

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

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Brankman
Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Kye Perry, Youth Commission Director
Shannon Bauman
Brian Larose
Nancy Page
Sherri Phillips

RESOLUTION #73
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2021 regular meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sherri Phillips is present to request from the board the use of the Town fire hydrant to fill her pool post reconstruction. After a lengthy discussion about concerns and legalities the Board has decided Ms. Phillips will need to find an alternate means to fill her pool.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Kye Perry and Shannon Bauman were present to update the board about the youth commission. They had an Easter Egg hunt which was a huge success. They are working on ideas for the spring and summer months to get kids involved. Supervisor Tyler and the Board need to be notified ahead of any youth commission events.

SUPERVISOR TYLER: The Towns of Westport, Elizabethtown and Lewis have decided to merge their summer camps on a trial basis. The camp will be held in Elizabethtown this year. There will be transportation to Elizabethtown from Westport. They are waiting for guidelines from the state but they are proceeding like camp will be open. They have interviewed for the Director. They are still looking to hire an Assistant Director.

**RESOLUTION #74
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract #8 in the amount of \$35,825.80 for Vouchers 237-259.

**RESOLUTION #75
HIRE DON LAROCK FOR SEASONAL APPOINTMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire Don LaRock for a seasonal position as a part time laborer at \$15.00 per hour beginning May 3, 2021.

**RESOLUTION #76
AUTHORIZE 2011 PICK-UP TRUCK SALE**

On a motion by Councilperson Brankman, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Steven Brown to purchase the 2011 Ford F250 pick-up for \$11,500.00.

RESOLUTION #77
HIRE MARYBETH SAYRE AS THE SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire MaryBeth Sayre as the Summer Camp Director.

RESOLUTION #78
ACCEPT CYNTHIA FAIRBANKS RESIGNATION

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Cynthia Fairbanks from the Westport Planning Board.

THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF MARCH MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:
Westport Town Court
Westport Town Clerk's
Westport Town Supervisor Report

RESOLUTION #79
SIGN AND ACCEPT THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN FOR TOWN OF WESTPORT

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow Supervisor Tyler to sign the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for Town of Westport.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The new truck has arrived. Dennie has been meeting with Daniel, the forester for the county, on the watershed to locate maple clusters. The excavator blades are cracked and need to be replaced. The cost is \$3037.18 for four blades. We need to buy them in pairs. The old blades are 12 years old. Councilperson Kirkby asked if the old ones can be saved as spares. They are cracked and not trustworthy therefore they are unsafe. The crew is working on spring cleanup around town. We also need eight tires for the truck. I am trying to get a price but haven't been able to connect with the tire salesman. The Wadhams well had a collapse. We have been working to get the other well pump repaired. There is emergency funding available, if we qualify, since we are in a state of emergency with the current wells. There has been a boil water in Wadhams. We are hoping to have this fixed by tomorrow.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: We have had a request to hire lifeguards for the beach at Ballard Park. I have spoken to Deb Pastore about the condition of the beach. They are going to get the beach cleaned up and add sand. It will be a viable beach. The Board has decided to hire lifeguards for the summer of 2021. Councilperson Brankman asked about the street light project. Supervisor Tyler has not heard from National Grid but will be calling them tomorrow. The Westport Chamber of Commerce is organizing fireworks for the 4th of July. There is no permit required for fireworks, however, they need to notify the fire department. The 4th of July parade will be Saturday, July 3rd at 4:30 pm. Councilperson Morrison announced the Hometown Hero's banners will be hung this upcoming weekend. The Town is in receipt of communications from Charter.

**RESOLUTION #80
PURCHASE EXCAVATOR BLADES**

On a motion by Councilperson Brankman, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Dennie Westover to purchase blades for the excavator for \$3037.18.

**RESOLUTION #81
PURCHASE EIGHT TIRES**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Dennie Westover to purchase eight truck tires for the best price.

**RESOLUTION #82
HIRE LIFEGUARDS**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved on an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire lifeguards for the beach at Ballard Park for the summer of 2021.

**RESOLUTION #83
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison and a unanimous second the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk