

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

Members present on a roll call were:

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

Others present:

Keven Severance, Highway Superintendent
Catherine Simmer, Town Clerk
Clay Reaser
Meighan McWilliam
Taylor Atwell
Steven Simmer

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comment.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No comment.

The Westport chamber of Commerce are present to share their 2023 Budget with the Town Board. Clay Reaser began by thanking the Board for their support. He then went over some aspects of the budget. The Chamber is requesting the Town match the funding provided from 2022. Supervisor Tyler clarified the funding that is budgeted for the Chamber each year and explained the extra funds came from ROOST which is not budgeted and the extra funds given for the flowers was also not a budgeted item. Meighan McWilliam asked the Town Board to consider extra funding for the flowers again this year. They need to replace the planters on the bridge. The chamber is moving to a 501C which allows them to get grants from private funds. The Chamber is moving towards an alliance among businesses. They are working towards supporting one another instead of competing. They are also collaborating with other local towns in the area to help build community. The Chamber also provided a work for the fairgrounds this year. We are moving forward in the spirit of collaboration. We plan to change the name of the Chamber in the near future. Supervisor Tyler applauds their efforts and thanked them for all their hard work.

**RESOLUTION #148
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2022 regular meeting as received.

**RESOLUTION #149
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract #23 in the amount of \$19,928.07 for Vouchers 492-515.

**RESOLUTION #150
2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to set a 2023 Preliminary Budget Hearing for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 2:30, regular meeting immediately following.

RESOLUTION #151

SUPERVISOR TYLER TO ATTEND AATV METTING AND PAY ALL EXPENSES

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow Supervisor Tyler to attend AATV meetings in Lake George on 12/4/2022 and 12/5/2022 and pay all associated expenses.

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

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

DPW SUPERINTENDANT REPORT: Truck #7 check engine light is on as well as some other issues. We need to get this truck in before we put the plow on it for the winter. Truck #2 is waiting for an engine. Discussion on towing and trailing. There was some vandalism at the Beach House at Lee Park. There is a piece of equipment that would be useful for the clearing brush on the side of the road. It cuts a 48" path while cutting up to 8" tree and chips in place. They can have it installed within two weeks. Supervisor Tyler stated this is a very useful piece of equipment. It helps support our small crew which helps keep tax dollars down. Hiring additional staff is costly. We begin screening and hauling the sand tomorrow.

RESOLUTION #152

PURCHASE MULCHING HEAD

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to use Covid relief funds to purchase a mulching head to be mounted on the excavator for not more than \$32,000.00 installed.

SUPERVIOR'S COMMENT: We are in receipt of communication from Charter. We received one estimate for a pole barn. The estimate is too high for our budget.

RESOLUTION #153

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on an all in favor vote the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk