

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on December 11, 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
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent

RESOLUTION #234 MINUTES NOVEMBER 27, 2012

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 27, 2012 as received.

Councilman McCormick entered the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEES

YOUTH COMMISSION

Director Lee emailed a report to the Board reviewing the year. During 2012 they served 145 youth ages 4-17 which participated in 3 to 4 of the activities the Youth Commission offered. The new office space in the back portion of the Town Hall is a great improvement. We are still looking for letters of interest from someone willing to fill a position on the Youth Commission Board.

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The goals for 2012 are:

- maintain the quality of our base programs
- reach every young person in Westport with at least one activity
- expand the summer program enrollment by participating in the county's hot lunch program
- try 1-2 single day programs that expand what we offer
- review and update by-laws
- offer online registration
- begin tracking volunteer donated hours

Councilman Sherman reported that the basketball program along with the dance program have started and the ski/ride paperwork is being put together now.

TAX COMMITTEE

They won't be holding a meeting until after the first of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE – At the last meeting Commissioner Misarski stated the Fire District was interested in continuing with the concept of a combined building and as earlier agreed we were now waiting for that confirmation in writing.

TOWN HALL UPDATE – Last week the Committee went to Willsboro and Essex to visit different sites and there will be a report in January that will be put out to the public on the Town Hall Assessment.

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – We have still not received the information from Saratoga Associates.

CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Nothing further at this time.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – There was a conference call on the draft report and the final report should be ready after the first of the year.

SEWER CHARGES – The meeting is taking place on Friday with Mr. Mann.

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NEW BUSINESS

REVISED WADHAMS WATER RATES

Supervisor Connell discussed the possibility of lowering the water rate charges in Wadhams to \$75 quarterly per unit. This is an item that is reviewed annually along with looking at the reserves that are there to deal with unplanned expenses.

RESOLUTION #235
WADHAMS WATER RATES

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 lower the water rate charge in Wadhams to \$75.00 a quarter per unit and to maintain the reserves annually so that they not be spent down where emergency expenditures can not be handled by the district.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

DEC. 24TH CHANGED TO YEAR-END MEETING ON DECEMBER 27TH AT 5:30 P.M.

JAN. 8TH CHANGED TO ORGANIZATIONAL ON JAN 9TH AT 7:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY REGULAR MEETING.

TOWN CLERK'S NOVEMBER REPORT

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

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NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY WORK PERMIT

RESOLUTION #236
NYSDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY WORK PERMIT

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the NYSDOT Right-of-Way Work Permit #20110127894.

RESOLUTION #237
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 approve the payment of bills on Abstract 12A for Vouchers 2012-658 through 2012-701 in the amount of \$45,337.34.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

Mr. Westover asked that the Clerk publish the winter parking ban in the newspaper. The pump at Schwoebel's is still doing well with the new cutters. The brush cutting head for the excavator has been sent to the Alamo dealer for repair, the cost will be about \$900. The broom the Board had approved has been ordered from CVE. The new furnace for the Town Garage is running fine and we have covered up the woodpile. With Board approval I'd like to go up to the watershed and draw out some of the trees that have fallen down or left behind after the last cutting, have someone saw them up and build a wood shed to store our wood in. I have eye beams that it could be built on and then moved if necessary. It was the consensus of the Board that this was a good concept and to get quotes on the cost for sawing of the lumber.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Connell acknowledged that the County budget had been approved and discussed some components with the Board.

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COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

RESOLUTION #238
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk