

Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Town Board Meeting on July 10, 2012

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
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
David Galarneau, Assessor
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director
David Reckahn, Essex County Soil & Water Conservation District
Tonnie Sauca, Essex County Soil & Water Conservation District
Gerald Goulet, Ulrich, Hoffmann, Nancy Page

RESOLUTION #144 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of June 26, 2012 as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TAX COMMITTEE – David Galarneau, Sole Assessor for the Town of Westport, was present to answer questions the Tax Committee brought up during the last Town Board meeting on June 26th regarding parcels of land that had tax exempt status. The Committee had asked for the annual review to be done on each parcel receiving an exemption as per state law and a letter be sent out notifying them which Mr. Galarneau has done. Mr.

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Hoffman on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr. Galarneau for this taking this step in the right direction by complying with the State.

Supervisor Connell asked Mr. Galarneau to address the issue as to what control the Board had in regard to assessments. The answer was that the only two issues the Board could address would be the granting of the Aged Exemption and the earnings amount allowed and the Veterans Exemption.

Mr. Galarneau was thanked for his time in attending and answering everyone's questions.

ESSEX COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION – DAVE RECKAHN

Supervisor Connell introduced Mr. Reckahn from the Soil & Water Conservation District who presented a project presentation to the Board of what they could do for them in their watershed and surrounding areas. They were interested in improving recreation trails, improving the nature trail and using the GPS instrument on those trails so it could be listed on a map for visitor's uses.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Director Lee reported that the Summer Youth program was going well and that they had 44 signed up. The Water Festival at Crown Point was a success and the fall soccer program is being planned now and will begin in August. The Golf and Open Gym program are also going on now.

The two new students on the Youth Commission came with a suggestion for a paddling event with kayaks and canoes. We have proper gear and lifeguards and it is okay with our insurance agent and they will have to sign a proper waiver as long as the Board approves it for July 21, 2012.

RESOLUTION #145
PADDLING EVENT

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the Youth Commission to hold a Paddling Program on July 21, 2012 and have the participants sign the proper waiver.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none at this time

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OLD BUSINESS

WOOD BOILER - We are still waiting for the information to come from DEC.

WADHAMS WATER – We have the final bill on the J. V. Warren contract in the bills this evening and our funding source will be emailing the forms to us for the close out on the project.

HIGHWAY GARAGE

OIL WATER SEPARATOR BID

The Clerk opened the one bid that was received from Environmental & Fueling Systems in the amount of \$20,281.00.

RESOLUTION #146

OIL WATER SEPARATOR BID TO ENGINEER

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 give the bid to the Engineer for his review and recommendation.

UPDATE ON THE BUILDING – Councilman Sherman reported he has heard nothing from the Fire District.

TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE – Bill Johnston has asked that the Councilman go through each of the bids that were received.

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – Mr. Hainer reported that there were five people present from the APA and they spent time fine tuning the map amendment process and they are now working out the language now so to maximize the lands potential.

CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Sue Frisbie is looking at ways to obtain access to the cemetery and the Clerk did receive a phone call from one property owner verifying that she did indeed give permission to clear a strip of overgrown area to go through.

WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION – Still is not ready to go out to bid.

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SUMMER LIFEGUARDS – The beach was opened on July 9, 2012 and we have hired Peggy Bolster as the senior lifeguard.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – We are still negotiating with the consultant.

NORTH COUNTRY HEALTHY HEART CONTRACT – tabled

NEW BUSINESS

TEAMSTERS LOCAL #294 ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT

The Clerk was asked to read the Addendum to the Union Contract in which the Teamsters Union agree that the position of MEO Trainee shall be recognized as a part of the bargaining unit and shall be placed within the Collective Bargaining Agreement and be subject to all terms and conditions.

RESOLUTION #147
APPROVAL ADDENDUM TO TEAMSTERS CONTRACT

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 accept the Addendum to the Teamsters Local #294 Contract.

NATIONAL GRID STREET LIGHTS INVENTORY & REPORT

Included in the Councilmen's packets are copies of an inventory of the Town's streetlights and a new billing contract requiring the Supervisor's signature.

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RESOLUTION #148
STREET LIGHT BILLING AUTHORIZATION

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 authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the contract for streetlights with National Grid.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk's June report and supporting documents.

RESOLUTION #149
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 payment of Abstract 7A for Vouchers 2012-391 through Vouchers 2012-417 in the amount of \$48,011.33.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

The "Chips" projects are done and we can submit the paper now. The sewer line work at the Huggins property started today 7/10 and an additional line was broken creating a little extra overtime but it had to be fixed. The condition of the Mountain Spring Road is getting better and the roadside mowing is about half done.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

The last of the FEMA requests are all in now.

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COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman McCormick commended Mrs. Borden and her husband on the fine job they did on the July 4th celebration and the work they put in to it.

Councilman Sherman extended his thanks to DPW Superintendent Westover for fixing the road that goes up to the Water Tower.

RESOLUTION #150
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden
Town Clerk