

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

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Brankman  
Councilperson Kirkby (Excused)  
Councilperson Viens  
Councilperson Morrison  
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Dennie Westover, Highway Superintendent (Excused)  
Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk  
Shannon Bauman  
Dawn Gay  
Brian LaRose  
Bobbie Atz  
Scott Gibree

**RESOLUTION #167-B  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Morrison, Viens, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2021 regular meeting as received.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comment.

Ballard Park Trustees are present to publicly thank the Board for their support of the Ballard Park Beach. They would also like to thank the Town for allowing the Youth Commission to use tools to help clean up the beach. Overall it was a successful summer at the beach. There was one minor infraction with the Health Department that they are working on correcting. We are hoping to have the Town's continued support. The Town is installing a new ice rink hydrant for Ballard Park to use. The Town has long been supportive of Ballard Park and it truly is appreciated.

**RESOLUTION #168  
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Morrison, Viens, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract #25 in the amount of \$15,416.18 for Vouchers 536-552.

**THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:**

Westport Town Court  
Westport Town Clerk's  
Westport Town Supervisor Report

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Westport, Elizabethtown and Lewis Youth Commissions will be combining to form the Boquet Valley Youth Commission. We have great involvement from the youth and we are hoping to increase the adult volunteering. We are planning to be involved with the Skip Program. We are looking to have a seamless transition into the combined program. The soccer tournament went well. The Trunk or Treat is moving from Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm. Elizabethtown and Lewis voted to match any funds up to \$300.00 for the Trunk or Treat. The Commission is planning more activities and more events.

**RESOLUTION #169  
DISSOLUTION OF THE WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Morrison, Viens, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to dissolve the Westport Youth Commission as of November 1, 2021.

**RESOLUTION #170**

**PARTICIPATE IN COMBINED BOQUET VALLEY YOUTH COMMISSION**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Morrison Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to participate in the combined Boquet Valley Youth Commission, combining Westport, Elizabethtown and Lewis Youth Commissions as of November 1, 2021.

**DPW SUPERINTENDANT REPORT:** We had a major failure of a culvert on Angier Hill Rd. just on the Town line. We needed three five-foot culverts to complete the repair. The cost of the culverts was \$6,300.00, which was State contract pricing. We were able to get the road open today. We are working on getting the water to Ballard Park. The sand Bid went out and is due back October 12, 2021. The Grader Demo left this past weekend. Grader information was given to Ike. There are more quotes. One is \$10,000.00 less than the previous quote. We have \$58,000.00 +/- to put towards the grader. We are still trying to get the Depot Theater paving job complete. We are not having much luck with the Willsboro DPW helping us. Ike has calls into Willsboro and the County.

**COUNCILPERSON BRANKMAN:** Is the hydrant at the top of Ledge Hill Rd. functioning? Yes, it has been repaired and is working we are just waiting for the concrete to set.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bobbie Atz commented on speeding through town. Speeding is a problem that is difficult to enforce.

**RESOLUTION #171**

**APPLY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION GRANT**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Morrison Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to apply for a grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

**DISCUSSION:** This CHPE, LLC project is the power line down the center of the lake. There are possible financial benefits in the future if the project happens.

**RESOLUTION #172**

**PILOT CONSENT WITH CHAMPLAIN-HUDSON POWER EXPRESS PROJECT (CHPE), LLC PROJECT**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Morrison Viens, Tyler  
0 Nays

**WHEREAS**, CHPE LLC, a New York limited liability company (the “Company”), has requested the assistance of Essex County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) with a certain project (the “Project”) consisting of (a)(1) the acquisition of an interest in the Company’s interim permit and easement issued or to be issued by the New York State Office of General Services (“OGS”) in relation to submerged State-owned land located in the Towns of Chesterfield, Willsboro, Essex, Westport, Moriah, Crown Point and Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), (2) the acquisition of two five-inch diameter high-voltage direct current (“HVDC”) transmission cables (the “Equipment”), and (3) the construction, installation and equipping on or under the Land of a fully-buried, up to 1,250-megawatt (“MW”) HVDC electric transmission line and related infrastructure (the “Improvements”, and together with the Land and Equipment, the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing for use by the Company as a portion of an electric transmission line from the U.S.-Canada border to New York City, (b) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes, and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (c) the lease of the Project Facility by the Agency back to the Company; all as contemplated by and in furtherance of the purposes of the General Municipal Law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Application for Financial Assistance (the “Application”) submitted by the Company to the Agency, the Project is expected to (i) entail a capital investment of approximately \$221 million in Essex County; (ii) create significant jobs and economic activity on a transmission system-wide basis, including more than 1,000 direct full-time jobs in New York State over the four year construction period, and over

800 long-term jobs in New York State once operational; and (iii) create substantial and sustained increase in revenue for involved tax jurisdictions with a PILOT proposal of approximately \$82 million in new revenue for involved Essex County tax jurisdictions during the first 30 years of operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy provides that projects whose terms deviate from the standard must notify and secure the consent of local taxing jurisdictions in order to structure the terms of a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the Application, and in furtherance of the Project's positive financial impact within the Town of Westport and the County of Essex, the Company has requested the Town of Westport's support and consent in establishing the terms of the PILOT Agreement as outlined below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Town of Westport hereby authorizes the Agency and the Company to enter into the PILOT Agreement whereby the schedule of payments to be made under the PILOT Agreement is more particularly described in Schedule A, which is attached to the Certificate (as hereinafter defined).

Section 2. The Town Supervisor, Michael K. Tyler, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a consent certificate (the "Certificate"), in the form attached hereto, such Certificate to be delivered to the Agency as evidence of the Town of Westport's consent to enter into the PILOT Agreement.

**RESOLUTION #173  
AATV MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Morrison Viens, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to allow Supervisor Tyler to attend the AATV Membership Business Meeting December 5 & 6, 2021 in Lake George, NY and pay all associated cost.

**PUBLIC QUESTION:** Shannon Bauman asked if anything could be done about the speeding on Old Arsenal Rd? Supervisor Tyler advised her to notify the State Police because unfortunately there isn't much that can be done to stop speeding. Supervisor Tyler will be ordering signs to help.

**RESOLUTION #174**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Brankman and a unanimous second the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

4 Ayes      Brankman, Morrison, Viens, Tyler  
0 Nays

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk