

Special Meeting of the LaGrange Town Board

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Town Board to authorize Pop Warner to install lights for the football fields

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
TOWN OF LA GRANGE**

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 21, 2010**

Present: Supervisor Jon J. Wagner
Councilman Joseph Luna
Councilman Gary Beck
Councilman Stephen O'Hare
Councilman Edward P. Jessup

Recording Secretary: Margaret Schmitz, Deputy Town Clerk

A Special Meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at the LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road. Supervisor Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Deputy Town Clerk led the flag salute.

Supervisor Wagner explained that the reason for this special meeting is to discuss authorization for Pop Warner to install lights at the Overlook Park ball fields. He stated that the Town has a Use Agreement with Pop Warner for general use of the properties, and the Town has a very specific Use Agreement with Pop Warner, giving them license to construct certain improvements on the property; the bulk of which surround the building. Supervisor Wagner stated that he feels the Town has been very fortunate in having a Pop Warner Organization that is doing so much work at Overlook Park, at no cost to the taxpayers. The Town will end up with property improvements, which include a two story building that both the Town and Pop Warner will be able to use. He stated that Pop Warner has taken on all the construction, themselves. Supervisor Wagner explained that the arrangements made with any sports entity is that any permanent property improvements made to parks become the property of the Town.

Supervisor Wagner stated that the Pop Warner folks would like to light the fields; they are continuing to grow in the number of kids that want to play. He added that Pop Warner actually has a special needs team and a cheerleading squad this year.

Supervisor Wagner stated that the Town Board has before it a request to authorize the installation of field lighting. Supervisor Wagner explained that the proposed lights will reduce, if not eliminate, light pollution and are styled after the Musco brand; however they are not Musco lighting. The lighting system has a timer function with the ability to be turned off remotely and, they will only light up the footprint of the field.

Councilman O'Hare stated that at a very conservative estimate of what it would cost the Town to make the improvements that Pop Warner has made would be well over \$600,000.00 to \$700,000.00. This estimate includes the building that is being constructed, the irrigation system, the water system, the parking area and grandstands. Councilman O'Hare added that Pop Warner

is making great strides at no cost to the Town. Councilman O'Hare made a motion to authorize the Building Department to issue a building permit for the lights that are consistent with the plans and application. Councilman Jessup seconded the motion.

Councilman Luna commented that he has spoken consistently that the ball field does not need lights. He stated that children should be home talking to their parents in the evenings. Councilman Luna admitted that although this is his own personal feeling, he is not going to vote against this proposal because most of the people he has spoken to favor the lights. He added that for the effort that the football people have put in, they deserve it.

Supervisor Wagner stated that he had a motion, and a second; all Town Board Members voted in favor; the motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Beck; carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret Schmitz
Deputy Town Clerk