

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Fergot  
Councilperson Westover  
Councilperson Viens (excused)  
Councilperson Morrison  
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, DPW Superintendent  
Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk  
Keith Hoffnagle  
Daniel Berheide (7:25 pm)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comment

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** No comment

**RESOLUTION #75  
APPROVE THE BILLS**

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

4 Ayes            Morrison, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve Abstract #10 for \$28,184.09; vouchers #186-210.

**RESOLUTION #76  
APPROVE MINUTES**

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

4 Ayes            Morrison, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the March 26, 2024 Regular Board minutes as presented, with a correction to the spelling of John, in the public comment section.

**THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF MARCH MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:**

Westport Town Court

Westport Town Clerk

Westport Town Supervisor Report

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT:** We have two trucks that need repair work that would greatly benefit from having a plasma cutter. I have spoken with the manufacturer and Jason Keech. The best way forward with these repairs is a plasma cutter. We would also be able to use the plasma cutter for other projects. It would be a useful tool to have. The cost is \$1950.00. The new truck is being equipped with what we ordered and we should have it by the end of the month. We met with Mr. Giles about Furnace Point. We have a plan; we are just waiting to see how deep the power lines run to his home. Preparations for the Mountain Spring Road project are on hold. We are waiting to hear from the DEC, they never received our mining permit application. We plan to start sweeping the roads tomorrow. Hopefully, the snow is behind us. The garbage at the Wadhams park was half full of household waste. This is a problem and we are going to need to remove the cans at the Wadhams Park and the Lee Park Beach if this continues. Councilperson Morrison would like to know if there is any use for all the sand that is swept up after the winter? Keven stated the sand is in pretty rough shape. It has a lot of leaves and debris. Councilperson Fergot asked where does it go? A landfill? It does not go into a landfill. However, we try to reuse what we can.

**RESOLUTION #77**

**PURCHASE PLASMA CUTTER**

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

4 Ayes            Morrison, Westover, Fergot, Tyler

0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to purchase a plasma cutter for \$1950.00 using Covid funds.

**SUPERVISOR TYLER COMMENTS:** The trailer that is meant for spring clean-up has bagged tires not from the roadside. We are not going to be able to provide this courtesy if residents are going to take advantage and place person garbage on the trailer. We ask that it be made very clear this is for garbage that has been picked up along the side of the road.

The Town Board is in receipt of a notification of a public hearing that will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westport Town Hall, 22 Champlain Ave, Westport, New York for: ADK Dwelling, LLC, 774 NY-22, Tax Map #57.55-1-3.000, special permit application and application for Commercial Uses Review to have a storefront, maker area and apartments.

**COUNCILPERSONS COMMENTS:**

Councilperson Morrison thought the events of the eclipse went very well. The Town had a lot of visitors and everything went smoothly.

Supervisor Tyler thought it was an enjoyable experience for everyone.

DPW Superintendent felt that visitors and residents were very respectful. There was no mess to clean up. Everyone was relaxed and enjoyed the day.

Councilperson Fergot would like to know the Boards' thoughts on the Packaging Reduction Bill that he had presented at the last meeting. Councilperson Westover stated he could not support such a bill. He is employed by Champlain Valley Milling which is a small business. The proposed bill states on page 12 that fees will be put on producers that use paper bags for their product, it goes on to say if there are multi layered bags with multiple products the fee is even greater. This is not something a small business will be able to afford. The cost is too great. Supervisor Tyler will reach out to local representatives regarding this bill. The board will take more time to review before considering their support.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Keith Hoffnagle would like to know if the state plans to repair the road along the south side of Main St. that had been dug up. Supervisor Tyler stated that the DOT will be fixing the road.

Daniel Berheide would like to know if there are plans to repair the slide at Lee Park and what are the plans for the beach. Supervisor Tyler said he is working on it. Beach clean-up will begin soon. Keith Hoffnagle said there will be a bonfire in May. He knows there are pallets arriving. Supervisor Tyler asked if Keith could make sure the nails from the pallets get picked up. Keith Hoffnagle agreed and stated everything will be cleaned up. Daniel Berheide inquired about McMahan Rd. repairs. Supervisor Tyler stated its being addressed. Supervisor Tyler asked about the trees on the water shed. Daniel explained he is looking at a new area to potentially cut while having the current logger continue to work. He is also working with UVM to explore establishing a sugar bush. There is a great deal of grant money available from the Federal Government and we need to look into this for that property.

**RESOLUTION #78**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Westover with an all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer  
Town Clerk