

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on May 28, 2013

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 (entered 7:10 p.m.)
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Gordon Decker, Treasurer Westport Fire District
Sue Frisbie, James Herrmann, Nancy Page, Gerald Goulet, Chris Maron

RESOLUTION #112 APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 14, 2013

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 approve the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2013 after correcting the date of the meeting from 5/15/2013 to 5/14/2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gordon Decker asked if the status of the Town Hall building would be discussed and if there would be a discussion of the joint Highway Garage and Fire District building. Both items were listed later on the agenda.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilman Sherman reported that they haven't met yet and the teams have been playing ball. They received a very complimentary letter from a parent in Willsboro about how our youth treated her child.

OLD BUSINESS

HIGHWAY GARAGE – Councilman Sherman reported on the pre-bid meeting that was held at the garage this morning with approximately ten representatives from architectural firms present. Supervisor brought up the issue about the three million-dollar bond that had been published in the RFP notice and that this was unusual in this situation.

RESOLUTION #113
REDUCTION OF BOND

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 reduce the bond to one million dollars and to notify those that had contacted the Town with interest on submitting an RFP of the change.

Councilman Tyler entered at 7:10 p.m.

Discussion continued as to how we would move forward after receipt of the RFP's and for the review of them.

On behalf of the Fire District Gordon Decker addressed certain issues or steps that were presented in a letter to the Board on March 12, 2013 that the District felt should be met. One of those being that they are kept informed and that they received no notice of the pre bid meeting.

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RESOLUTION #114
FIRE DISTRICT/TOWN OF WESTPORT AGREEMENT

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

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| 4 Ayes | Tyler, Sherman, McCormick, Connell |
| 1 Nay | Paquette |

RESOLVED to enter into a written agreement with the Westport Fire District based on the issues in their letter to the Board on March 12, 2013 after the bids are opened on June 25th and the committee has reviewed them and accepted a firm.

TOWN HALL UPDATE – Tomorrow the committee will be meeting with the architect in Middlebury for they believe for the final time reviewing how to best utilize space. The next time they come here they plan to be presenting to the public. On June 13th the Town Hall is being considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National and State Register of Historic Places.

HAMLET EXPANSION – Nothing new.

CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Letter of Intent was not received by other landowner so Councilman Sherman hand delivered it. Owner now wants to sell the property. Municipalities are not able to purchase properties without obtain three appraisals and they are not able to use the Town Assessor. We need to look in to the legalities involved when a cemetery becomes the responsibility of the Town and yet in this case we are unable to access it.

WORMAN ROAD PUMP STATION – National Grid will pull the meter on June 4th to switch the power and June 5th is the start up date for the new pumps.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – The Committee is going to have their first meeting on June 5th at 2:00.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION

NEW BUSINESS

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RESOLUTION #115

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the Westport Town Board wishes to extend their appreciation to the students, faculty and staff of Westport Central School for their time and efforts they spent on "Clean Up Day" in our community.

It was a pleasure to see so many young people with smiles on their faces, wearing bright colored t-shirts, working together and having fun while they were doing it. We hope you all ended the day with a sense of accomplishment and a job well done, as you well deserved it. As we look from one end of the Town to the other we can see results of your time and efforts and the citizens of this Community genuinely appreciate all that each one of you has done.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION #116

BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the 2013 budget to pay for the Worman Road Pump Station as follows:

Move \$130,000. from SS1915.09.000 Unappropriated Fund Balance
to SS19100.9.0 Revenue Acct Unreserved Fund
Increase \$130,000 SS181202.9 Appr. Equipment

RESOLUTION #117

COURT CLERK TRAINING APPROVAL

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 Norma Arsenault to attend the Court Clerk training on July 23 & 24th at SUNY Potsdam for approximately \$200.00.

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SHARED SERVICES-TOWN OF MORIAH & VILLAGE OF PORT HENRY

The Clerk read a resolution that the Moriah Town Board gave to the Supervisor to look into a possible grant application with the Town of Westport, Village of Port Henry and the Town of Moriah Sewer District #1 to install slip lines in old sewer mains.

Supervisor Connell presented this to the Board to see if the Westport Town Board would be interested in participating.

RESOLUTION #118
SHARED SERVICE RESOLUTION FOR SLIP LINES

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 Supervisor Connell to look into the possible Grant Application with the Town of Moriah, Village of Port Henry and the Town of Moriah Sewer District #1 to install slip lines in the old sewer mains.

RESOLUTION #119
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 5B for Vouchers 2013-314 through Vouchers 2013-337 in the amount of \$17,951.49.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

Mr. Westover has a quote to pave the parking area at the beach.

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RESOLUTION #120
PAVE PARKING AREA AT BEACH

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the paving of the parking area at the beach for \$1,150.00.

He also received a quote on sealing the basketball court and painting the lines. He is going to get another quote as well.

RESOLUTION #121
SEALING BASKETBALL COURT AT BEACH

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Mr. Westover after getting another quote and reviewing both of them, to hire the lowest qualified contractor.

The boards on one bridge have been replaced but we need to do the other one next year. The hedges at the Depot have been completely removed now.

Interviews were held this week for the part time laborer starting June first through September first. We had four people who submitted applications. Two of the Council members conducted the interviews and recommend Richard Nicholas for the position.

RESOLUTION #122
PART TIME LABORER POSITION – RICHARD NICHOLAS

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the hiring of Richard Nicholas for the part time laborer from June 1st to September 1st at the union laborer rate.

Truck #4 has had some minor issues that are now fixed and we are now waiting for the new box to arrive. Truck #2 also had some minor problems. For some reason we had some tire issues lately and I have had to purchase tires. The #1 loader had 2007 tires on it that will not keep air in them that I am discussing the problem with the company.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS – none at this time

COUNCILMEN’S COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESOLUTION #123

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