

Minutes of the Year End Meeting of the Westport Town Board Meeting held on December 23, 2008

The December 23, 2008 Regular Town Board meeting was held at the Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Connell at 7:00 p.m.

The assembly was led in the Flag salute.

Members present on a roll call were: Supervisor Connell, Councilmen Tyler, Paquette, & Sherman

Absent: Councilman Smith

Others present: Sheila Borden, Deputy Town Clerk
Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer

**RESOLUTION #264
MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Councilman Tyler with a second by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of 12/10/08.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARAGE - A signed copy of the contract from AES Northeast has been received.

We will now set up a meeting with the engineers, the Municipal Garage committee and the Town Board tentatively at 6:00p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2009. After its conclusion the Town Board Organizational meeting will follow immediately with the Regular Town Board meeting after that.

YOUTH COMMISSION - A letter was sent to the Youth Commission from Westport Central School requesting attendance at a school board meeting to discuss the future of the Youth Commission ski program.

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OLD BUSINESS

FUTURE OF WESTPORT - nothing at this time.

UNION CONTRACT - The Teamsters Health Insurance Contract has been signed. The union negotiator is in agreement with the change on page 7 with the removal of the wording "with the exception of Independence Day". They still need to get one signature.

WADHAMS WATER CONTRACT WITH HYDROSOURCE - There was some redundancy in the contracts with AES and HydroSource therefore HydroSource has eliminated the process of collecting water samples. They will be onsite Monday, January 5th, 2009 to begin drilling.

MERRIAM FORGE ROAD - Discussion took place as to what to do with dirt that would need to be drawn away. We will have a firm answer on yardage and cost on January 5, 2009. Supervisor Connell asked Councilmen to think about the situation and get back to him with suggestions.

NOISE EVALUATION AT WESTPORT SEWER PLANT - The contract has been signed and Councilman Tyler needs to contact AES Northeast.

ENHANCED FUND ACCOUNTING CONTRACT - We are in receipt of a contract to purchase accounting software.

RESOLUTION #265
ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE CONTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman with a second 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 the contract to purchase the accounting software for \$7,282.28.

QUADRICENTENNIAL GRANT - Notification was received on the grant award to the Town of Westport.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESTITUTION - Supervisor Connell informed the Board that restitution in full has been received from the previous Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #266
END OF YEAR FINANCIAL

On a motion made by Councilman Paquette with a second by Councilman Tyler the following was approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 8 of Town Law, surplus funds, unexpended fund balance and contingent fund monies may be used to pay any and all bills and obligations incurred through December 31, 2008.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 2009 - will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m with the regular meeting to follow.

POST-CLOSURE LANDFILL REPORT - Supervisor Connell has a copy if any of the Councilmen would like to read it.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals - Craig Russell is interested in continuing on the Planning Board and Supervisor Connell will put out an article looking for someone interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION #267
DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICES - CONVENIENT MEDICAL CARE, P.C.

A motion was made by Councilman Tyler with a second 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 the renewal contract with Standard Medical Services to provide random drug screening as required by the Department of Transportation for the year 2009.

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RESOLUTION #268
VACATION CARRY OVER REQUEST

On a motion made by Councilman Sherman with a second by Councilman Tyler and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the request for Robin Crandall to carry over three days of unused vacation time into the 2009 year.

RESOLUTION #269
AUDIT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilman Tyler with a second by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills as audited on Abstract 12B Vouchers 2008-749 through 2008-773 in the amount of \$39,748.06.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Jerrold Sherman

Work has begun on the Merriam Forge project.

The crew has been busy plowing snow, keeping snowdrifts cleared and repairing equipment.

The Water Tower Communication System is still not working.

They do not have a solution as yet to the accumulation of water on Sisco street.

The repairs to the pump at the Schwoebels are not done yet.

Tires need to be purchased for the silver truck.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Connell informed the Board about compliments he received on the condition of the sidewalks.

Mr. Connell and Mrs. Borden plan to attend the 2009 Training School in New York City.

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A copy of a letter Mr. Connell sent to Senator Schumer was given to the Board. In it he requested consideration for additional funding for the three projects the Town is involved with.

A timber estimate summary was included in the Board member packets.

A copy of the Inspection Report for the Wadhams Sewer District from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation was provided to the Councilmen.

Information on the Average Estimated Costs for County and Town Special Improvement Districts was provided. This may apply in the Wadhams project.

A copy of a letter was provided that was sent to Samuel Sherman, Zoning Board Chairman, regarding the APA Review of Variance Referrals from Approved Local Land Use Programs.

Correspondence was received from Charter Communications with a Notice of Channel Lineup Changes.

COUNCILMAN COMMENTS

Councilman Sherman asked about an upcoming meeting for the Blue Ribbon Committee and for the Zoning Law changes - both of which will be addressed after the first of the year.

Councilman Tyler commended the road crew for their attention to the roads during the recent snow storms.

RESOLUTION #270
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Tyler at 8:30p.m. with a unanimous second. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Sheila Borden
Deputy Town Clerk