

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on January 13, 2015

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Supervisor Connell

Councilperson McCormick via telephone

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Kevin Severance, James Herrmann, Brian Larose

RESOLUTION #24 MINUTES DECEMBER 23, 2014

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the December 23, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #25 MINUTES DECEMBER 30, 2014

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the December 30, 2014 Year-end Board Meeting as received.

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RESOLUTION #26
MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2015

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Organizational Meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING COMMITTEES – A functioning ZBA Board is needed before an application can be submitted for the DPW/Fire building. An ad requesting applicants for the board will be posted in the newspaper. The Town Hall project is on hold, waiting on paperwork. The air quality test was done by PESH. Everything was within normal range aside from a lead test in the courtroom and the Supervisor’s office. This will be sent for further analysis, though no troubling results are expected. It is possible for a magnetic field test to be done in the future.

YOUTH COMMISSION – The Youth Commission must reappoint their members and designate a chairperson before proper forms can be submitted to the county.

OLD BUSINESS

BICENTENNIAL – The committee has been granted use of the fairgrounds for the celebration over the 4th of July weekend.

BEAUTIFICATION – The committee will meet on January 15th.

UNION – The position of “MEO Trainee” has been added to the contract along with a salary agreement for the three-year contract term.

PLANNING BOARD – There is still one opening for an alternate and an ad will be published in the paper.

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – The contract is still on hold.

WADHAMS WASTE WATER – A municipal resolution will need to be passed for the project to continue.

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CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL – The school sent a proposed contract for the emergency shelter plan. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHOOL BUDGET LETTER - WCS sent a letter to the board expressing their desire to involve the community in their budget process. They held a meeting on January 6th for anyone interested in the discussion.

RESOLUTION #27
CODES TRAINING PROGRAM

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize George Hainer to attend the Codes training program from March 2-5, 2015 in Lake Placid, and to cover the cost of the training and yearly membership fee (\$285).

PARK LIGHTS – DPW members will help remove the holiday decorations on January 20th. Dee Carroll plans to order new lights and is looking for a heated space where volunteers could repaint the snowflakes.

STEVE GRIMM – The DEC will have new requirements including a full asset management plan for all wastewater treatment facilities. Steve Grimm would like to submit Westport as a pilot town. The necessary upgrades could cost between \$15,000 and \$50,000, but would be covered by the pilot program. There will be a presentation at an upcoming meeting before a decision is made.

RESOLUTION #28
BUDGET TRANSFER FOR USDA LOAN

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the transfer of \$335.13 from SS3 97107.11 Interest to SS3 97106.11 Debt Service.

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RESOLUTION #29
BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR USDA LOAN

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the movement of \$10,404.74 from the SS3 Unreserved Unappropriated fund to the SS3 9100.11 Unreserved Appropriated fund and to increase Appropriated SS3 97106.11 Debt Service on Bond to \$11,264.87.

RESOLUTION #30
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on abstract 1A in the amount of \$87,910.56 for Vouchers 2015-1 through 2015-44.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – More lead and copper tests must be done around town after the first was close to the parameter. The DPW is working with the assessor to find homes that fit the criteria to conduct a second test. Dennie is waiting on a quote for having the water oil separator cleaned. He will look at the procurement policy to see if another quote is necessary before accepting a bid. The resolution from last year to dissolve the Spear Road has not been accepted due to a disagreement in road length. The original resolution will be amended at the next meeting.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – Councilperson Page inquired about scrap metal recycling at the landfill. As of now the metal is being picked up at no cost, but it may be possible to find a company that will pay to pick up the scrap. Councilperson McCormick suggested Father McCarthy Hall or the hut in Ballard Park as possible places for painting the holiday lights.

RESOLUTION #31
ADJOURNMENT

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On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk