

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on March 13, 2012

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick (entered 7:05)
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW & Highway Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Katherine Clark, Valley News
Nancy Page, Rick Hoffmann

RESOLUTION #73 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman
0 Nays
1 Abstain Connell

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as received on the Rescheduled Town Board Meeting of March 1, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – The Youth Commission is in the process of setting up for baseball. The ad was put in the paper for summer counselors and we have dates set that we will do the interviews. At the last meeting we received a request from Hokey McKinley to run an open gym for grades 7-12 on Sunday evenings at the school as a program of the Youth Commission. The program would run from April 1 until August 12, 2012 between 4-6 p.m. We would require a normal registration form for every student who attends.

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RESOLUTION #74
SUNDAY EVENING GYM PROGRAM

On a motion by Councilman Sherman seconded by Councilman Tyler and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the Youth Commission to sponsor a Sunday evening open gym at the school under the direction of Hokey McKinley.

TAX COMMITTEE – In response to the Tax Committee requests, Mr. Galarneau submitted copies of two letters that would be sent to those with Non-Profit Exemptions. The first letter is for those, which an original application is not on file and they will need to provide one. The second is to remind a Non-Profit to file their annual renewal.

COMMENDATION – Supervisor Connell presented Alexander Steele a plaque commending him for his act of heroism when he saved his life and that of his sisters during the fire at their home on February 8th, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

WADHAMS WATER – We have one issue left now to correct – a chlorine meter.

SEMO/FEMA – The last worksheet on the last project has been signed. We are just waiting for all the money to come in now.

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE – Peter Gibbs would like to come to the next Town Board meeting on March 27th and talk with the Board. Mr. Connell will put him first on the agenda. In response to Nancy Page's question last meeting on the costs involved with the highway garage violations, Supervisor Connell's stated that the Town expended between \$30,000 and \$40,000 on those compliance issues.

Supervisor Connell and Mr. Hainer will be putting the specs together on the wood boiler and applying for the application with DEC.

NEW BUSINESS

NYCLASS AMENDMENT – NYCLASS is a second depository in which we invest money and there has been a change in the lead participant that we need to agree to accept.

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RESOLUTION #75
NY CLASS AMENDMENT

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the Amendment dated as of April 23, 2012 to the Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement as Amended and Restated as of October 20, 1999.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT – Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk's monthly report for the month of February 2012 and supporting documents.

RESOLUTION #76
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 3A for Vouchers 2012-152 through Vouchers 2012-177 in the amount of \$29,703.95.

DPW & HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

Our laborer has his date set for his road test on May first in Ticonderoga. I would like to request eight tires for one of the tandems at a cost of \$2,821. There is going to be an increase in tire prices under the state contract prices so it would be better to purchase them now.

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RESOLUTION #77
PURCHASE OF TIRES

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of eight tires at a cost of \$2,821.00.

We have received the agreement to expend the chips money and we would like to top coat the Goff Road and do 1,000 feet on the Ledge Hill Road that was not done to catch that up.

RESOLUTION #78
ACCEPTANCE TO SPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

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 the expenditure of the CHIPS funds to topcoat the Goff Road and to finish 1,000 feet of Ledge Hill Road.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

A notice was received from National Grid informing us that we may all expect decreases in our electric bill this year.

We have received a summary of the Essex County Occupancy Tax amounts for each town in Essex County since 2001 through 2011. In 2001 Westport's revenue was \$9,241.45 and in 2011 it was \$4,385.31. Westport's lowest year was 2009.

A copy of the latest financial printout is included in the board's packet.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman McCormick discussed the cost of heating the Town Hall and if there was any consideration being given for an alternate heat source. It is costing \$64.00 a day to heat the building now.

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He also mentioned the decision to estimate the water meter readings and the effect it would have on some people. Supervisor Connell stated that the software program would not allow them to estimate the water bills after all so meter readings would be taken for this next quarter.

Councilman Sherman wanted to know how the solar panels were working at the new water system in Wadhams and what affect it was showing on the electric bill.

Councilman Tyler presented the Board and Clerk with a booklet on the Adirondack Community Action Program that describes in detail what it offers to Essex County and what it is about.

Mr. Hainer reported that the Rolling Hills Project is starting to get underway.

PUBLIC COMMENT

RESOLUTION #79

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman McCormick with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk