

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on January 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 6:55 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler
Excused: Councilperson Paquette

Others present:

George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Bill Lahendro, James Herrmann, Jim Rule

RESOLUTION #29 MINUTES DECEMBER 22, 2016

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the December 22, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #30 MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2016

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2016 Organizational Meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Ed Mason will attend the next meeting with an update.

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RESOLUTION #31
GRANT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint Alan Hipps, George Hainer, Michael Mascarenas, Michael Tyler, and Bill Johnston to the Grant Administration Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #32
BRIDGE PROJECT LANDOWNER AUTHORIZATION

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport owns the following tax map parcels: 65.4-2-39.000, 65.2-1-42.000, and 65.2-4-13.000, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the project being undertaken by the Essex County DPW to replace an existing 12 foot corrugated metal arch culvert with a 32 foot reinforced concrete bridge and modular reinforced concrete wing walls over the Black River,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westport authorizes the Essex County DPW to proceed with the project.

RESOLUTION #33
BRIDGE PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

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WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016 the Town of Westport held a public hearing as required by Town Law 273, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project to replace an existing 12 foot corrugated metal arch culvert with a 32 foot reinforced concrete bridge and modular reinforced concrete wing walls over the Black River on or near Ledge Hill Road was presented by Gary Rancour, P.E. for the Essex County DPW, and

WHEREAS, one member of the public asked how long the project would take and Gary Rancour gave a three to four month estimate. No additional questions or comments were made,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westport authorizes the Essex County DPW to proceed with the project.

WADHAMS SEWER PROJECT – The paperwork has been filed and sent to the grant administrators in Albany.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #34
ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Page, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment \$450 to the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages for annual membership dues.

RESOLUTION #35
FIRE DISTRICT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the Annual Copying Needs & Agreement for Shared Services contract with the Westport Fire District.

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RESOLUTION #36
ADAM CROSS' POSITION

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to upgrade Adam Cross's position from MEO Trainee to MEO.

JUDGE'S SALARY – Council members were given a 2015 Comparison Report of Town Justice salaries for all of Essex County. Due to the elimination of one position and the increase in workload for the current judge, Supervisor Tyler recommended that the justice salary be increased to \$15,000/year.

RESOLUTION #37
JUSTICE SALARY

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to increase the Town Justice salary to \$15,000 per year, retroactive to January 1, 2016.

DPW TANK LEASE – Tanks are currently rented through Airgas and the cost for the next year (beginning February 1st) would be \$348. Dennie spoke with Haun Welding Supply and received a quote of \$210/year for the same service.

RESOLUTION #38
HAUN WELDING SUPPLY

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the contract with Haun Welding Supply.

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RESOLUTION #39
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Page, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 1A in the amount of \$79,780.04 for Vouchers 2016-1 through 2016-46.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dennie provided a road truck expense report that compares salt, sand, and labor costs from 11/18/14-1/12/15 to 12/1/15-1/12/16. Dennie spoke with Dave Reckahn again about the ravine problem on Jim Wade’s property. The owner would like the gully filled, but Dave doesn’t think that’s feasible for the town. He believes it’s likely that this issue will be taken to court and he will research old topography maps in case they are needed. Dennie is waiting for a callback from the Association of Towns regarding the snowmobile road concerns that were discussed at the Organizational Meeting. The county is also looking into this.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS – A letter was received from Charter Communications, announcing price adjustments that will take effect on February 15th. The AUD report is in the final stages.

RESOLUTION #40
PLANNING BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to reappoint Chris Maron to the Planning Board for a term expiring 12/31/2022.

RESOLUTION #41
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Page, and approved on a roll call vote.

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4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk