

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on April 23, 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 Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman – entered at 7:05p.m.
Supervisor Connell

Members excused:

Councilman McCormick

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dr. Gallagher, Superintendent Westport School
Jana Atwell, District Clerk, Westport School
Joyce Barber, Erwin Barber, Billie Marsh, James Herrmann, Sue Dougan, Pat Dougan,
Gerald Goulet

RESOLUTION #84 MINUTES APRIL 9, 2013

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

3 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2013 as received.

SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION – DR. JOHN GALLAGHER

Dr. Gallagher reviewed the areas of increases and decreases in expenditures and revenues in the school budget for 2013-14. The percentage increase in the budget is 1.79% and the increase in the tax levy is 3.85%.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Billie Marsh spoke on behalf of the Barber Family who are working on an APA amendment permit to add 14 more camping sites to their campground on adjacent land. They wanted to notify the Board of their plans.

Pat Dougan asked about filling in the potholes in front of the Post Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS

WORMAN ROAD PUMP STATION – Brockway was here yesterday but they have given us no start date.

CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK LITIGATION – The Clerk read the proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION #85

SETTLEMENT TAX CERTIORARI CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI ENTITLED IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK VS. THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, TOWN OF WESTPORT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

WHEREAS, Champlain National Bank has brought an Article 7 Tax Certiorari action the Town of Westport in Essex County Supreme Court, now pending for the year 2012

Tax ID NO. 66.66-6-30

Year: 2012

Ordered Assessed Value \$279,000

Town's Assessed Value \$310,000

Ordered Reduction \$31,000

Tax Years Impacted 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the above mentioned tax certiorari proceeding be settled in the amount and for the years set forth above, and pursuant to the proposed stipulation and order submitted to the board and that the Attorney for the Town be and is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate said settlement; including but not limited to the attached stipulation of settlement.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilperson Sherman and seconded by Councilperson Paquette and brought to a vote as follows:

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Clerk presented the following names that are willing to serve on the Bicentennial Committee in some capacity.

Sue Dougan
Sheila Borden
Evelyn Brant
Mary Heald
Betty White
Beverly McIntyre
Pat Dougan

RESOLUTION #86
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint the following members to the Bicentennial Committee and authorize them to organize themselves: Sue Dougan, Sheila Borden, Evelyn Brant, Mary Heald, Betty White, Beverly McIntyre, Pat Dougan

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TOWN BEAUTIFICATION

NEW BUSINESS

STUMPAGE ALLOCATION – We are in receipt of three checks in the amounts of \$56.55, \$959.84, \$596.68.

HERITAGE HOUSE OPERATING AGREEMENT

Supervisor Connell presented the operating agreement for the Westport Heritage House between the Town of Westport and the Westport Chamber of Commerce for the time period 4/23/13 through 12/31/2013 for approval.

RESOLUTION #87

HERITAGE HOUSE OPERATING AGREEMENT

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the Agreement.

SCHOOLHOUSE – DUDLEY ROAD

The Town would like to express their thanks to Richard Fritz and Heidi Sweet for the time and effort they put in to painting the flagpole at the Schoolhouse.

Fred Kapper has requested permission for the Dudley “leaders” to take the fence down at the schoolhouse and put up a new one.

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RESOLUTION #88
NEW SCHOOLHOUSE FENCE

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the Dudley Leaders to remove and replace the fence at the schoolhouse on the Dudley Road.

RESOLUTION #89
BUDGET TRANSFER

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the budget transfer of \$9,400. from A54101.1 Sidewalk Improve.
to A51324.2 Garage CE

RESOLUTION #90
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 4B for Vouchers 2013-261 through Voucher 2013-278 in the amount of \$40,060.09.

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DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT & REQUEST – DENNIS WESTOVER

Mr. Westover presented the Board with a copy of the bid specifications for their review for a new pickup truck as requested.

RESOLUTION #91
AUTHORIZATION FOR PICKUP TRUCK BID

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the Clerk to advertise the bid for a new ½ ton pick up truck with 4 WD and bids to be returned by 4:00 p.m. on May 14th. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

He has received no RFP on the footbridges. There are two of the tandem trucks that need some work done on them. The men have been working on sweeping the town streets and the water & sewer people with the water hook-up at the health center.

Extra help will be needed with lawn mowing this summer since we no longer have the hours Bruce provided.

RESOLUTION #92
SUMMER LABORER

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire a part-time laborer for 31 hours a week from June 1st through September 1st with applications due by May 15 at 4:00 p.m.

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SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Connell gave Mr. Westover a “Weekly/Monthly Playground Checklist” that needs to be filled out on a regular basis on the two playgrounds.

The US Environmental Protection Agency is interested in doing a feasibility study for solar energy development on old landfills.

RESOLUTION #93
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE OLD LANDFILL

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the US Environmental Protection Agency to do their feasibility study on the old landfill.

COUNCILMEN’S COMMENTS

Councilman Sherman asked about the number of people in Westport with a sexual offender status.

RESOLUTION #94
APPRECIATION

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the Town Board of Westport wishes to extend their appreciation to the Inmates and Officers of Moriah Shock for the time and efforts they give to the Town of Westport.

RESOLUTION #95
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila Borden, Town Clerk

