

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on October 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 2:45 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Supervisor Connell
Excused: Councilperson McCormick

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Edward Mason, Youth Commission Director
Jim Bullard, Anne Turek, James Herrmann, Patricia French, Heidi Sweet, Laura McDaniel

RESOLUTION #167 MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #168 MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Special Town Board Meeting as received.

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RESOLUTION #169
MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2015

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2015 Special Town Board Meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Anne Turek read a letter concerning the removal and disposal of old culverts along Mountain Spring Road. Dennie Westover responded that this is a project that the highway crew hasn't gotten to yet. They will try to remove the culverts before the snow starts and they can be recycled as scrap metal. Jim Bullard voiced his concern with the risks that the Fire Department and Highway buildings pose to workers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Ed Mason provided an update. Bidy Soccer has ended, following a season with 59 participants. The tournament at Camp Dudley had the largest turnout with over 2,000 in attendance. The dance and gymnastics program has started with 29 kids signed up. Income from these classes will cover expenses of the instructor and use of the Heritage House. Ed is keeping the website and facebook page updated and provides the school with updates for their weekly news notes.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN JUSTICES – There should be an article in the Valley News this week.

TRANSFER STATION – Will be closed Wednesdays from December 9, 2015 through April 6, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #170
FALL CLEAN UP DAY

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On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to have a Fall Clean Up day on Friday, November 13th.

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – A \$2,955.00 grant was awarded from the Preservation League of New York State to aid in the cost of completing a Building Condition Survey for the Heritage House.

RESOLUTION #171
PRESERVATION LEAGUE GRANT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, seconded by Councilperson Page, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the contract with the Preservation League of New York State, accepting the grant award of \$2,955.

WADHAMS SEWER PLANT UPDATE – The due date for the engineering report has been extended, but the completion date of May 1, 2017 remains the same.

MEO UPGRADE – The last hire was given the position of MEO Trainee, with the opportunity to be reclassified as an MEO after one year of employment. With a recommendation from Dennie, the Town Board can consider this reclassification.

TREE REMOVAL – Trees in Lee Park are leaning onto Everybody's market and require professional removal. Taylor and Saulsgiver were contacted, but the latter did not submit a quote.

RESOLUTION #172
TAYLOR TREE CARE

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Paquette, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to accept the \$1,800 estimate from Taylor Tree Care to remove box elders from Lee Park.

RESOLUTION #173
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Paquette, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 10B in the amount of \$26,122.24 for Vouchers 2015-564 through 2015-583.

BUDGET HEARING SUMMARY – The total tax levy is \$910,984, which is under the tax cap. The tax rate is 3.86 for those not in a water or sewer district. Salaries for union workers, non-elected and non-appointed employees, and the town clerk have increased. Health insurance costs have also increased and the state retirement cost has decreased.

RESOLUTION #174
2016 FINAL BUDGET

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to adopt the 2016 Preliminary Budget as the 2016 Final Budget, with a tax levy of \$910,984.

RESOLUTION #175
CULVERT ORDER

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Paquette, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of culverts, through the County contract, for \$1,271.72.

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RESOLUTION #176
LEAVES/GRASS TO TRANSFER STATION

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Paquette, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow residents to dispose of leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings at the Transfer Station at no charge.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Trees and limbs along the road that pose a threat to power lines will be removed. The tree at the Heritage House was removed yesterday and will be cleaned up soon. The Highway Inventory is complete, though Commercial Park Lane, Fish and Game Way, and part of Stevenson Road were not previously included. They have been added to the inventory and require a resolution.

RESOLUTION #177
COMMERCIAL PARK LANE AND STEVENSON RD

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Page, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED that the Town of Westport accepts responsibility for and owns the right of way for Commercial Park Lane and Stevenson Road (from Rte 9N and 22 to the county line).

Fish and Game Way may require an agreement with landowners if the road is on private property. Research will be done before any action is taken. Dennie would like to purchase a new sidewalk maintenance machine. The current machine requires frequent maintenance, while a new machine would last longer and would allow for a mower attachment. The cost should be between \$27,000 and \$32,000.

RESOLUTION #178
SIDEWALK MACHINE BID

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Paquette, and approved on a roll call vote.

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4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to go to bid for a new all-wheel drive articulating tractor. Bids must be received by 2 p.m. on November 24, 2015.

Dennie provided a copy of the Prospective Replacement Proposal that was made two years ago. It will be updated to reflect current equipment. Dennie also provided quotes for tires for next year and for a replacement water/sewer truck.

RESOLUTION #179
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Paquette, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.

RESOLUTION #180
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Paquette, and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to close Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 4:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #181
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk