

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on June 25, 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
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Gordon Decker, Westport Fire District Treasurer
Bruce Misarski Westport Fire District Commissioner
James Bullard, Gerald Goulet, Matt Beal

RESOLUTION #129 MINUTES JUNE 11, 2013

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 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2013 as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

BID OPENINGS

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SALT SHED

Materials:

Bessboro Builders, Westport, NY	\$6,037.20
84 Lumber Co., Rochester, NY	\$8,311.10

Concrete:

Flat & Vertical Concrete, Willsboro, NY	\$38,000.00
E. J. Construction, Liverpool, NY	\$53,881.00

RESOLUTION #130
AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD SALT SHED BIDS

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

4	Ayes	Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0	Nays	
1	Abstain	Sherman

RESOLVED to authorize the DPW Superintendent to review the bids with the County Engineer to make sure all the specifications are met and award the bid to the lowest bidders.

PUMP STATION BID – none received

DPW GARAGE/FIRE STATION RFP'S

AES Northeast	Plattsburgh NY	29979
Architectural & Design Assoc.	Plattsburgh NY	29500
Bell & Sphina	Syracuse, NY	45650
Bergmann Associates	Albany, NY	28000
Bernier Carr & Assoc.	Watertown NY	50000
Bonacci Architects	East Syracuse, NY	82500
Clark Patterson Lee	Binghamton NY	26770
Foit Albert Assocs.	Buffalo, NY	90000
J. Paul Vosburgh Architecture	Albany, NY	16850

Lothrop Associates	White Plains NY	59900
MRB Group	Saratoga, NY	15000
Phinney Design Group	Saratoga Springs	57300
QPK Design	Syracuse, NY	48200
Vermont Integrated Architecture	Middlebury, VT	22725
William Taylor Architects	Syracuse, NY	11839

The Westport Fire District has requested a special meeting with the full Town Board to review the joint garage project. It was agreed to have such meeting on Wednesday July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

QUOTES ON WATER TANK INSPECTION

Received from Seaway Diving, Waterford, NY
 DN Tank Services, Wakefield, MA
 Conrady Consultant Services, Wilsonville, AL

**RESOLUTION #131
 AWARD BID FOR WATER TANK INSPECTION**

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 Supervisor Connell to accept the lowest quote after reviewing them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilman Sherman reported that the committee hadn’t met but they wanted to discuss having a non-resident a member as an ad hoc.

Supervisor Connell asked that the Clerk enter the following statement into the minutes along with the qualifications for an individual for someone being appointed to a youth commission board that he also read to the Board.

“Every Elected and Appointed Town Official is required to take an oath within thirty days after the commencement of the term of office for which he or she is chosen. In taking the oath the individual is confirming he/she will uphold the Constitution of the United States and the

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Constitution and Laws of New York State. I and I believe each and every member of this Board takes this oath seriously. Given that we have again been asked to appoint an individual to the Youth Commission who is not a resident of the Town of Westport, given that this request has been made numerous times in the past, and given that the Town Board has refused to make these appointments because it is not allowed by NYS Law, and apparently the perception is that this is something either I or the Town Board as a whole is requiring, I respectfully request that the Town Clerk make this statement a part of tonight's Town Board minutes along with the following excerpt from New York State Public Officers Law section 3."

"3. Qualifications for holding office.1. No person shall be capable of holding a civil office who shall not, at the time he shall be chosen thereto, have attained the age of eighteen years, except that in the case of youth boards, youth commissions or recreation commissions only, members of such boards or commissions may be under the age of eighteen years, but must have attained the age of sixteen years on or before appointment to such youth board, youth commission, or recreation commission, be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state, municipal corporation of the state for which he shall be chosen, or within which the electors electing him reside, or within which his official functions are required to be exercised, or who shall have been convicted of a violation of the selective draft act of the United States, enacted May eighteenth, nineteen hundred seventeen, or the acts amendatory or supplemental thereto, or of the federal selective training and service act of nineteen hundred forty or the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto."

OLD BUSINESS

CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Councilman Sherman is planning to meet with the Van Duynes in July.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – We have received three-fourths of the plan for the committee to look at.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – The committee has met twice now with our next meeting set for Wednesday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. Derinda Sherman has volunteered to serve and we will still welcome more participants. The dates of the Bicentennial will be July 3, 4 and 5 of 2015.

**RESOLUTION #132
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays
1 Abstain Sherman

RESOLVED to appoint Derinda Sherman to serve on the Bicentennial Committee.

ASSESSOR UPDATE

The Towns of Elizabethtown and Westport have co-signed a letter notifying Willsboro about a six-month notice clause.

NEW BUSINESS

NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – They have sent a letter requesting additional information that needs to be sent to them on manholes in Westport and details on the six pump stations.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – The Supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk’s May report and supporting documents.

NYS FISCAL STRESS MONITORING SYSTEM – The NYS Office of the State comptroller monitors the fiscal stress local government’s face based on their annual financial reports. A summary is included in the Board’s packet.

**RESOLUTION #133
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Tyler 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 6B for Vouchers 2013-371 through 2013-392 in the amount of \$27,095.05.

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DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dennis Westover

All the work is going along very well. The lawns are all mowed and we have taken on three extra county roads to mow for additional revenue-the Elizabethtown Wadhams Road, Lewis Wadhams Road and the Youngs Road.

The basketball court down at the beach has been refurbished and the paving of the parking area done. Tomorrow the pipe grouting starts on the Dudley Road. I would like to thank Camp Dudley for the fencing they put up at the schoolhouse on the Dudley Road.

RESOLUTION #134
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

On a motion by Councilman McCormick with a unanimous second the Westport Town Board and the members of this Community wish to extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Dudley camp that generously gave of their time and energy to replace the fencing at the Old School House. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and have been mentioned with much admiration and appreciation.

The sidewalk at the south end of town was discussed. Mr. Westover will take measurements of the distance that would need to be replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Matt Beal discussed with the Board the water run-off problem on Sisco Street.

Jim Bullard questioned about the frequency of fire alarm calls. He felt there seemed to be more recently.

RESOLUTION #135
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk

