

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2012

Supervisor Connell called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman (entered at 6:45 p.m.)
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW & Highway Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
John McWilliam, Nancy Page, James Herrmann, Gerald Goulet, Katie Clark-Valley
News, and Bob Gerasia, Mike Metcalf, and Chris Goodrich from EJ Prescott, John
Crandall

RESOLUTION #24 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the 2011-year on December 27, 2011 as presented.

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2012
Page 2

RESOLUTION #25
MINUTES

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting on January 5, 2012 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION

TAX COMMITTEE – The Assessor should have the letter ready to go out next week to those with tax exempt parcels.

OLD BUSINESS

WADHAMS WATER – Someone other than us had Kingsley come down and deal with an issue at the plant and we feel the \$477 bill is their responsibility to take care of.

SEMO/FEMA – We are slowly getting checks and documentation in. Supervisor Connell complimented Mr. Westover on all that he has done to facilitate the process.

GARAGE FUEL SITUATION – We are in receipt of the final bill on the pump and Supervisor Connell has now sent the school their share of the cost and the fire district. 36% to the School 4% to Fire District

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2012
Page 3

RESOLUTION #26

APPOINTMENT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS-JOHN MCWILLIAM

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

RESOLVED to appoint John McWilliam to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Bruce Dunning through 12/31/2014.

Mr. McWilliam addressed the Board stating he would be honored to accept the position, to fill Bruce's shoes and that they were big shoes to fill. He was a good man.

NEW BUSINESS

YOUTH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #27

YOUTH COMMISSION

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town of Westport has again decided to run a youth service program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport has approved the appointment of its Youth Commission members, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has been authorized to expend at least \$1,000 to cover the 50/50 match required by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Westport approved the 2012 application and authorizes the Youth Commission to expend at least \$1,000 for the 2012 youth services program(s), and

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2012
Page 4

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Essex County Community Resources office, 7533 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932.

MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD

RESOLUTION #28
HEARING ON MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hold a public hearing on February 14th at 6:30 p.m. on designating the Mt. Spring Road and the McMahon Rd. Minimum Maintenance Roads.

RESOLUTION #29
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
ESSEX COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Industrial Development Agency.

RESOLUTION #30
CONTRACT COUNTY MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the County Maintenance of County Roads Agreement.

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2012
Page 5

RESOLUTION #31
COUNTY SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the County Snow and Ice Contract for the Year 2012 in the amount of \$68,677.27.

Councilman Sherman entered and John Crandall at 6:45 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD COMPLETE STREETS RECOMMENDATION – This was given to the Board to take home and review. At the January 24th meeting there will be a presentation on their recommendation.

RESOLUTION #32
SPCA AGREEMENT

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 contract with the North Country Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the amount of \$1,362.00.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Supervisor Connell and Councilman Paquette will serve on the committee this year.

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

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dennis Westover

Mr. Westover asked about the process of "Chips" paperwork. He asked about the radio quote from last year and the Board advised him to move forward with it.

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2012
Page 6

RESOLUTION #33
RADIO UPGRADE

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 purchase and upgrade our radio system.

Dennie reported that we are 95% complete on our notice of violations. On the floor drain issue he has met with the county engineer to see what he can do for us. The men have been cutting brush and all our trucks are out and operating.

PRESENTATION – EJ PRESCOTT
Bob Gerasia – Mike Metcalf – Chris Goodrich

Supervisor Connell welcomed the three representatives who presented their information on water meters without any movable parts that had a 20-year warranty.

Their second presentation was on pipe patch kits that can be used as an alternate to pipe repair vs. digging up a road.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

COUNCILMEN’S COMMENTS

Councilman Sherman mentioned that Peter Gibbs had submitted another set of drawings for anyone to take a look at.

RESOLUTION #34
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on January 10, 2012
Page 7

RESOLUTION #35
RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

On a motion by Councilman McCormick seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to return to the regular meeting.

RESOLUTION #36
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilman McCormick seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the payment of bills on Abstract 1A for Vouchers 2012-001 through Vouchers 2012-041 in the amount of \$78,272.75.

RESOLUTION #37
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Sherman with a unanimous second the meeting was again adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk