

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on November 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 6:30 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
William Johnston, George Maffey, Barbara Breyette, Dan Faber, Gordon Decker,
Bruce Misarski, John McWilliam, Nancy Page, Katherine Clark-Valley News,
Peter Gibbs-Engineering Ventures

TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE – Bill Johnston and the Town Hall Rehab Committee were present to review with the Board their progress report. They discussed the needs of the building, the needs of the users of the building, how to approach those needs, renovation objectives and a schedule of upcoming activities involved with completing the Feasibility Study.

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE - A presentation was given by Peter Gibbs on a “building concept” for a DPW/Fire Department Building. After considerable discussion the Board requested that the Fire Commissioners review the concept at their next meeting and let the Town Board know if they are interested in being included in looking further into this concept.

Supervisor Connell expressed the Board’s thanks to Mr. Gibbs for the time and effort he has been giving to the Town of Westport.

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RESOLUTION #214
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23rd, 2012 as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – The new storage racks are here and they hope to start organizing the room soon. We plan to start reviewing the by-laws a few sections at a time. Soccer season is over now and it went very well. The website has been updated and dance class has started at the Heritage House. We are starting to get coaches for basketball with practice starting on December 4th. Also we are looking into the ski & ride program and applications for scholarships have to be in by November 25th.

TAX COMMITTEE – They are going to wait until after the first of the year to meet.

OLD BUSINESS

WADHAMS WATER – All the papers for closing have been turned over to the Bond Counsel for a November 27th closing.

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – We have been promised to have the recommendations in November.

CEMETERY ON OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Discussions have taken place with Gary Wilson and the property owner and it has been determined that we need to do a survey for a right-of-way. Mr. Wilson will draw up the paperwork so we can put out an RFP for the survey.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – We received an email from IDA stating that they are working with the consultant.

NORTH COUNTRY HEALTHY HEART CONTRACT – The funding is gone from this project.

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WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION – Mr. Westover has been in contact with the company and they had not ordered the pump as yet.

CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK LITIGATION – At this time we are waiting for an evaluation.

SEWER CHARGES – They are being discussed with the property owner at Rolling Hills.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #215
APPROVAL OF 2013 BUDGET

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 2013 Budget in the amount of \$1,899,444.

WOOD BURNER BIDS – None

RESOLUTION #216
SURPLUS WOOD BURNER

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 to declare the Wood Burner as surplus and recycle it.

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1998 FORD DUMP TRUCK BIDS

Two bids were received and opened as follows:

\$3,007 Robert Blaise, Mineville, NY
\$2,850 Robert McGee, Westport, NY

RESOLUTION #217
REJECT TRUCK BIDS

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 reject both bids and fix the truck so it can be used for the Water and Sewer Department.

MINE INSPECTION AND PERMIT RENEWAL – The DPW Superintendent is currently working on the paperwork for the process now.

RESOLUTION #218
BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the following budget transfers:

\$200	From	A1990.4	To	A2989.4
\$207		A1990.4		A5410.4
\$2,000		A1460.1		A8020.1
\$3,000		A1990.4		A5132.4
\$4,000		DA5142.1		DA5140.1

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\$1,800	SS119904.9	SS18120.4
\$4,000	SS181301.9.47	SS18120.4
\$1,800	SS181304.9.0	SS18120.4
\$300	SW39710.6.13	SW383140.1
\$100	SW397106.13	SW39030.8

REQUEST FROM HIGH PEAKS HOSPICE - High Peaks Hospice requests the use of the meeting room on November 20th from 1-2p.m.

RESOLUTION #219
USE OF ROOM HIGH PEAKS HOSPICE

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 use of the meeting room to High Peaks Hospice on November 20th at 1:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #220
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

RESOLVED to payment of bills on Abstract 11A for Vouchers 2012-605 through 2012-641 in the amount of \$21,286.06.

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

RESOLUTION #220
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ROBERT (BOB) JERDO

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the following resolution was passed.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

ROBERT (BOB) JERDO

WHEREAS, Bob Jerdo during the early years when he resided in Wadhams, New York he was a founding member of the Wadhams Volunteer Fire Company, and

WHEREAS, Bob built along with the other founding members in 1957 the building that still houses the Wadhams Volunteer Fire Company, and

WHEREAS, Bob has given countless hours of his time and talents to the Town of Westport and the Hamlet of Wadhams, including but not limited to; hauling water for wells and the Hamlet reservoir when they went dry; setting up generators during power outages; shoveling snow for neighbors and residents unable to perform the job themselves and a multiple of other tasks to support the Hamlet of Wadhams, and

WHEREAS, Bob has been the primary person to keep the Wadhams Fire Department equipment in operating order for many of the past years since 1957,

THEREFORE, the residents of the Hamlet of Wadhams and of the Town of Westport wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for Bob's years of unselfish service, devotion and protection he has given to our communities, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Westport wish to recognize and thank Bob Jerdo for the sixty-eight years he has already served as a fireman, for his service to the Hamlet of Wadhams and the Town of Westport and for the many more years we know he will provide this same dedicated service to his fellow residents.

Recognition Night Thursday Dec 6th, Town Hall 7:00 p.m. IT IS A SURPRISE

DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

The hearing test for the crew was rescheduled due to the storm warnings. The pump station at Schwoebels is coming closer to be repaired. I've been getting quotes for the electrical work on the oil/water separator and would like authorization to accept the lowest quote.

RESOLUTION #221
AUTHORIZE ELECTRICAL WORK
OIL/WATER SEPARATOR

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 the DPW Superintendent to accept the lowest electrical quote for the electrical work on the oil/water separator.

I discussed with Supervisor Connell about purchasing a mower and I have 3 quotes. The lowest is \$8,600.

RESOLUTION #222
PURCHASE MOWER

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 the DPW Superintendent to purchase the mower at \$8600 from Champlain Valley Equipment.

In reference to the old mower I'd like to declare it surplus and make it available to other towns who have given other items to us.

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RESOLUTION #223
SURPLUS OLD MOWER

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 declare the old mower surplus and authorize the DPW Superintendent to make it available to another Town for its use.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

We have received notification from the NYS Department of Transportation that upon completion of their engineering study that a speed limit reduction is not warranted on the Youngs Road.

Charter notified us of the franchise fee due us in the amount of \$2,177.63.

The Essex County Manager has provided a list of the nine mandates and associated costs between 2012 and 2013 and how they impact the county ability to meet the tax cap.

RESOLUTION #224
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk