

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 3:00 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
Patience Whitman
Jim Harbarle

**RESOLUTION #46
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Town Board has given the Youth Commission their comments and changes to the By-laws. Supervisor Tyler has also shared the Youth Commission Director job description with the Youth Commission and the Town Board.

**RESOLUTION #47
YOUTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the job description for the Youth Commission Director as written.

**RESOLUTION #48
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 4 in the amount of \$75,522.84 for Vouchers 100-131.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Supervisor Tyler informed the board that Amtrak has contacted the town regarding payment for the electricity on the Depot Theater property. Amtrak has been paying the electric bill on the property for many years. The Town should be paying for fifty percent of the bill. Supervisor Tyler will be meeting with Amtrak and the Depot Theater Director to come to a resolution for the electricity issue.

**RESOLUTION #49
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the CDBG Program and hold a public hearing on March 9, 2021.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The sand and salt usage is down compared to this same time last year. The sidewalk tractor has been out of service. The Wadham's Water supply is already heading towards a shortage. There is a small leak. The wells do not cover the need. There are two wells on the same aquifer. It really is a bare minimum system. I have the pickup truck bid written and changed to the March 23 meeting.

**RESOLUTION #50
SURPLUS 2017 PICK-UP
BID NEW 2021 PICK UP
TRADE OR MUNICIBID 2017 PICK-UP**

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison
0 Nays

RESOLVED to surplus the 2017 pick-up truck, bid for a new 2021 pick-up truck to replace the 2017; trade in or Municibid auction with a reserve the 2017 pick-up truck. All bids must be received by March 23, 2021 at 2:30p.m. and will be opened at the regular meeting that same day.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS CONTINUED: We need to upgrade the sewer plant in Westport. The DEC says the disinfection is not up to standards. There is no funding currently available for disinfection systems. We are working with the county to come up with a plan. Our permit is good for eighteen months. It is a real problem that the DEC blames the Towns for the lake pollution. 5% of the pollution comes from the sewer plants along the lakes the other 95% of the pollution comes from agriculture and Vermont. I would like to have the Town Seal painted on the wall. There is a local artist that is available to do the painting. The board thinks this is a great idea.

**RESOLUTION #51
TOWN SEAL PAINTING**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved on a unanimous vote.

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

RESOLVED to approve Supervisor Tyler to hire a local artist to paint the Town Seal on the wall of the Town Hall for no more than \$600.00.

**RESOLUTION #52
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved on an all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk