

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting March 11, 2014

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
Councilperson McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent – Excused
Sharon Reynolds, Director Pride of Ticonderoga
James Herrmann, Shami McCormick, Charles Russell, Jim Forcier, Jim Rule,
Dee Carroll, Nancy Decker, Gordon Decker, Chris Maron, Phil Siarkowski,
Gladys Siarkowski

RESOLUTION #65 MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 2014

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick
0 Nays
1 Abstain Connell

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 board meeting as received.

PRESENTATION BY SHARON REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR PRIDE OF TICONDEROGA

Supervisor Connell introduced Charles Russell, Chairman of the Westport Revitalization Committee who described the three projects the committee has come up with.

1. Main Street Initiative
2. Fairground Usage
3. Arts & Culture Development

The floor was then turned over to Sharon to explain how she could assist in working with property owners and describing the grant process and benefits to them. She has already done this

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in Ticonderoga and Port Henry. The first step is to get everyone in from the target area and see what they are willing to do for their business.

She welcomed questions from the audience.

RESOLUTION #66

SUPPORT PRIDE OF TICONDEROGA ADMINISTER GRANT

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to conceptually approve to have the Pride of Ticonderoga offer and administer a grant for the Main Street Initiative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING COMMITTEE – Councilperson Page reported at this time there is nothing new.

The two committees would like to have a joint meeting with the Town Board to decide what the next step is. There was consensus to have a Special Meeting on March 25th at 6:00 p.m. before the Regular Town Board meeting.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilperson Page went to the last meeting. Everything is going fine with the program. Basketball is ending except for the Tanneberger Tournament. There will be a dance recital at the Heritage House on April 6th. On this Friday they are having a field trip to ORDA and baseball is lined up. The advertising has been placed for CIT's and Counselors for the summer program.

OLD BUSINESS

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – Sheila reported that the committee met yesterday afternoon. We have our first window display set up in the building between the CATS office building and the Champlain National Bank. As soon as the steps clear we will be moving into the beautiful office space on the bottom floor of Chazy Westport Communications. Our sincere thanks to them to making this space available to us. We have a facebook page (Westport Bicentennial) set up where people may go online and pre-order our t-shirts.

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Anyone with pictures, postcards etc. may bring them in to us, we will copy them and return originals to you. We are also looking for family histories and most importantly people to assist and research certain topics.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Chris Maron reported that they held a meeting this morning at the library. The thought was a neighbor to neighbor approach might be a good way to deal with some things. Flower baskets will be placed on the bridge. The Chamber has set aside money for the flowers. We had the thought that maybe two clean-up days a year would be good. The first is scheduled for April 25th.

Sheila & Robin will get the file out and see what paperwork is necessary to get out and what was picked up before.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #67
APPOINTMENT BOARD ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Gladys Siarkowski to the Board of Assessment Review for the term ending 9/30/2018.

RESOLUTION #68
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the following budget amendment:

Create Revenue Account A 1270.1.69 DPW/Fire Station \$11,362.50
Increase Appropriation Account A 5132.4.1.25 to \$20,762.50

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RESOLUTION #69
BUDGET TRANSFER

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the following budget transfer:

From Account A 1990.4.1.0 Contingency \$1,962.50
To Account A 5123.4.1.25 \$1,962.50

REQUEST FROM FIRE DISTRICT FOR COPY SERVICE

RESOLUTION #70
SUPPLY COPY SERVICE FOR FIRE DISTRICT

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the Town supplying the copying needs for the Fire District at an annual fee of \$425.00 to be paid annually.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL REQUEST

RESOLUTION #71
HERITAGE FESTIVAL CHAIR REQUEST

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the use of the chairs at the Heritage Festival on August 9th.

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RESOLUTION #72
LIFEGUARDS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the Clerk to advertise for applications for the position for lifeguards and specify that the salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

RESOLUTION #73
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Ayes

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 3A for Vouchers 2014-163 through Vouchers 2014-199 in the amount of \$27,245.93.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – EXCUSED DUE TO ILLNESS

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Included in the Board’s packets is a sheet from Mountain Lake Services that we receive each year that show the number of staff members they have employed in each facility in each town. In Westport we have thirty-two.

COUNCILPERSON’S COMMENTS

Councilperson Paquette reported on the speed signs that will be installed on the east and west side of Town in the coming weeks. They will indicate to the drivers of their registered speeds as they enter the town limits.

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RESOLUTION #74
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk