

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on July 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 3:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Paquette (arrived at 3:07)
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler
Excused: Councilperson Page

Others present:

George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer (arrived at 3:25)
Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Heidi Sweet, James Herrmann, Bill LaHendro

PUBLIC COMMENT – Heidi Sweet said two of the new signs will be put up on Thursday, however the sign for the boat launch is too big to go where they originally planned. A new location has been chosen and they are waiting for approval. Heidi also pointed out an issue with the flagpole at the old school house. The pole is too tall to put a light on and it needs to be painted. She will meet with Dennie to discuss this.

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE TREE – A dying tree needs to be removed and Taylor Tree Care submitted a quote of \$1,800 (\$1,200 for cutting down and removing the tree and \$600 for planting a new tree). Heidi Sweet asked about the possibility of a tree being donated.

RESOLUTION #140 SCHOOL HOUSE TREE REMOVAL

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the expenditure of \$1200 to Taylor Tree Care to remove a dying Maple if a more affordable option is not available through the County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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YOUTH COMMISSION – Ed Mason was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a request for an ad to be posted in the Sun Community News for Kirk Ware’s soccer clinic. The clinic is for girls grades 8-12 and the program runs from August 8-12. Supervisor Tyler will contact the paper about the possibility of including this notice as part of an editorial on the Youth Commission program. If not possible, it will be run as a paid ad.

RESOLUTION #141
YOUTH COMMISSION AD

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the advertisement of Kirk Ware’s soccer clinic in the Sun Community News.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION – There was a meeting last week at which the projected project cost was revealed to be around \$1 million. They discussed how to reduce this and the architects will bring a renewed plan in mid August.

RESOLUTION #142
MINUTES JULY 12, 2016

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as received.

OLD BUSINESS

WEBPAGE – The new site is up and running. Training will take place next Friday on how to update and make changes to the site.

NEW BUSINESS

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RESOLUTION #143
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 7B in the amount of \$65,675.11 for Vouchers 2016-395 through 2016-413.

UPPER HUDSON RECREATION HUB RESOLUTION – will be tabled until Councilperson Page is present.

RESOLUTION #144
STATE & MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANT

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport has been awarded \$100,000 for renovations to the town hall and community building through the State and Municipal facilities program (SAM), and

WHEREAS, in order to create a contract for the aforesaid grant, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) requires that the grantee submit certain documents certified by two members of the board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Westport authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Michael Tyler, and Councilwoman Nancy Page, to sign (1) the “Grantee Certification”; and (2) the “Grantee Questionnaire.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Michael Tyler, and Councilwoman Nancy Page are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with DASNY for said grant, upon its receipt by the town, and all other documents required to be signed and submitted in connection with the administration of said grant.

RESOLUTION #145
ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the NYS Deferred Compensation ACH for electronic payment.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Three of the surplus items listed on the auction site were not bid on, but will be listed for a bit longer. The lawnmower received a bid of \$350 and requires action by the board.

RESOLUTION #146
LAWNMOWER SALE

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept Scott Bixby's bid of \$350 for the surplus lawnmower.

DPW REPORT CONTINUED – Paving should be finished around August 25th. The state has issued a drought watch. We currently have about 110 gallons per minute less than in the last few weeks. The water/sewer truck is back at Egglefield for repair after multiple breakdowns.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Ace Electric and Bessoboro Builders submitted bids for repairing the storm damage at the park. Supervisor Tyler believes that the lowest bidder (Ace Electric) must be chosen when dealing with insurance companies, but he will double check before a decision is made.

Supervisor Tyler submitted information to the waterfront grant program.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – Councilperson Paquette would like the town to keep close watch on the spring levels.

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RESOLUTION #147
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk