

Minutes of the Second Tuesday Regular Town Board Meeting on April 14, 2009

Supervisor Connell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call vote were:

Councilman Paquette
Councilman Smith
Supervisor Connell

Members absent – Councilman Tyler, Councilman Sherman

Others Present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
George Hainer, Zoning and Codes Officer
Bruce Ware

RESOLUTION #88 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Smith and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of March 24, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARAGE – Included in the Board packets were six pages of minutes from January 15, 2009 through March 19, 2009 regarding the Municipal Center for the Board's reference. The next Westport Municipal Center meeting will be April 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

YOUTH COMMISSION – The Youth Commission has submitted the name of Vera Martin for the position of Summer Camp Director.

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RESOLUTION #89
APPOINTMENT SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR

On a motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint Vera Martin as the 2009 Summer Camp Director.

OLD BUSINESS

WADHAMS WATER – nothing at this time.

MERRIAM FORGE ROAD – Councilman Paquette stated they should be starting soon.

SEWER PLANT CONTRACT – nothing further.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE UPDATE – Supervisor Connell expressed his thanks to George Hainer for the fantastic power point he has put together for the APA presentation.

ARTICLE 78 – nothing at this time.

QUADRICENTENNIAL PERMANENT COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBIT – There was some discussion on what and where it should be but no decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk read a letter from Carol Danielson Linder expressing her concerns regarding the Adirondack Polo Club. Since this was an issue before the Planning Board and has since been turned over to the Adirondack Park Agency the Town Board has no authority to take any action.

RESOLUTION #90
CONFERENCE APPROVAL

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Smith and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Jerrold Sherman to attend the Annual Highway Superintendent's School on June 1-3, 2009 at Ithaca College.

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The Clerk read a Resolution from the Planning Board to the Westport Town Board and the Essex County Superintendent of Public Works requesting a speed limit reduction on a portion of the Stevenson Road.

RESOLUTION #91
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION-STEVENSON ROAD

On a motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

3 Ayes Paquette, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the resolution presented by the Planning Board to place a speed limit reduction on a portion of the Stevenson Road and submit such resolution to Essex County Superintendent of Public Works, Frederick Buck.

RESOLUTION #92
TRANSFER FROM CHECKING ACCOUNT

On a motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to transfer to the Supervisor and accept it as miscellaneous revenue the balance of \$495.39 in the Town Clerk's account that was found at the time of the NYS Comptroller's Audit in 2008.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – Supervisor Connell has appealed the notice of town's liability for unemployment benefits and requested a hearing. The Councilmen advised that he should pursue it.

TIMBER CONTRACT EXTENSION – Supervisor Connell has authorized the extension of the contract with St. Jay Log & Timber from March 31, 2009 to July 15, 2009.

EVENS FARM SUBDIVISION – is moving forward.

TOWN CLERK'S MARCH REPORT – Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk's Monthly Report.

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NATIONAL TRAIN DAY – An invitation has been received for anyone interested to participate in the second annual National Train Day to be held on May 9th. It is a promotion and celebration of rail travel as an integral part of the national transportation system in recognition of the tradition of rail in our communities.

CHANGE ORDER – KUBRICKY CONSTRUCTION – have received a change order for \$3,000 that will be addressed at the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION #93
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Smith and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 04A, Vouchers 2009-253 through Vouchers 2009-289 in the amount of \$41,988.51.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – JERROLD SHERMAN

Supervisor Connell read from the written report left by Mr. Sherman
He has filed the claim against a Willsboro resident with the County Clerk.
Men are continuing with clean up, road maintenance, manhole repairs etc.
The winter expense report is included in the Board packets.
He will be ordering more salt to fulfill our requirements.
The 2007 Dodge will be going for repairs and also the Volvo.
Moriah Shock is helping with spring clean up.

SUPERVISOR AND/OR COUNCILMEN COMMENTS – None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Bruce Ware spoke briefly on the Marketing Committee.

They plan to come to the next meeting with a resolution for support from the Town Board on the branding process and the logo developed.

Mr. Ware also state the Housing Committee had met and Richard Sherman and Bessboro Builders have funded the costs of conducting a feasibility study regarding an assisted living facility and this process will be moving forward.

George Hainer stated that the Department of State NYS Codes Council has proposed a code change that would require sprinkler systems be installed in all new single family dwellings. It is in draft form and can be found on the Department of State website where anyone can review it and make their comments.

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**RESOLUTION #94
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Smith and with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk