

## **Minutes of the Westport Regular Town Board Meeting on February 25, 2014**

Deputy Supervisor Paquette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page  
Councilperson Viens  
Councilperson McCormick  
Deputy Supervisor Paquette

Supervisor Connell-Excused

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk  
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer  
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent  
Elizabeth Lee, Director Youth Commission  
Shami McCormick, Brian Larose, James Herrmann

### **RESOLUTION #58 MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

On a motion by Councilperson Page seconded by Councilperson McCormick and approved on a roll call vote after corrections.

4 Ayes      Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014 after correcting on Page 2 under Building Renovation, second paragraph, to include the meeting was also on the Town Hall renovation. Also on Page 2 the third paragraph Councilperson Page wished it to be understood that the Town Hall Renovation Committee was asked the Board for their support to pursue the grant.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE** – Councilperson Page reported that the public meeting was well attended with 56 people there. There is no date set for the next meeting.

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**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Director Lee states that the program is going great. There is a basketball tourney this Saturday and many of the youth will be participating in the Tanneberger Tournament. On March 14<sup>th</sup> there is a trip scheduled with ORDA to see the facility and have a tour of the cross-country area and biathlon. Gymnastics will be starting up after the dance class is over and we are starting up for the summer program. Our baseball coaches are already lined up. In 2013 we had 161 children participate in the program. We have added new features to our website now; one being quite helpful which is a calendar. There are three more scheduled ski trips.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** – Thanks to the Chazy & Westport Telephone Company we will be utilizing the building next to theirs as a headquarters of such since we are accumulating so much information and need a place to lay out materials. We'd like to express our thanks to Tina Atwell Clarke who has allowed us to copy her collection of postcards from her grandmother Amy Sandberg. We welcome any donations of photos, postcards, family histories, etc.

**HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE** – Mr. Westover felt the joint meeting was well attended and he had a good feeling about it. He felt things were going the right way this time and felt things should be done in a timely manner.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #59**  
**NYCLASS RESOLUTION**

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

4 Ayes      Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the Supervisor to sign the NYCLASS Resolution amendment dated March 14, 2014.

**SPEED SIGNS**

Deputy Supervisor Paquette discussed the process of receiving 2 stationary unit speed signs that would be set up-one on each end of town-which would be provided by the NYS Department of Health at no cost to the town. They are solar powered and they warn the drivers of their speed as they are entering the town limits.

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**RESOLUTION #60**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN SPEED SIGNS**

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the process to proceed with obtaining the speed signs.

**BARBER HOMESTEAD REQUEST**

This was tabled from the last meeting to research past history. According to the minutes of April 13, 2010 a reduction had already been granted for a previous water leak and it is the policy to only make such an allowance on the same property one time.

**RESOLUTION #61**  
**BARBER HOMESTEAD REQUEST**

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

3 Ayes Page, McCormick, Paquette  
0 Nays  
1 Abstain Viens

**RESOLVED** based on the principle of allowing only one allowance of a water fee on the same property to deny the request.

**RESOLUTION #62**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the payment of bills on Abstract 2B in the amount of \$42,775.43 for Vouchers 2014-137 through Vouchers 2014-162.

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**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER**

The yearly training for MSHA that the crew who hauls wollastonite need is being set up. It is at a cost of \$100 per man. I would like approval for two at \$100 each and two will go for free.

**RESOLUTION #63**  
**MSHA TRAINING**

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

4 Ayes      Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of \$200 for two to receive the MSHA training and two will go for free.

I would like to contact Green Mountain Pipeline again and possibly work out a joint effort with Moriah and Port Henry. At least continue on the program we promised to work on. We have a garage door panel that needs replacement.

**COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shami McCormick asked about the talk of a Town Clean up day.

**RESOLUTION #64**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

4 Ayes      Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** that the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk

