

**Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Thompson for Tentative Special District Assessment Hearing held at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York on December 20, 2016.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.  
Councilman Peter T. Briggs  
Councilman John A. Pavese  
Councilman Scott Mace

**APPROVED**

**Absent:** Councilman Richard Sush

**Also Present:** Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk  
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town  
Paula E. Kay, Deputy Town Attorney  
Michael Messenger, Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Gary J. Lasher, Town Comptroller  
James Carnell, Jr., Building, Planning & Zoning Director

Supervisor Rieber called the Special Town Board Meeting to order at 7:06 PM for the purpose of conducting the Annual Tentative Special District Assessment Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING: TENTATIVE SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT HEARING**

Supervisor Rieber opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM.

Town Clerk Marilee J. Calhoun read the legal public notice and stated that she had an original Affidavit of Publication. Notice of said hearing was duly published in the Sullivan County Democrat on December 09, 2016 with the same being posted at the Town Hall on December 09, 2016.

Supervisor Rieber explained that the purpose of this hearing is to discuss the point system for the Special Sewer and Water Districts in the Town and how they are assessed for each user according to the 2017 Special District Assessment Rolls and to hear and consider objections regarding the Special District Assessment Rolls. This allows an opportunity for any property owner/user in either of the Special Districts who disputes the points assessed for their property/properties to come and be heard and adjustment made if necessary. A schedule of the point rate system was available for review and provided to anyone that requested a copy.

Supervisor Rieber said that all property owners/users in any of the Special Water and Sewer District were sent a post card notification of this hearing. It is required that actual written notice of the point assessment is provided to all properties and users. Basically at this point it is the public's opportunity to challenge any errors on the assessment of points either to many or little. Those adjustments can be made accordingly. This is not a hearing on the amount of the actual sewer bill or the budget for the Sewer/Water

District, basically it is a hearing on the points that are set and those points govern how much you pay in sewer/water taxes.

Supervisor Rieber asked if the Board had any comments. The Board had no comments.

Supervisor Rieber asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard on this matter. There was public comment made as follows:

Wesley Czaplicki, a property owner in the Sackett Lake Sewer District asked what his points would be for new construction if he connects into the Sewer District.

Supervisor Rieber said that if he is already in the Sewer District he should be able to connect his new residence when ready. He referred to the point rate schedule to confirm the amount of points assessed. Supervisor Rieber did advise that proper permits are required for any new construction and was referred to the Building Department once ready.

Supervisor Rieber said that the Town Board will not be conducting any further business during this hearing; however he advised that the Town Board would be conducting their Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:30 PM if anyone from the public was interested in attending.

Supervisor Rieber thanked everyone for coming out for the hearing.

The Town Board decided to wait 15-minutes prior to closing the hearing to see if anyone else from the public would appear before the Board.

A representative from Congregation Kahal Adath Krasna of 207 Anawana Lake Road, Monticello questioned how the points for this Bungalow Colony are assessed and determined.

Comptroller Gary J. Lasher met with the Bungalow Colony representative to discuss the points that are assessed on the property in question. Supervisor Rieber said that if there are any questions, concerns or issues to come back before the Town Board to discuss further.

After an opportunity for all persons to be heard Supervisor Rieber entertained a motion that the hearing be closed.

A motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:29 PM was made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Pavese.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Pavese the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Marilee J. Calhoun*

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Town Clerk