

Regular Fourth Tuesday Westport Town Board Meeting December 22, 2009

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Paquette
Councilman Tyler
Councilman Sherman
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent
James Hermann

RESOLUTION #244 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Connell
0 Nays
1 Abstain Sherman

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009 Regular Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #245 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays
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RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 Special Town Board meeting as read.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUNICIPAL CENTER – We have had two informational meetings with positive feedback. The committee will be meeting on January 6th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss what steps to take next. Since the Councilmen plan to be there we will call a special board meeting.

YOUTH COMMISSION – They had a meeting on December 7th. There are 43 children registered for the basketball program. The new hoops have been ordered and we are waiting their arrival.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSESSMENT ISSUE – The Assessment Committee met and came up with a recommendation to hire someone to review each data collection card with each parcel by driving to the parcel and reviewing the data on file and making sure sketch and other inventory appears correct. If incorrect, approaching homeowner and validating data and home measurements then returning correct information to the Assessor. The committee suggested a pay scale of \$12.00 per parcel or \$150 per 7-hour day.

RESOLUTION #246
HIRING DATA COLLECTION PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman seconded by Supervisor Connell to hire someone to do data collection assessment and there was considerable discussion. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION #247
TABLE RESOLUTION #246 TO HIRE DATA COLLECTION PERSONNEL

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Paquette to table the issue to hire data collection personnel..

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to table hiring personnel for data collection assessment.

WADHAMS WATER – They met with AES Engineering today to review the project. We have to have long term funding done by March 26th.

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BLUE RIBBON UPDATE – We have been negotiating with Saratoga Associates and Joe Russell and the contracts are close to signing.

ARTICLE 78 – nothing at this time

ZONING – George Hainer reported that the Negative Declaration had been filed and we are waiting to hear from the APA. The next thing to do would be to schedule a public hearing.

SHARED COURT FACILITY – It needs to be determined if you can share a facility or share a judge.

ENERGY AUDIT

RESOLUTION #248
SEWER PLANT ENERGY AUDIT

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize participating in an Energy Audit for \$100 on the Sewer Plant.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – BOQUET RIVER ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION #249
MOA BOQUET RIVER ASSOCIATION

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign to Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Westport and the Boquet River Association.

VACATION TIME

RESOLUTION #250
CARRYOVER VACATION TIME

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve Robin Crandall to carry over five unused vacation days into 2010.

POST CLOSURE MONITORING REPORT #23 on the Westport Landfill has been received from Adirondack Landfill Services and is available for the Board's review.

NYS DOT HIGHWAY WORK PERMIT

RESOLUTION #251
ANNUAL TOWN HIGHWAY WORK PERMIT

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the NYS DOT Annual Town Highway Work Permit.

RESOLUTION #252
ESSEX COUNTY SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the Essex County Snow & Ice Agreement.

RESOLUTION #253
NYS DOT SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to enter into an agreement to extend the Fixed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement between the people of the State of New York and the Supervisor of the Town of Westport.

PUBLIC NOTICE – FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION – We have received information on our radio communication systems for the Board’s review that we should be in compliance with by January 1, 2013.

US CENSUS BUREAU – REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE – They have requested a 10’ x 10’ office space for 15 hours a week from Feb. 26 – April 19, 2010 to assist in a Questionnaire Assistance Center.

RESOLUTION #254
APPROVAL CENSUS BUREAU OFFICE SPACE

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow the Census Bureau to use some of our office space at no cost from February 26 through April 19, 2010 as a Questionnaire Assistance Center for approximately fifteen hours a week during normal business hours.

RESOLUTION #255
COURSE ATTENDANCE – WRIGHT

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Janine Wright to attend a course in Elizabethtown on January 25, 2009 and the time will be charge as training.

RESOLUTION #256
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of Vouchers 2009-743 through Vouchers 2009-768 in the amount of \$37,180.97.

NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM – Information received on a new regulation defining the process of reporting retirement service credit for elected and appointed officials for the Board to review.

SICK TIME COMPENSATION – Union members currently receive 1 ½ days a month sick time and non-union members receive 1 day a month.

RESOLUTION #257
SICK TIME COMPENSATION

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to increase the sick time in the normal policy from one day to 1½ days a month effective January 1, 2010.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – JERROLD SHERMAN

Recently order more salt and have done some sanding on the roads due to the hard packed ice. Truck #4 needed batteries and some repair work done to it at the County. The “buzz saw” we ordered won’t be here until January. Some culvert pipe was ordered. The radio has been installed in my home and the inmates have been here helping with the cutting and splitting of wood.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

December 28 at 2:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for the Year-End Resolutions.

The next regular meeting is January 12, 2010.

RESOLUTION #258
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk

