

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

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, DPW Superintendent
Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk
Michael Fergot
Jen Williams
Colin Powers
Brian Larose

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Colin Powers is present from BRASS to share updates with the Board. The water quality in the Boquet River is excellent. Sediment runoff from Beaver Brook was significant. Looking into planting to stabilize the banks.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No comment.

**RESOLUTION #185
APPROVE THE BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve Abstract #34 for \$39,093.74; vouchers #569-597.

**RESOLUTION #186
APPROVE MINUTES**

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the October 24, 2023 Public Hearing Board Meeting minutes as presented.

RESOLUTION #187
APPROVE MINUTES

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the October 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

RESOLUTION #188
APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2024

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the preliminary budget as the FINAL budget for 2024.

THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:

Westport Town Court
Westport Town Clerk
Westport Town Supervisor

RESOLUTION #189
HIRE JOEL RUSSELL TO WRITE LAND USE LAW AMENDMENTS

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire Joel Russell, Land Use Law Attorney to write the Land Use Law Amendments for \$3,000.

RESOLUTION #190
CLOSE OUT \$380,000 REHAB HOUSING GRANT AND ACCEPT REPORT

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to close out the \$380,000 Rehab Housing Grant and accept the Report.

RESOLUTION #191
SUPERVISOR TYLER TO ATTEND ANNUAL AATV CONFERENCE

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve Supervisor Tyler's attendance at the annual AATV Conference in Lake George on December 3-4, 2023. The Town will pay all necessary expenses.

RESOLUTION #192
MARYLOU FITZGERALD'S RETIREMENT/PLAQUE

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and a unanimous all in favor.

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED purchase a plaque for MaryLou Fitzgerald for years of service on the westport Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #193
CHERYL PHILLIPS APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING BOARD

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint Cheryl Phillips to the Planning board for a term expiring 12/31/2025.

RESOLUTION #194

MARC DUCLOS APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE

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

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint Marc Duclos to the Planning Board as an alternate for a 3-year term.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Half the crew went to OSHA Pit Training. It was a very good training. The other half will attend in the spring. The dog signs are up at the park. The dog park is being used frequently. Two of the 3 trucks are ready for plowing. FEMA is ongoing. We are working with a FEMA representative. SUPERVISOR TYLER stated FEMA may be willing to pay 75% of the Ledge Hill Rd. culvert. This will still be very expensive. The DEC has given Ryan one year to earn his Operator 1 license.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brian LaRose informed the Board that the sidewalk in front Kevin Garcia's house needs repair. Colin Powers asked if the Town is involved in a Road Salt Reduction Program. Keven responded that the Town has looked into it. The set-up is costly just for one truck and once the truck is set up it is unable to be used for anything else. We are trying a new treated salt that has less bounce once it gets colder.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: The Depot Theater has been paved. Lines will be painted in the spring. We are in receipt of communication from Charter. The New York State Police are looking for a small location in Westport. We have offered a small office downstairs. COUNCILMEN unanimously commented it will be good to have them here in town.

COUNCILPERSON MORRISON thanked the voters of Westport for Election Day Voting. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

RESOLUTION #195

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby and a unanimous all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simmer,
Town Clerk