

## **Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on May 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Connell.

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  
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent  
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer  
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director  
Rod Boula, CEO, Elizabethtown Community Hospital  
Shami McCormick, Bill Johnston, James Herrmann, Gordon Decker

### **Resolution #105 Minutes April 22, 2014**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as received of the Regular Board Meeting on April 22, 2014.

### **PRESENTATION – ROD BOULA – ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Supervisor Connell introduced Mr. Boula, CEO, of Elizabethtown Community Hospital who was present making his tenth year presentation to the Town Board of the accomplishments of ECH. This past year they completed the renovations at the Westport Health Center in November. They are 1-½ years into the affiliation with the Fletcher Allen Partnership; they have put in all new lab equipment and have recruited two new doctors. A fifth clinic has been set up in Ausable Forks and they are adding physical therapy procedures in Westport. They have found that one day of availability of the MRI is not enough and they are now working on increasing that service.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING RENOVATION** – The Fire District, the DPW, and Town Board will be meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**TOWN HALL** – Bill Johnston requested the Town Board pass a resolution necessary to file a grant on funding for the Town Hall. The due date for the grant application is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilperson Page moved the resolution seconded by Dan McCormick to pass a resolution to file resolution for grant. Discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION #106**

**TABLED MOTION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR GRANT ON TOWN HALL**

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

4 Ayes	Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick
1 Nay	Connell

**RESOLVED** to table the motion to file resolution to go with grant on Town Hall.

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Councilperson Viens advised that we need to reappoint Vera Martin as Youth Commission Summer Camp Director.

**RESOLUTION #107**

**SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR – VERA MARTIN**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to reappoint Vera Martin as Summer Program Director for 2014.

Youth Commission Director Lee reported that gymnastics was finished. The summer program is on track with the counselors in order. The baseball program has started with a few revisions to the schedule. They are in hopes of having a boater safety class maybe in June or July. The marina will host it. The next committee meeting will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**WESTPORT REVITALIZATION** – Supervisor Connell has been in communication with Charles Russell and Mr. Russell continues to work on the project.

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** – We are meeting now at our new location and have a meeting tomorrow. Ideas are coming together.

**TOWN CLEANUP – Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FORESTER SUGGESTIONS** – The Clerk was asked to read a letter from the forester, Thomas Gilman, with two options for tree cutting for this year.

1. To do the cut that we had planned to do last year after receiving landowner access, and
2. To do an additional cut of 68 acres along the McMahan Road.

**RESOLUTION #108**  
**FOREST HARVEST-2013**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the cut from last year if we get approval for the access from the landowners.

**RESOLUTION #109**  
**TABLE 68 ACRE FOREST HARVEST**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick  
1 Nay Connell

**RESOLVED** to table any action on harvesting the 68-acre parcel on McMahan Road at this time until it is reviewed further.

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**RESIGNATION – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

**RESOLUTION #110**

**ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – TAMMY SCHREIBER**

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 accept the resignation of Tammy Schreiber of Deputy Town Clerk.

**RESOLUTION #111**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 5A for Vouchers 2014-292 through 2014-337 in the amount of \$31,648.90.

**RESOLUTION #112**

**RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT – DALE L. MOSS**

On a motion made by Councilperson Viens with a unanimous second the following motion was resolved.

The Westport Town Board in tribute to Dale Moss wish to present this Resolution of Achievement for completing 50 years of service with the Westport Volunteer Fire Department of Westport, New York.

This certificate is presented with appreciation for his good and faithful service that he always provided to his community. He was a dedicated volunteer that would stop whatever he was doing to answer a call of need. In 2001 he also joined the

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Westport Emergency Squad where he devotedly served the citizens of Westport as well.

Prior to his arrival in Westport he faithfully served his country during the Korean War in the Air Force of the United States of America.

Dale it is with admiration and respect for your outstanding dedication in all aspects of your life but certainly to public safety and service that we wish you the best and are grateful for what you have done for our community.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER**

Mr. Westover presented the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys in the amount of \$23,517.00 to pave the road commencing at Main St and leading to end of Worman Lane and Stevenson Rd. leading to Front St., also the sum of \$34,837.30 to pave Ledge Hill to Ledge Hill a distance of 1065' and lastly Lake Shore Rd intersection leading to Sherman Road a distance of 1150'.

**RESOLUTION #113**  
**AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEY**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the expenditure of funds of Section 284 of the Highway Law per the agreement for the sum of \$23,517.00 and \$34,837.30.

Mr. Westover discussed a part time laborer for the summer to mow lawns. He will review further.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

We are in receipt of \$117.44 for stumpage fees.

We have been told that any damages done at Wadhams Park while the bank is being repaired will also be taken care of.

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**COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Councilperson Paquette reported that the speed sign at the west end of town is now installed. He would also like to thank the DPW for the assistance in setting it up.

**TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk Borden informed the Board that she has appointed Laura Pond and Julie Schreiber as Deputy Town Clerk's.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gordon Decker asked if he could receive the cash balances in Water District #1 and if there are any portions of those funds that are earmarked for anything.

Supervisor Connell expressed his thanks to James Herrmann for cleaning up the garbage along the sides of the road on Ledge Hill.

**RESOLUTION #114**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 authorize the Board to enter into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and personnel issues.

**RESOLUTION #115**  
**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 Nays

**RESOLVED** to Close Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. and return to Regular Session.

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**RESOLUTION #116**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to call a Special Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 for the purpose of contract negotiations. After the meeting is called to order the Board will go into Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION #117**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman McCormick with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk