

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on January 9, 2013

Supervisor Connell called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m. with the following members present on a roll call.

Councilman Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Nancy Page

RESOLUTION #24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12/27/2012

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

4	Ayes	Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0	Nays	
1	Abstain	Sherman

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of December 27, 2012 as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Page asked about unallocated funds of the Town – are they deposited at the Champlain National Bank – and they are.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Supervisor Connell reviewed a possible way of handling fundraisers and the income involved. Councilman Sherman discussed the dance program at the Heritage House. He stated that the ski/ride program starts on Sunday. Vera Martin would like to operate the summer program again. The commission is working on the by-laws to get them up-to-date. They are planning a Lego event here at the Town Hall on Sunday February 24th.

TAX COMMITTEE – They will be having a meeting soon.

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OLD BUSINESS

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE – We are still waiting for a commitment letter from the Fire Department. Supervisor Connell will contact them.

TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE – is due this month.

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – we are still waiting.

CEMETERY ON OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Councilman Sherman has spoken with the Attorney for the Town and he has suggested a letter of intent from the owners to grant an easement.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – The work is being completed on the report.

WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION – Brockway wants us to sign off on the plans.

CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK LITIGATION – It is approximately three fourths done.

NEW BUSINESS

LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN PROGRAM GRANT – We received two requests to use the Town of Westport as the basis for the Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant.

RESOLUTION #25
AUTHORIZE THE LA GROUP, PC

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED that the Town of Westport strongly supports “The LA Group, PC. proposal to the Lake Champlain Basin Program grant to do the Stormwater Infrastructure Inventory, Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment and Identification and Demonstration of Green Stormwater Infrastructure Retrofit Opportunities for the Lake Champlain Basin New York.

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RESOLUTION #26
AUTHORIZE THE STONE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
1 Nay Paquette

RESOLVED to strongly support Stone Environmental, Inc.'s, proposal to the Lake Champlain Basin Program grant to do the Stormwater Infrastructure Inventory, Mapping and Vulnerability Assessment and Identification and Demonstration of Green Stormwater Infrastructure Retrofit Opportunities for the Lake Champlain Basin New York.

RESOLUTION #27
C.I.T COMPENSATION

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to contract with Essex County Community Resources Department for reimbursement for the C.I.T workers and their supervising counselor in the amount of \$700.00.

RESOLUTION #28
COUNTY SNOW & ICE CONTRACT

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the County Snow & Ice Contract in the amount of \$68,677.27.

UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENT – We are in receipt of a notice from the NYS Department of Labor for reimbursement of potential unemployment benefits in the amount of \$2415.47.

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TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT – Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk's report for the month of December 2012 and supporting documents.

RESOLUTION #29
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of Abstract 1A for Vouchers 2013-1 through 2013-37 in the amount of \$65,373.50.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

Mr. Westover presented the Board with a comparison report of road truck expenses from 11/29/12 to 12/30/12 and the same time frame in 2011, 2010 and 2009. He discussed a turnaround agreement for Fire Fly Lane. The men have been hauling logs that had blown down in the watershed and Jeff Crandall is going to saw them up for us so we can build the woodshed. We put plastic on the windows upstairs in the Town Hall to see if that would make a difference. The #6 truck has been fixed and is usable. The letter from Chris Maron regarding his concern over the amount of salt that was being used was discussed.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESOLUTION #30
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk

