

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 6:31 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Brankman
Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Dennie Westover, Highway Superintendent (Excused)
Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk
Lyn Barrett

RESOLUTION #144
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2021 regular meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lyn Barrett is present to update the board on the Northern Border Grant and the Chamber of Commerce. The Town did not receive the grant. The Economic Development Committee was disappointed but not surprised. This is a highly competitive grant. The EDC will be meeting with a grant specialist to see what was good about the grant proposal and where they could improve. There were sixty applications and only nine grants awarded. The EDC would like to thank the board for allowing them to pursue this grant. The EDC is still working on getting regular chargers in town and a travel kiosk. The Chamber of Commerce would like to propose the Town consider creating a standing committee for fireworks and beautification. The Chamber may fold at some point and the Town funds allocated for the Chamber could go to these two committees. Supervisor Tyler asked what will happen to the Chamber's funds if they do fold? Lyn will be speaking with an attorney about that issue. Lyn thanked the board for their time.

SUPERVISOR TYLER: We will be moving forward with a combined Youth Commission with Elizabethtown and Lewis. The children are already together for school and sports.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #145
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, 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 #21 in the amount of \$150,948.35 for Vouchers 470-501, Abstract #22 in the amount of \$32,630.00 for voucher #4 and Abstract #23 in the amount of \$268,282.98 for Voucher #502 and 503.

**RESOLUTION #146
ERNIE LAPINE FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE**

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

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

RESOLVED to approve purchasing a plaque for Ernie LaPine for fifty years of service as a fireman.

**RESOLUTION #147
INTERCOUNTY APPRAISAL SERVICES**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
1 Nays Brankman

RESOLVED to pay up to \$2000.00 to Intercounty Appraisal Service for the Tax Certiorari.

RESOLUTION #148
MOUNTAIN LAKE MEDICAL CONTRACT

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

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler

RESOLVED to enter into a contract and permission for Supervisor Tyler to sign agreement with Mountain Lake Medical.

RESOLUTION #149
AMEND SEWER TWO BUDGET

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

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

RESOLVED to amend the Sewer Two budget for district share of M J Engineering report for Wadhams Sewer. Report cost \$30,000.00; EFC Reimbursement \$24,999.00; Town Share \$5,0001.00,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to amend expenditure budget code SS2-9950.9, transfer to capital projects \$5,001.00,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to amend revenue code SS2-9100, appropriated fund balance increase by \$5,001.00 to \$13,261.00.

DPW SUPERINTENDANT REPORT: We will need to go out to bid for the winter sand. The Town is helping the state with the road grinding of Route 22 and the state is giving the Town road grindings in return. As per our last meeting I have inquired about replacing the water and sewer truck on the same three-year program. This truck will be split between four districts. Westport water and sewer and Wadhams water and sewer. Replacing this truck will need to go out to bid. We currently have a 2021 John Deer Grader to demo. It will cost somewhere between #228,000.00 to \$246,00.00 to replace the grader. This will be dependent on surplus funds from CHIPS. Our grader is a 1998.

**RESOLUTION #150
SAND BID**

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise a bid for 2,000 cubic yards of screened sand with a deadline of 3:00pm on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

**RESOLUTION #151
WATER AND SEWER TRUCK BID ADVERTISEMENT**

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise a bid for a 2022 ¾ ton pick-up truck for the water and sewer districts with a deadline of 2:30 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: The Wadhams project is moving along. They are hoping to have the project complete by mid-October. We are meeting tomorrow about the location of the solar panels. We are in receipt of communications from Charter. COUNCILPERSON BRANKMAN asked what was happening with the emergency well in Wadhams. SUPERVISOR TYLER informed the board that they are exploring emergency funding through the USDA to get a new well. We received a check for \$8740.00 for switching the street lights to LED. We have only had two complaints about the brightness. National Grid will come out and put a shade on the lights for residents. We are working on the budget and should have the tentative budget done by the end of the month. COUNCILPERSON KIRKBY there is graffiti under the bridge at Lee Park, Mr. Buehler would like a group of students to paint under the bridge. SUPERVISOR TYLER this is something we will need to look into because there was a group of residents that was going to paint under that bridge.

RESOLUTION #152
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Brankman and a seconded by Councilperson Kirkby the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk