

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on June 10, 2014

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:

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
Shami McCormick, James Herrmann, Chris Maron, Gerald Goulet, Carl Resek

RESOLUTION #139 MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING MAY 27, 2014

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 minutes as received of the Special Meeting of May 27, 2014.

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RESOLUTION #140
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MAY 27, 2014

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 accept the minutes as received of the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2014 after making the correction in the Coast Guard Safety Course date from June 20 to June 30th.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING RENOVATION – Consideration to move forward with DPW/Fire District Garage

RESOLUTION #141
MOVE FORWARD DPW/FIRE DISTRICT GARAGE

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

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

RESOLVED to move forward with the Westport Fire District in the construction of a shared DPW/Fire District Facility with the following resolution:

TOWN OF WESTPORT
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Westport Town Board (Town), in October 2013, entered into an agreement with the Westport Fire District (District), to participate in a feasibility study for the construction of a shared DPW and Fire District facility.

Whereas, the Town continues to have the need for a new facility to house the Highway Garage operations; and

Whereas, the Town and District have determined that the best way to address the need for both the Town and District is to construct a shared facility; it is therefore

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Resolved, as follows:

1. The Town of Westport shall be designated as the lead agency for moving forward with a final design and bidding of a shared facility project.
2. The facility will be constructed on land owned by the Town.
3. In consideration of the District's participation in the project, the District has desires to lease the space in the shared facility necessary for; mechanical repairs to equipment, use of restrooms, garaging of vehicles, a wash bay, and space for conducting the operations of the District.
4. The District hereby agrees that the term of said lease shall be for a period of twenty-five years and it is anticipated that the Town and the District will in good faith negotiate such terms as shall be mutually beneficial including but not limited to appropriate terms for financing, funding and bonding the project, taking into consideration the financial resources of the District.
5. It is contemplated that the Town and the District will in good faith enter into and negotiate such other and further agreements and resolutions to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

TOWN HALL – Grant application has been signed and filed.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Ms. Lee reported that the last baseball game is tomorrow night. We still don't have a coach for golf and the summer program is on track. The boating safety class is arranged and Camp Dudley would like to have it every year. A question was asked about the summer meals program and Director Lee will look into it.

OLD BUSINESS

HAMLET EXPANSION – George & Dan are starting to work on it.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – Things are starting to happen at the fairgrounds.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – We are planning out our events to take place during the day and have selected some of our memorabilia to sell.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – The Town Clean Up Day was a success. The flower baskets have been placed on the bridge and we have someone working on "Welcome to Westport" signs for the train overpass.

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PROPERTY TAX FREEZE – Included in the Board packets is information on the Property Tax Freeze its limitations and opportunities.

LIFEGUARDS – We are in receipt of two applications and we will be interviewing them tomorrow.

ROPES FOR BEACH –Ballard Park is buying all the ropes and floats for the beach. The lifeguards are responsible for setting everything up.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #142
BUDGET TRANSFER

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 following budget transfers:

\$2,500	from A1990.4.1 Contingency	To A6410.4 Publicity
\$952	from A7310.1.1 Youth Prog	To A7310.4.1 Ski Program
\$852	from SW1 1990.4 Contingency	To SW! 9710.6 Debt Service

RAMP ON TOWN HALL – Condition discussed – no action taken.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS – Supervisor Connell informed the Board of the four pieces of correspondence he has received from the Teamsters Union regarding negotiations.

ASSESSING SERVICES – The Board discussed a one-year vs. five-year service.

RESOLUTION #143
ASSESSMENT SERVICE

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 extend the Assessment Service with Essex County for five years.

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NYSDEC NOTICE OF VIOLATION – Discharge Monitoring Report – The Operator says it was submitted and lost on the State's end.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

We've been working with Green Mt. Pipe and have found some big leaks on the Arsenal Road. I have an estimate between \$3, and \$3,500 for these repairs.

Councilperson McCormick left the meeting.

RESOLUTION #144
MANHOLE REPAIRS

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the repairs be made to the manhole and pipes as per the estimate by Green Mountain Pipe up to the cost of \$3,500.

I've given you an estimate on replacing the guardrails on Ledge Hill for your review.

The grader and the tractor are back in working order. The work on the footbridge is completed. And the basketball courts in Wadhams have been done. The Beach House at Lee Park has been cleaned up and painted inside and out.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Included in the Board's packets is a letter from Camp Dudley showing the different areas that they support throughout the year.

Gary Wilson, Attorney for the Town, has sent a letter to the Getman Attorney regarding the tree cutting.

Supervisor Connell questioned having the work on the guardrails done, as they would have to be hired at prevailing wage. Town and County Bridge are already under the County Contract.

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RESOLUTION #145
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

3	Ayes	Page, Paquette, Viens
0	Nays	
1	Abstain	Connell

RESOLVED to approve the payment of bills on Abstract 6A for Vouchers 2014-357 through 2014-399 in the amount of \$78,566.70.

RESOLUTION #146
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette with a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Sheila A. Borden
Town Clerk