

Minutes of the Fourth Tuesday Regular Town Board Meeting on March 24, 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
Supervisor Connell

Member absent – Councilman Smith

Others Present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
George Hainer, Zoning and Codes Officer
Jerold Sherman, DPW Superintendent
Dwight Anson, William McHone, Jim Westover Sr., Bruce Ware, Dave Johnston

RESOLUTION #81 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of March 10, 2009.

Supervisor Connell asked the Clerk to read a letter sent to him from Molly Kasriels and Dee Carroll, Marketing Co-Chairs dated 3/24/09 in regards to content in the minutes from their presentation at the Board Meeting on January 27, 2009.

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RESOLUTION #82
ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES

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

3 Ayes	Tyler, Sherman, Connell
1 Nay	Paquette

RESOLVED to acknowledge that the letter was received, that it would be attached to the filed minutes and noted that they requested the statement be made that businesses were given the opportunity to participate in the marketing-branding process; not all did.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARAGE – Supervisor Connell reported that the Municipal Facility Committee met and reviewed some very preliminary designs, which he proceeded to review with the Board. The Board came to a consensus on the following points.

Preference for the layout with the access corridor running through the middle of the building.

Consensus on the building running perpendicular to Route 22.

Agreed that the current DPW garage should be taken down.

Agreed to remove from the plans the Cold Storage Building and perhaps bid as an alternate.

Have dialog between the Supervisors from Westport and Moriah on a shared Justice Office.

The red pole barn shall be moved to the back of the property.

YOUTH COMMISSION – The 2009 Ski Program End of the Season Report is included in the Board's packet for their review.

Applications are coming in and they are ready to start hiring for the Summer Program.

There is still no decision made as to what field to use for the Baseball Program.

No decision as yet on the use of the school buses for the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

FUTURE OF WESTPORT – The Waterfront Revitalization Committee has requested removing the brush on Washington Street to open up views of the lake. Supervisor Connell will discuss the possibility with the landowners.

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The Housing Committee met recently and received a presentation on the process of developing an assisted living facility. The Committee agreed to pursue a feasibility study that would identify whether or not it would be a viable project for our community.

WADHAMS WATER – The 72 hour pump test on the second well has started.

MERRIAM FORGE RD. – Councilman Paquette reported that as soon as it is dry enough they would be back to finish up.

AES SEWER PLANT CONTRACT – has been signed.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE – Councilman Sherman asked if it was possible to use some of the grant funds for a study on the hamlet expansion in Wadhams.

ARTICLE 78 UPDATE – It is still pending.

ADIRONDACK GOVERNMENT DAYS – Councilman Sherman reviewed the topics discussed during the session today.

QUADRICENTENNIAL PERMANENT COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBIT –

Supervisor Connell asked that the Councilmen be thinking about where they feel a permanent exhibit should be placed and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #83

CONFERENCE APPROVAL

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 Dennis Westover to attend the 2009 MSHA Annual Refresher Training on 4/22/09 in Plattsburgh at a cost of \$100.00.

The Clerk was asked to read a memo from John Buttimer regarding vandalism at the Library. Supervisor Connell stated that he had advised him to contact the State Police.

RESOLUTION #84

AUTHORIZATION ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

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RESOLVED to authorize the Clerk to the Supervisor to make electronic transfer of funds for payroll.

RESOLUTION #85
CONTRACT ADIRONDACK LANDFILL SERVICES, LLC.

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 the acceptance of the agreement with Adirondack Landfill Services for the Monitoring Program at the Westport Landfill.

RESOLUTION #86
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 bills on Abstract 03B, Vouchers 2009-209 through Vouchers 2009-252 in the amount of \$111,468.51.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – JERROLD SHERMAN

The water meters have been read.

The men have been cutting brush on Bessboro Lane and Ledge Hill with assistance from the inmates at Moriah Shock.

They have opened the manhole at the end of Sisco Street.

John Crandall is working on putting information on the waterlines and sewer hookups into the computer.

They had to make new fenders for the wood chipper.

The pump test is underway and the filter test starts tomorrow.

Dennis Westover attended the Advocacy Day in Albany.

John Crandall is attending a conference on storm water infiltration.

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SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

- Letter from Kevin Russell requesting a donation for the Future Business Leaders of America Club.
- Notice of the R.T.E. Certification Training for summer recreation employees.
- Correspondence from the Essex County Probation Department notifying us of payment of restitution for crime damage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESOLUTION #87

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila Borden, Town Clerk