

MINUTES of the Special Meeting
of the City Council of the City of Rye
held in City Hall on June 27, 1996 at
8:35 A.M.

PRESENT:

EDWARD B. DUNN, Mayor
JAMES K. BURKE
EDWARD J. COLLINS
CAROLYN C. CUNNINGHAM
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
JOSEPH L. LATWIN
KATHLEEN E. WALSH
Councilmen

ABSENT: None

1. Roll Call

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

2. Consideration of a resolution in conjunction with Rye Town Park

Mayor Dunn apprised the Council that there is a mutual desire on the part of Rye Town and the City of Rye to resolve the issue of the 1994 deficit for the Rye Town Park. At the June 24, 1996 Rye Town Park Commission meeting, a committee comprised of Rye City Comptroller, Michael A. Genito; Rye Town Park Accountant, Saverio Terenzi; Rye Town Park Commissioner, Joseph Granchelli, and Confidential Secretary to the Rye Town Supervisor, Gary Stracuzzi was formed. The purpose of this committee is to establish guidelines for budgeting, expenditure/purchasing processes, and capital improvement projects for Rye Town Park.

A brief Council discussion focused on the following:

the calculation of the City of Rye and the Town of Rye's proportionate share of the 1994 deficit, the question of using the total assessed valuation vs taxable assessed valuation, and whether or not either calculation would include the equalization rate,

the power of public awareness through press releases etc., and

the possibility of requesting funding through a Community Block Grant for capital improvement in the Rye Town Park.

Prior to a vote, Councilwoman Cunningham questioned the advisability of maintaining the phrase "the appropriateness of expenditures" in the proposed resolution since the City is basically disputing the calculation of its share. It was the consensus of the Council not to amend the resolution.

Councilman Collins made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 6, 1996, the City of Rye received a request for payment of \$88,277 from the Town Accountant of the Town of Rye which was alleged to be the City of Rye's portion of a deficit incurred by the Rye Town Park Commission for the year ending December 31, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rye disputes the calculation of its alleged share and the appropriateness of expenditures which led to the claimed 1994 deficit at Rye Town Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by resolution at the March 20, 1996 meeting, reaffirmed its determination that the City of Rye not pay any portion of the unauthorized 1994 Rye Town Park deficit pending the State Comptroller's review of the Commission's operating procedures and resolution of the issues raised by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Rye Town Park Commission, at its meeting on June 24, 1996, appointed a committee consisting of Michael A. Genito, Saverio Terenzi, Joseph Granchelli, and Gary Stracuzzi to establish guidelines acceptable to the City of Rye representatives of the Rye Town Park Commission for the budgeting and expenditure/purchasing processes at Rye Town Park within the next two weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Rye Town Park Commission, at its meeting of June 24, 1996, extended its deadline for payment from July 1 to July 16 and agreed that the amount in dispute could be placed in escrow with the Treasurer of the Village of Rye Brook pending resolution of the actual amount owed; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Rye to reach an equitable resolution of this dispute with the Town of Rye and the Rye Town Park Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby appropriates \$88,277 from the available fund balance in the General Fund to the 1996 Rye Town Park Cost Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller be authorized to place in escrow with the Treasurer of the Village of Rye Brook an amount not to exceed \$88,277 pursuant to the terms of this resolution and pending resolution of the dispute with the Town of Rye and the Rye Town Park Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon acceptance by the City of Rye representatives of the new guidelines for budgeting and expenditure/purchasing processes at Rye Town Park and agreement by the City of Rye and Town of Rye Comptrollers as to the proper amount due to the Town of Rye, such payment by the Treasurer of the Village of Rye Brook may be made to the Town of Rye and any remaining funds returned to the City of Rye.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Dunn, Councilmen Burke, Collins, Cunningham,
Hutchings, Latwin, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The resolution passed.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice K. Conrad
City Clerk

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