

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on July 23, 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 Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Excused: Councilman Tyler

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
James Herrmann, Curtis Snyder, Gerald Goulet

RESOLUTION #144 MINUTES JULY 9, 2013

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman McCormick and approved after corrections.

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2013 after making the correction on Page 5 in Resolution #141 the title should be Cornell College of Agriculture & Life Sciences.

RESOLUTION #145 MINUTES JULY 10, 2013

On a motion by Councilman McCormick seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved after a correction.

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4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 19, 2013 after making the correction on Page 1 changing the name of Supervisor Connell to Councilman McCormick to be the other person evaluating the RFP's.

SOLAR POWER PRESENTATION – CURTIS SNYDER

Mr. Snyder was present to discuss with the Board the present solar system we're invested in and the possibility of investing in another system and its advantages to us.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DISTRICT

The Westport Fire District and the Town Board met on July 10th and discussed the background and reviewed a potential agreement for a joint garage. The agreement would be called the Town of Westport DPW and Westport Fire District Garage Agreement. This agreement would be to develop an architectural and preliminary design for a Town of Westport DPW and Westport Fire District Garage Facility.

RESOLUTION #146

APPROVE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

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 approve the acceptance of the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Westport Town Board and the Westport Fire District.

TIMBER SALE

The Clerk was asked to read a letter from the forester, Thomas Gilman, regarding red oak prices going up and asking if the Town was considering a timber sale. There was discussion but no action taken.

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TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE-still waiting for cost analysis.

HAMLET EXPANSION-no progress with Saratoga Associates.

CEMETERY/OLD ARSENAL ROAD-Councilman Sherman has met with the VanDuynes.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – There is a meeting scheduled for August 7th in which the Beautification Committee would like to meet with us at 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

VETERANS REQUESTING USE OF BUILDING

The Clerk was asked to read a letter from Harry Treadway who represents about ten veterans from the last four wars who like to get together and discuss various issues. They would like to use a room at the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION #147
VETERANS USE OF ROOM

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the Veterans to meet in the Town Hall once a month.

WATER BILL-WESTPORT SELF-STORAGE & APARTMENTS

The Clerk was asked to read a letter from the Property Manager of Westport Self-Storage requesting the bill be reduced due to a leak in the basement that he was unaware of while he was recovering from health issues.

RESOLUTION #148
GRANT REDUCTION WATER BILL

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to reduce the bill by \$100 as a show of good faith.

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CHARTER COMMUNICATION CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL –

Supervisor Connell asked that each councilman takes the agreement home and review it prior to the next board meeting.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

We have received an email from Ulrich Hoffman stating he will not be re-qualifying for membership on the Board of Assessment Review, therefore we will have a vacancy there. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise the position.

RESOLUTION #149

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

WHEREAS on a motion by Councilman Sherman with a unanimous second the Town Board would like to recognize Ulrich Hoffman for his years of continuous dedicated service since 1998 on the Board of Assessment Review, and

WHEREAS we would also like to express our appreciation for other committees he has served on within the Town and the time and energy he put in to each endeavor, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Westport Town Board, the members of the Board of Assessment Review and the citizens of the Community of Westport wish to extend their sincere thanks for your time, efforts and energy you have extended in service to our Town.

TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT

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

RESOLUTION #150

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4	Ayes	Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0	Nays	

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 7B for Voucher 2013-432 through Voucher-2013-455 in the amount of \$37,949.96.

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DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

There is a water meter at the fairgrounds that is broken and it will be a town expense of about \$6,000 to replace it.

RESOLUTION #151

AVERAGE COST ON WATER BILL

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to average the five year use of the water bill at the fair and charge them that amount and then aggressively look for and old working meter to replace the broken one.

Mr. Westover reported on the sidewalk near Tanneberger's bridge and has estimated the cost to be about \$760. for the men to blacktop it in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The lumber has all been sawed out now for the salt shed and Mr. Westover informed the Board that he would be on vacation next week.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman Sherman asked if they could receive revenue report on the Transfer Station covering three years.

Councilman Paquette asked about the status of the truck, which was not going to pass inspection.

PUBLIC COMMENT-none

RESOLUTION #152

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman McCormick with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden
Town Clerk