

REGULAR WESTPORT TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2013

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
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Gerald Goulet, James Herrmann, Nancy Page, Barbara Breyette, Steven Viens

RESOLUTION #213 MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2013

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2013 Regular Board Meeting minutes as received.

RESOLUTION #214 MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2013

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
1 Abstain Tyler

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting minutes that were read.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Director Lee reported to Supervisor Connell that everything has been going great in the program.

OLD BUSINESS

SOLAR POWER UPDATE – Councilman Sherman has spoken with a company that would like to come and make a presentation to the Board on November 26th. The Board agreed with the date and Tim will proceed with setting this up.

TIMBER SALE – There is a Land Use License in the Board’s packets that the Attorney for the Town recommends the Board authorize the Supervisor to sign.

RESOLUTION #215

TIMBER SALE – GETMAN LAND USE LICENSE

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 Land Use License with the Getman Family Trust.

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – We have received the draft Planned Unit Development Law. This recognizes innovative zoning and planning techniques for potential new Hamlet expansion projects with designated areas of the Town of Westport.

The Board is asked to read through it, make notes and be prepared to discuss it at a later time.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – There will be a public hearing on November 19th.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – We are still waiting for some of our local artists to submit some artwork for our logo. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 29th at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

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HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE – We have received the resolution from the Fire District. Vermont Integrated Architecture (VIA) is the successful bidder. Tentatively there will be a joint meeting with the Fire District, the Town and VIA on November 1st at 1:00 p.m.

ASSESSOR – The new assessor has started working and will be here on Thursdays.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION #216
APPOINTMENT TO Board of Assessment Review**

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Nancy Page to fill the position on the Board of Assessment Review.

HEALTH INSURANCE – This morning there was a special board meeting to discuss the town's health insurance plan, for the policy we have is no longer available. Tish Biesemeyer from Burnham Financial reviewed with us what was comparable.

**RESOLUTION #217
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN**

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 go with the Platinum Plan for the employees and the Medicare Supplemental for Retirees.

TOWN CLERKS SEPTEMBER REPORT – The Supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk's September report and supporting documents.

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MALLOY & GASTLER WATER LEAK – Councilman Paquette review the water leak that occurred at the Malloy & Gastler property.

RESOLUTION #218
MALLOY/GASTLER WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT

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

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

RESOLVED due to the circumstances with the water leak to reduce their water bill by \$500.00.

WADHAMS WASTE WATER TREATMENT – We have been notified by NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation that without certain modifications being made they will pull our SPDES permit by 2017.

Supervisor Connell's recommendation is to declare a state of emergency and hire AES before 12/2013 at a cost of \$5,600 and submit a WQIP Application before 12/2013.

RESOLUTION #219
DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY
HIRE AES

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to declare a State of Emergency at the Wadhams Waste Water Treatment Plant and to hire AES at \$5,600.00 to gather the information for the WQIP Application.

WADHAMS – ROUTE 22 – SIDEWALK – The State is going to begin repairing the slope failure and will not be putting in any sidewalk.

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RESOLUTION #220
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 10B for Vouchers 2013-621 through 2013-642 in the amount of \$25,841.50.

SAND BIDS – The Clerk opened and read the following two bids:

John W. Sheehan & Sons
Alt. One \$7.95 yard
Alt. Two \$5.35 yard

Lewis Quarry Division of Graymont
Alt. One \$7.00 Ton (1.5 tons per c/yd)
Alt Two \$2.50 Ton

RESOLUTION #221
SAND BIDS

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 DPW Superintendent to review the two bids and make sure they meet the bid specs and award the bid to the lowest bidder.

TRUCK BIDS – The Clerk opened and read the following three bids:

Kyle Wisley \$427.00
Taylor Atwell \$175.89
George Moore \$206.90

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RESOLUTION #222
AWARD TRUCK BID

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 award the bid on the 2002 Ford F150 Pickup Truck to Kyle Wrisley for \$427.00.

2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Supervisor Connell reviewed the preliminary figures on the budget. The total budget for 2014 is adopted would be \$1,533,359.50, the tax levy would be \$885,277.00 which represents a decrease of -1% or \$(7,500.00) from the 2013 tax levy.

RESOLUTION #223
ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET & HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

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 adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2014 at \$1,533,359.50 and hold the public hearing on October 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT & REQUEST – Mr. Westover is out on sick leave for another week.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Supervisor Connell extended his thanks to the Board for their time and energies put forth on the budget.

He also wished to thank Councilman Paquette and Councilman Tyler for all they did when he was sick; coming in to the office frequently checking on things and keeping things going and to George and Robin for their extra assistance as well.

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COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS

Councilman McCormick acknowledges Councilman's Paquette's effort in handling the water situation on the Malloy/Gastler property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

RESOLUTION #224
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk