

Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Town Board Meeting on August 14, 2012

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
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Katherine Clark, Valley News
Rick Hoffmann, Nancy Page, Gerald Goulet

RESOLUTION #161 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2012 Regular Town Board meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilman Sherman reported that their meeting has not been held as yet this month that the Youth Commission soccer program has started and the summer program has ended.

Councilman McCormick announced that there will be a picnic for his golf team and parents.

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TAX COMMITTEE – Ulrich Hoffman on behalf of the Tax Committee of the Future of Westport Project submitted the committees completed report along with related materials and a policy and procedure regarding tax-exempt status by certain not-for-profit organizations that they would like the town to consider.

A notice will be placed on the town's website that it is available in the office to review.

OLD BUSINESS

WOOD BOILER – In April we had received two bids on a outdoor wood boiler. The lowest bidder had been told his did meet the specs but to date it does not. We called the second bidder asking if he would maintain the original bid of \$14,900, which he agreed to plus \$500 shipping if we included a \$1,500 deposit.

RESOLUTION #162

AWARD BID ON WOOD BOILER TO ADIRONDACK HARDWARE

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 purchase an EPA ECL 3200 30IR Wood Boiler from Adirondack Hardware at a cost of \$14,900 plus shipping cost to Keeseville of \$500..

WADHAMS WATER – Thursday Supervisor Connell will meet with John Crandall and Dawn St. Louis and the DPW Superintendent to make sure we are ready to close on the well pump in Wadhams.

HIGHWAY GARAGE – The Oil Water Separator Bids have been accepted and we have sent them off to Peter Gibbs to look at them and review them.

The Committee is still working on the building update.

TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE – The committee is currently looking at six architects and then they will be coming to the Board with a recommendation.

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – We are waiting for information from the Attorneys and from the Saratoga Associates.

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CEMETERY/OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Councilman Sherman reported that they have met with the VanDuynes and they are willing to give up a right of way on the south side of their property.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – Supervisor Connell would like to recommend the name of River Street Planning & Development, LLC at 639 Pawling Ave., Troy NY as the firm to assist in the economic revitalization strategy for Westport.

RESOLUTION #162
AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH RIVER STREET PLANNING

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 Supervisor Connell to sign the agreement with River Street Planning & Development as per the recommendation of Supervisor Connell.

NEW BUSINESS

FEMA CONTRACT & EASEMENT – There is debris left in the Black River that Essex County can receive compensation under FEMA for its removal. The Town will have an agreement with the County to actually perform the work before it will get reimbursed.

RESOLUTION #163
FEMA CONTRACT WITH COUNTY

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 the Supervisor the sign the Essex County Contract No. MISC 12-0126 for the removal of debris in the Black River.

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WORMAN ROAD PUMP STATION BIDS

The Clerk opened and read the one bid received from Trinity Construction Inc.
180 Bridge St., Selkirk, NY \$137,663.00

RESOLUTION #164
PUMP STATION BID

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 reject the single bid received and to go out to bid again.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk's July report and supporting documents.

REQUEST FROM ROCK HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION – There was a request by the Rock Harbor Homeowners Association to reduce the speed limit where Rock Harbor Way meets Lakeshore Road just west of the intersection of Lakeshore Road and the Angier Hill Road. Since this is a County issue Supervisor Connell will turn their letter over to Anthony LaVigne.

RESOLUTION #165
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 payment of Abstract 8A for Vouchers 2012-436 through Vouchers 2012-473 in the amount of \$35,693.80.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

We have some problems with the pickup truck that I use and the heads have been sent away for repair.

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The new pump at the pump station near Schwoebels is acting up and needs to be sent away. We're still looking around for suggestions from other towns as to how to deal with the screens on Thad's truck. The grass is already starting to grow back in on the Huggins property and we continue to dig ditches, as we are able.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

The sidewalk bid was awarded to Luck Brothers of Plattsburgh NY for \$9,800.

We are being taken to Small Claims Court on two Assessment issues and Champlain National Bank is suing us in Supreme Court also on an Assessment issue.

COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESOLUTION #166
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

RESOLUTION #167
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 close Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and return to Regular Session.

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RESOLUTION #168
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk