

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 7:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, Highway Superintendent
Kate Simmer, Town Clerk
Brian LaRose
Michael Fergot

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comment

Supervisor Tyler, HAPEC is administering the CGBG Grant, which is coming to an end. We need to hold a second public hearing for public comment.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No new information at this time.

SUPERVISOR TYLER introduced the Town Assessor, Timothy Gay to explain the assessment process.

TIMOTHY GAY, Town of Westport, Sole Assessor was present to present to the board the assessment process and reasons for the assessment changes this year.

**RESOLUTION #90
APPROVE MINUTES**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the April 18, 2023 Regular Board Minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION #91
APPROVE THE BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to pay the bills on the Abstracts 14, 15 and 16 as follows:

Abstract #14 for \$170,500.14; vouchers 230-260, 263

Abstract #15 from H-23 for #117,259.86; voucher 261

Abstract #16 from H-22 for \$999.99; voucher 262

THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF APRIL MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:

Westport Town Court

Westport Town Clerk

Westport Town Supervisor

RESOLUTION #92

ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES CONFERENCE

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve Supervisor Tyler to attend the AATV Conference on June 4 and 5, 2023 and pay all associated costs.

RESOLUTION #93

ESSEX COUNTY AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND YOUTH CENTER

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED that the Town of Westport agrees that Essex County should act as Lead Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board fully endorses the proposed project to construct a new County Agriculture and Youth Center as a contributing facility to the Essex County Fairgrounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town appreciates the efforts of Essex County to ensure that the building is constructed as a contributing building to the existing Fairgrounds Historic District and the Historic District of Westport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board looks forward to the continued efforts

of the elected officials and staff of Essex County on the proposed project; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Westport Town Board fully supports this project and for Essex County as Lead Agency for the Construction of a County Agriculture and Youth Center.

RESOLUTION #94

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING RESCHEDULED DUE TO PRIMARY ELECTION TO MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 AT 3:00 PM

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to reschedule the Town Board Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 to Monday, June 26, 2023 at 3:00 pm due to the primary election.

RESOLUTION #95

HIRE CHLOE MITCHELL AS HEAD LIFEGUARD

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire Chloe Mitchell as head lifeguard @ \$22.00 an hour.

RESOLUTION #96

PURCHASE VERIZON TABLET

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to purchase a Verizon S7 FE SM-T738UZKAVZW tablet for the Water Districts with a GPS unit for water pipe mapping with a cost of \$669.99.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The CHIPS money will have a substantial increase from last year. The crew is continuing to sweep and grade. They are making a new driveway to get the new well rig into Wadhams. SUPERVISOR TYLER, "we are hoping that the test well works or we are facing a serious problem". The Lee Park Beach is flooded. The water has not gotten into the beach house. The beach was well used last year. We would like to continue to maintain the beach this year. The Town Board agreed. There is a possible water leak near the Catholic Church, this may be runoff. We used the listening equipment and we can hear the pebbles moving in the water. It's a really good piece of equipment. We have been doing bank runs to Munson's gravel pit to prepare the road for Wadham's Water Improvement Project. It will take about 4-5 days to complete. Decker Road is next to be paved. We have been working with the County. The freeze and thaw during the winter, like we just had, creates problems for the roads.

SUPERVISOR TYLER: The Town Board is in receipt of a letter from the Westport Planning Board addressed to the County.

COUNCILPERSON MORRISON would like to wish all the mother's a very Happy Mother's Day.

SUPERVISOR TYLER asked if there is any other comment from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Colin Powers is present to inform the Town Board about BRASS (Boquet River Association, Inc.). They had a good first meeting. They had a presenter from Fish and Wildlife about Salmon restoration. They discussed the successes, challenges, and set goals for the year. They encouraged the board to please let the group know if they see projects along the river. Currently they have 12 board member. They sent out a mailer to 350 residents. They had between 30-40 members renew from the mailer and some renewed with lifetime membership.

**RESOLUTION #97
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simmer,
Town Clerk