

Minutes of the Second Tuesday Regular Town Board Meeting on March 10, 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 were:

Councilman Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman Smith
Supervisor Connell

Others Present:

Sheila Board, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
George Hainer, Zoning and Codes Officer
John & Lynn Hall
James Westover Sr.
Dwight Anson
Bruce Ware
Chris Maron
Vincent Kavanaugh, DEC

RESOLUTION #77 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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

Supervisor Connell introduced Vincent Kavanaugh from DEC to the Board. He was here to discuss current issues with the sewer plant. There was much discussion about the current rating of the plant and many questions were directed to Mr. Kavanaugh. He strongly felt that the current action the Board was taking in having AES do a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of the Plant and a Flow Management Report will make a difference in dealing with the areas of concern. Thanks were expressed for his attending this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Garage – their last meeting was held at the school.

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Youth Commission – Dance class is continuing with 26 students in the two classes. The problem of congestion when picking students up after class is still being discussed. The Basketball Program is taking place with no class for K-2nd Grades. The Ski Program has had their final trip with lessons and the next will be their free trip. Hiking Program will begin on March 29 and they plan to have 15 events. The Insurance Company has given the okay for a canoe trip. They are looking at a free Cross-Country Ski Program at Mt. Van Hoevenburg. Baseball will begin in June with two games a week in the evenings. Mr. Russell and Mr. Markwica will conduct a Coaching Clinic. They are still looking at the bus situation for the Program. They may be able to utilize some activities at Camp Poko McCready. The Code of Conduct is in rough draft form. Someone from the Youth Commission will be a part of the School's Superintendent

Search.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are in receipt of an email from Mr. Anthony Wheeler objecting to a statement in the minutes of January 27th, 2009 that at sometime all businesses were involved with the selection of the Marketing Committee's logo.

- **FUTURE OF WESTPORT** – The Housing Group met this morning and the Tax Committee recently met and will be having a meeting with the Assessor on Thursday.
- **WADHAMS WATER** – They have drilled the second well and Supervisor Connell will be scheduling a meeting with Wadhams residents to update them.
- **MERRIAM FORGE ROAD** – Nothing happening at this time.

RESOLUTION #78

- **SEWER PLANT CONTRACT FROM AES**

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the contract for a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation.

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- BLUE RIBBON UPDATE –Tim Sherman reported that the committee had met after the meeting Supervisor Connell and George King had with the APA on the hamlet expansion.
- ARTICLE 78 UPDATE – nothing to report.
- ADIRONDACK GOVERNMENT DAYS – reservations were sent in.
- AUDIT COMMITTEE – The audit of the Chief Fiscal Officer’s records has taken place and everything is in good shape. The Tax Collectors will be done in April.
- CODE OF ETHICS – Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Connell reported he is in receipt of the Town Clerk’s February report.

The Westport Central School has requested representation from the Board to serve on the Superintendent Search Committee. Russell Paquette will represent the Town Board.

There was a consensus of approval to allow Jeff Schwoebel to use some tables and chairs for the Tanneberger Tournament.

**RESOLUTION #79
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion by Councilman Smith seconded 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 03A, Vouchers 2009-175 through Vouchers 2009-208 in the amount of \$48,968.62.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – none at this time.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

- Letter received from Bernard Roy, Director, Office of Real Property Taxes with a report on the 2008-estimated breakdown per town of State-Owned Land.
- Letter from the NYS Office of Real Property Services determining the Residential Assessment Ratio is 100.00 for the Town of Westport.

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- Correspondence received from Danziger & Markhoff LLP, Attorneys at Law, on GASB#45, accounting principle we have to conform to this year.
- Notice received from the Adirondack Park Agency indicating permits issued for the month of January 2009.
- Memo from the Essex County Treasurer's Office with a statement of all monies paid to the Town Supervisor for the 2008 Year.
- A copy of the check received from our insurance carrier for payment of damages to a truck as a result of an accident given to the Town Councilmen.
- Letter from the State of NY Department of Transportation on the closing on the Lincoln Pond Comfort Station.
- Update received from the Adirondack Park Agency on Agency Activities.
- Supervisor Connell reported on the conference he recently attended in New York City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Ware questioned whether or not the Zoning Officer followed the procedure of notifying the applicant within 10 days of filing if the Zoning Officer approved or disapproved of the request filed for in the application. Supervisor Connell will look into the matter.

**RESOLUTION #80
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Smith and with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila Borden, Town Clerk