsky as the alternate to vote as representing the Town Board of the Town of Fallsburg at the Association of Towns Meeting.

On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Councilman Seletsky)

Res. # 40

Authorize Town Clerk to attend the New York State Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference & Training School to be held April 25 – April 28, 2010.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 41

Re-appoint Dr. Shu Chu as Town Physician at the annual salary of \$1,500.00

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 42

Appoint Monroe Levine as Town of Fallsburg Historian at the annual salary of \$100.00.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 43

Motion to re-appoint Art Rosenshein to the position of **Chairman** of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term to expire 12/31/2010.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

\*Supervisor Vegliante: "I have had the pleasure of serving on the Planning Board under Art Rosenshein and I can tell you that we have a wonderful chairman. He is about one of the most learned people I know in municipal planning, on the Planning Board level. I want to thank him."

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 44

Motion to re-appoint Steve Burke to the position of **Chairman** of the Zoning Board for a term of one (1) year to expire 12/31/2010.

On Motion by Councilman Weiner, Seconded by Councilman Seletsky

\*Supervisor Vegliante: "Steve also does a phenomenal job on the Zoning Board."

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 45

Motion to accept Agreement between Knack, Pavloff & Co. with the Town of Fallsburg for Audit Services of Town Financial Statements.

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Weiner

Vote 5 Ayes

Finance:

Res. # 46

Motion to approve Warrant # 12C09 dated 01/06/10 in the amount of \$ 214,893.67

On Motion by Councilman Seletsky, Seconded by Councilman Levner

Vote 5 Ayes

Res. # 47

Motion to approve Warrant # 12D09 dated 01/06/10 in the amount of \$ 1,593.90

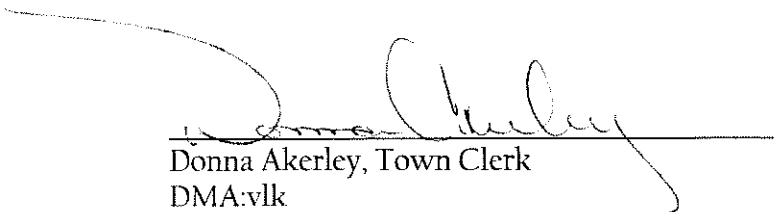
On Motion by Councilman Levner, Seconded by Councilman Steingart

Vote 5 Ayes

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Seletsky

Seconded: Councilman Weiner

Time: 7:10 p.m.



Donna Akerley, Town Clerk  
DMA:vlk