

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on April 9, 2013

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:

Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Excused - Councilman Tyler

Others present:

Sheila Borden – Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Elizabeth Lee, Director Youth Commission
Pat Dougan, Sue Dougan, Gordon Decker, James Herrmann, Gerald Goulet, Jim Westover Sr.

RESOLUTION #71 MINUTES – MARCH 26, 2013

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 26, 2013 as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION

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The Board was presented with a sheet listing the proposed staff with salaries and/or hourly rates for the Summer Program as follows:

Director	Vera Martin	\$4,080.
Counselors	Rachel Abramsen	\$7.75
	Tammy Clarke	\$8.00
	Talite Malafu	\$7.25
	Ethan Markwica	\$8.00
	Charlotte Staats	\$7.50
	Brooke Stevens	\$7.25
	Kerigan Viens	\$7.25
CIT's	William Daha	\$ 440.

RESOLUTION #72
HIRING SUMMER PROGRAM

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire the staff for the Summer Youth Program as presented at the designated rates.

Director Lee reported that the basketball program is over now and the dance program will continue through May. They are gearing up for baseball with three teams. They did have a group that was organized by Jeff Schwoebel that went rock climbing. Their summer program is on track and the safety plan needs to be filed. The golf coach hopes his course will happen but would like to be sure of having five active participants.

TAX COMMITTEE – has not met

OLD BUSINESS

TIMBER SALE – Supervisor Connell did discuss with the Attorney for the Town the issue of “Right by Prescription” and found this was not an avenue to pursue. Mr. Westover will contact the caretaker of the property and discuss the situation with him.

HIGHWAY GARAGE – The RFP is being worked on.

HAMLET EXPANSION – Supervisor Connell sent another email to Saratoga Associates.

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CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Councilman Sherman waiting to speak with other landowner.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – No additional information. The State, however, only sent half of the payment expected so that matter is being looked into.

WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION – Mr. Westover has been told the generator was sent on the 5th and the pumps on the 9th. They have to be installed by the end of June to qualify for the NYSERDA rebates. He will follow-up.

CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK LITIGATION – Tabled for Executive Session at end of meeting

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – We still have Sue Dougan who has submitted a letter willing to serve on a committee and the Town Clerk who stated she would serve. We will have to be proactive and search for members, as we need to have a committee set up by July.

ASSESSING ALTERNATIVES – Supervisor Connell has presented the sealed resolution to Elizabethtown, Willsboro and the Board of Supervisors.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Councilman Paquette presented the results of the audit that he and Supervisor Connell performed on the Justice Department. He stated that the Court Clerk had the records of both Judges in excellent order.

RESOLUTION #73
AUDIT OF JUSTICE COURT

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the satisfactory evaluations for Judge Turek and Judge LaHendro.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #74
ZBA APPOINTMENT

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

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

RESOLVED to re-appointment Sam Sherman to a five-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals expiring on 12/31/2017.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION – The Chamber, The School and The Town would like to move forward with a proactive approach in making our Town look a more attractive place. The School is participating in a project on May 23rd.

Supervisor Connell asked the Board if they wanted to open the brush dump again to assist in this process.

RESOLUTION #75
OPEN BRUSH DUMP

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

4	Ayes	Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0	Nays	

RESOLVED to open the brush dump on May 25th and June 8th from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. and to have a Community Clean Up Day on June 11th.

LIFEGUARDS – Discussed running the beach at Ballard Park and Supervisor Connell to discuss with Mr. Johnston a hazardous condition there with a tree.

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RESOLUTION #76
ADVERTISE FOR LIFEGUARDS

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the Clerk to advertise for applicants for the lifeguard positions.

RESOLUTION #77
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to amend the 2013 budget to accept and disburse the Revitalization Grant from the NYS DOS.

Add Revenue Acct #3089.01.056 State Aid Revitalization \$25,000
Add Appropriation Exp. #80204.01.056 Revitalization \$25,000

RESOLUTION #78
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 4A for Voucher 2013-224 through Voucher 2013-260 in the amount of \$108,455.26.

TOWN CLERK REPORT – Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk’s March report and supporting documents.

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DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

Mr. Westover discussed the boards on the footbridges at Lee Park and Ballard Park that need to be replaced. He will get quotes and bring them back to the Board. There is a small area he would like to pave for 4-6 cars outside the playground area that he will get an estimate on.

The Chips funds he would like to expend on the Merriam Forge Road starting at the railroad tracks and leading to Sherman Road a distance of 500' and the Dudley Road leading to the Town line of Barber Road a distance of 2,900'. The balance of funds would be put toward the salt shed.

RESOLUTION #79
EXPENDITURE OF CHIPS FUNDS

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the Section 284 Agreement of Expenditure of Highway Moneys.

Mr. Westover informed the Board that they are not ready to go to bid on the salt shed as yet.

Included in the Board's packets were cost breakdowns for water service hook-ups for ¾" vs. 2". Currently for ¾" we charge \$250 and the actual cost for parts alone is \$419.37-that doesn't even include man-hours or machine hours. For a 2" service we charge \$420.79 for parts.

RESOLUTION #80
WATER SERVICE HOOK-UP FEE

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to charge \$500 for a ¾" water service hookup and actual cost for other size line hook ups.

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Discussed going out to bid on a pickup truck. 2013 F150. Councilman Sherman made a motion seconded by Councilman Paquette but after further discussion Councilman Sherman withdrew his motion.

Steve Viens recently repaired one of our trucks for us. Mr. Hoffman no longer wants the trees cut in front of his house and the crew has been cleaning up the trucks after the winter weather.

MANDATORY RECYCLING – Mr. Westover mentioned that people he spoke with were not aware that recycling was mandatory in Westport and he wanted it clarified. Supervisor Connell replied that it definitely is mandatory to recycle in Westport. Councilman McCormick asked that it is posted so people were aware of this.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Included in the Board’s packets are the water and sewers flows for 2012. The DPW should be commended for the flows being reduced substantially.

We have submitted an application for the 2013 Adirondack Park Excellence in Design Competition on behalf of the Westport Heritage House.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gordon Decker asked when the DPW would be considering paving the Worman Road. Pat Dougan asked about the pavement splitting in the middle on Harris Lane.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION #81
ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing current litigation at 8:30 p.m.

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RESOLUTION #82
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION & RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to close Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 8:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION #83
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Sherman with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk