

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 3:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Brankman
Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

RESOLUTION #205
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting as received.

DISCUSSION: Bill Johnston and Nancy Page presented information about the proposed Historical District. A map was provided from the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Office. There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed Historic District, the boundaries and potential impacts for the town. In 2019, the Town Board passed a resolution to sponsor the Historic District.

RESOLUTION #206
WESTPORT HISTORICAL DISTRICT

On a motion by Supervisor Tyler, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to sign and send out letters informing the residents within the proposed Historic District.

DISCUSSION: There was a brief discussion about the two bids received by the town for the timber bid.

RESOLUTION #207
SIGN TIMBER CONTRACT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the contract with Mill River Lumber, whom was awarded the timber bid.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Councilperson Morrison informed the board that the Westport Youth Commission has worked hard updating their by-laws. The board needs to look over these by-laws so they can be approved at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #208
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilperson Brankman, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 27 in the amount of \$15,000.00 for Vouchers 640 and Abstract # 28 in the amount of \$31,439.88 for Vouchers 641-668.

RESOLUTION #209
NCSPCA CONTRACT

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved on with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the contract with the North Country SPCA for seized dogs and authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign said contract.

**RESOLUTION #210
YEAR END FINANCES**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 8 of Town Law, that surplus funds, unexpended fund balances and contingent fund monies may be used to pay any and all bills and obligations incurred through December 31, 2020.

**RESOLUTION #211
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hold the 2021 Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #212
SENIOR CITIZEN RENEWAL**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow the assessor to renew the senior citizen 2021 exemption as per the attached State of New York Executive Order No. 202.83.

**RESOLUTION #213
WADHAMS WASTE WATER PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved on with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hold a public hearing on January 12, 2021 at 6:30pm on the Wadhams Waste Water project. Regular Town Board meeting immediately following. (Bids went out on December 17, 2020 and will be back on January 21, 2021).

**RESOLUTION #214
SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved on with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the Essex County Snow and Ice Contract.

**RESOLUTION #215
VACATION CARRYOVER**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize employees to carry over vacation time as follows: Robin Crandall – 44 hours, George Hainer – 58 hours and Dennie Westover- 10.5 hours.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: The crew was working on a water leak and brush cutting. They are ready for snow removal when needed. We are still waiting on CHIPS money.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: We had an incident where a fire hydrant was backed over. The state police are involved. I am pleased that the FEMA money has finally been paid. I was informed today that more FEMA funds are on their way. We had a FOIA request from the Electrical Union in Plattsburgh regarding the solar installation. When I explained the situation to them they understood. I am drafting a letter stating the circumstances, which will settle the inquiry.

COUNCILPERSON MORRISON would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to the Council Members, Town Clerk, Superintendent and the residents of Westport.

**RESOLUTION #216
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby and a unanimous second the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk