

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on January 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler
Excused: Councilperson Paquette

Others present:

George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Ed Mason, Youth Commission Director
Chris Maron, Albert Haberle, Dan Keegan, Meighan McWilliam, Brian Larose,
Nate Sherman, Heidi Sweet, Robin Severance, Adam Perry

RESOLUTION #27 MINUTES DECEMBER 23, 2016

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the December 23, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #28 MINUTES JANUARY 3, 2017

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Organization Meeting as received.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION, ED MASON – Bidy Basketball started last Saturday. They had an issue with scheduling games for co-ed teams, but are working through it. The Ski Program has started and has 23 participants. The Dance Program continues with 21 participants. Ed proposed that Jim McNaughton be added to the Youth Commission Board.

RESOLUTION #29
YOUTH COMMISSION APPOINTEES

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Children and Family Services mandates in Law 420 Article 16, the yearly appointment or reappointment of a person to act as a representative on the County Youth Board/Planning Committee take place, and

WHEREAS, also in Executive Law 420 Article 16, a municipality receiving Office of Children and Family Services funds must appoint a Youth Commission. Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westport appoints Ed Mason, 6415 Main St., Westport NY, 518-962-4879, to act as the Official Representative for the Town of Westport on the Youth Board/Planning Committee and that Jeff Schwoebel, 734 NYS Rte. 22, Westport NY, 518-962-8567, shall act as his alternate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Westport appoints the following to serve on the Youth Commission:

Kristen Carothers, Liberty St., Westport, 901-338-2362, Parent
Ashley Duke, Lakeshore Road, Westport, 608-633-8114, Parent
Meredith King, 111 Sisco Street, Westport, 962-4908, Registered Nurse
Keith Lobdell, Champlain Ave., Westport, 524-3849, Reporter for The Sun
Jim McNaughton, NYS Rte 9, Westport, 607-222-6744, Health Care
Barry Morrison, Eagle Lane, Westport, Town Board Liaison
Heather Reynolds, 2554 County Rte 10, Westport, 572-0337, RN
Hannah Schwoebel, 734 NYS Rte 22, Westport, Student Liaison
Jeff Schwoebel, 734 NYS Rte 22, Westport, 962-8567, Contractor

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ALSO, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Westport authorizes the Director of the Essex County Youth Bureau to sign amendments of no increase/no decrease in State Aid for said municipality, and that the Director of the Youth Bureau has agreed to return copies of the amendments to the municipality, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Essex County Youth Bureau, Essex County Government Center, Elizabethtown, NY 12932.

RESOLUTION #30
PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH COMMISSION PROGRAM

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

WHEREAS, Town of Westport has again decided to run a youth service program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport has approved the appointment of its Youth Commission members and,

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has been authorized to expend at least \$2,000 to cover the 50/50 match required by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Westport approved the 2017 application and authorized the Youth Commission to expend at least \$2,000 for the 2017 youth services program(s), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Essex County Community Resources office, 7533 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION – Supervisor Tyler said they are looking into whether or not they can negotiate with low bidders or if they would be required to go out to bid again. Councilperson Page said that there is a meeting on Thursday. She thinks the project will be able to meet the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Heidi Sweet commented that the sidewalk along Merrihew Lane needs to be better maintained during the winter. There is a telephone pole in the

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middle of it that may be contributing to the problem. Chris Maron said he has contacted the electric company in the past, but nothing was done. Supervisor Tyler will call them.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY ON JUNK VEHICLES – The article was published in The Sun last week. Supervisor Tyler stated that he sees this project as educational; many residents don't know about the ordinance. He thinks it could help those who are looking to dispose of vehicles. He also brought up the high cost of a town wide mailing, to which Chris Maron mentioned a postcard or bulk-mailing alternative.

Councilperson Page said the letter should be sent to everyone and that it should mention the ordinance, but focus on the opportunity.

Dan Keegan asked about the next step – would there be a focused follow-up to those that don't comply?

Councilperson Page said it would better to see what happens with the mailing and then discuss it further.

Supervisor Tyler said that they will move forward with getting the letters out.

Albert Haberle added that citizens should also be made aware of an open container issue. Such containers can attract disease-carrying mosquitoes, especially during warmer months.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #31
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 1A in the amount of \$74,747.05 for Vouchers 2017-1 through 2017-47.

RESOLUTION #32
TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to accept the town clerk's December report as received.

JUSTICE REPORT – The supervisor is in receipt of the Town Court's December report.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – A truck's sander screen is in disrepair and a new set from the plow company would cost \$2600. Dennie was able to find someone to repair the current screen for \$800-900. The sidewalk sander they were looking to get was sold with another machine. A highway employee will cover Wednesday's transfer station shift, as Richard is still on vacation and Dave is unable to work that day. The water meter RFP has been advertised.

Councilperson Morrison said that he has received multiple compliments from other towns on our snow removal.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Supervisor Tyler received an email from Laura Benedict. The logger will start moving equipment soon for the timber cut. Laura will attend the next meeting to provide more info.

RESOLUTION #33

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk