

Minutes of the Fourth Tuesday Regular Town Board Meeting on April 28, 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 Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman Smith
Supervisor Connell

Others Present:

Betty White, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector
George Hainer, Zoning and Codes Officer
Gordon Decker
John Gallagher, Superintendent of Westport Central School
Bruce Ware (7:30)

RESOLUTION #95 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Smith, Connell
1 Abstain Sherman
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of April 14, 2009 with a correction to Resolution #91 which shall read as follows: **RESOLVED** to accept the resolution presented by the Planning Board requesting a speed limit reduction on a portion of the Stevenson Road and submit such resolution to Essex County Superintendent of Public Works, Frederick Buck.

Supervisor Connell welcomed Westport School Superintendent who then made a Budget Presentation to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARAGE – Supervisor Connell brought to the Board for discussion the question of buying 50 feet of land to the north of Town Highway Garage for a driveway to new municipal garage. He reported that the current owner would not sell 50 feet, but would sell the entire property (14 acres). In that case, 3 appraisals would need to be gotten and the Town could pay a maximum of the average of the 3 appraisals. It was decided that discussion would wait until after the Garage Committee meets.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilman Sherman reported that Basketball was done for the year, Baseball will use the fairgrounds; games 6 PM, Don Markwica and Craig Russell coaches, caps and T-shirts will be the uniform. The Dance program is still running. Commission is looking at need for a year round director and is working on a list of duties and responsibilities for the position.

The Youth Commission has submitted the name of Vera Martin for the position of Summer Youth Camp Director at a salary of \$3100.

There was some discussion about how persons are selected for employment in the summer program and a suggestion was made that the Town liaison be on the interview committee in the future; about the responsibilities of the counselors and of the Counselors In Training (CIT)

RESOLUTION #96
HIRING OF YOUTH COMMISSION COUNSELORS AND CIT FOR 2009 SUMMER CAMP

On a motion made by Councilman Paquette and seconded by Councilman Smith to hire the following counselors at \$7.50 an hour.

Christina Sherman, Tammy Clark, Alexis Mitchell, Austin Martin, Ethan Markwica.
and Counselors in Training at \$400 for the program as follows:

Delaney Sears, Gabe Schrauf, Michelle Markwica

TABLED.

RESOLUTION #97
TABLED HIRING OF YOUTH COMMISSION PERSONNEL

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

4	Ayes	Tyler, Paquette, Smith, Connell
0	Nays	
1	Abstain	Sherman

RESOLVED to table the motion to hire 4 counselors at \$7.50 per hour and 3 CIT at \$400 each for the summer 2009 program pending a meeting with the Director and the interview committee.

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Supervisor Connell will schedule a special Board Meeting for May 7 at 5:00 PM and will request the Director and the members of the interview committee be present.

The Deputy Town Clerk was directed to submit a newspaper notice which will announce the meeting time and place. The meeting will be opened and then will go directly into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel for the Summer program.

Councilman Sherman distributed to the Board a copy of The Essex County Youth Commission Budget. Supervisor Connell commented that Westport receives \$1200 of that budget.

OLD BUSINESS

WADHAMS WATER – Supervisor Connell has talked with Hydrosorce and is awaiting a report.

MERRIAM FORGE ROAD –There will be a meeting tomorrow (Apr. 29, 2009) at 2:30 to get project going again.

SEWER PLANT CONTRACT – no update

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE UPDATE – none

ARTICLE 78 – nothing at this time.

QUADRICENTENNIAL PERMANENT COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBIT – There was some discussion on what and where it should be if we get the funds. Possibilities: A flag pole in Ballard Park, something on Library Lawn, the Lee Park Beach or the Old Village Shed Property.

RESOLUTION #98

PERMANENT QUADRICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBIT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and a second by Councilman Paquette the following was resolved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell

0 Nays

RESOLVED to place the permanent Quadricentennial Commemorative Exhibit on Town owned property.

UNEMPLOYMENT REQUEST – The previously approved request has been changed to a denial of payment by New York State.

NEW BUSINESS

KUBRICKY CONTRACT- A change order has been received on the contract with Kubricky Construction on the Merriam Forge Road Realignment. Some of the landscaping has been eliminated which would result in a decrease of \$3420 in their contract.

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RESOLUTION #99
KUBRICKY CHANGE ORDER

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and a second by Councilman Smith, the following was approved on a roll call vote:

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell
0 Ayes

RESOLVED to accept the change order as presented.

SECTION 284
DUDLEY ROAD

RESOLUTION # 100

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and a second by Councilman Smith, the following was approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to expend pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, monies levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the state for the repair and improvement of highways, to pave a section of Dudley Road on a recommendation by DPW Superintendent Jerrold Sherman.

RESOLUTION #101
FLAG POLE

On a motion by Councilman Sherman and a second by Councilman Smith, the following was approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to replace old, broken flag pole with a new 20 ft pole.

Discussion: Supervisor Connell will contact a local supplier for price and availability.

EMPLOYEE REQUEST

A letter from employee, Robin Crandall, was distributed to Town Board Members requesting a raise due to increased duties.

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RESOLUTION #102
RAISE IN SALARY

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and a second by Councilman Smith, the following was approved on a roll call vote

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to give a raise to the Secretary to the Supervisor of \$1.00 per hour as long as these extra duties are assigned to her.

RESOLUTION #103
SIDEWALK PROJECT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and a second by Councilman Paquette, the following was resolved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to submit permit application for sidewalk replacement from Mary Floyd's to end of sidewalk.

RESOLUTION #104
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and a second by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 04B, Vouchers 2009-290 through Vouchers 2009-312 in the amount of \$96,448.34.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – none. Jerrold Sherman in Florida due to illness of his mother.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS - none

COUNCILMEN COMMENTS – Councilman Tyler suggested that the Town Board consider the placement of a hedge, or bushes at Sewer Plant. Councilman Sherman will check with Ted Taylor regarding this. Councilmen were asked to bring suggestions to next meeting regarding hedge.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS –none.

**RESOLUTION #105
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Betty White, Deputy Town Clerk