

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on October 24, 2017

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 Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Supervisor Tyler
Excused: Councilperson Morrison

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Tish Biesemeyer, Burnham Benefit Advisors
Laura Benedict, Dave Reckahn, Phil Siarkowski, Keven Severance

RESOLUTION #193 MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2017

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as received.

TIMBER BIDS – The following bids were received:
Mill River Lumber - \$50,000
Adirondack Firewood & Logging - \$38,168.85
Prentiss & Carlisle - \$45,213

RESOLUTION #194 AWARD TIMBER BID

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to authorize Soil & Water to review and award the bid.

BURNHAM FINANCIAL – Tish provided board members with a packet detailing the current health insurance plan and comparing it to other carriers. The town will keep the same health, dental, and vision plans for 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

YOUTH COMMISSION – No update available.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION – There has been a delay with the heating units. Supervisor Tyler is hoping to move within the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #195
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstracts 10B and 10C in the amount of \$187,937.73 for Vouchers 2017-581 through 2017-602.

ELECTRONIC CHARGING SYSTEM – Purchasing a \$2,000 (approximate cost) charging system would be the last step in making the town eligible to receive a \$50,000 grant. The grant could allow the town to purchase a more efficient heating system or install solar panels.

RESOLUTION #196
ELECTRONIC CHARGING SYSTEM

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of an electronic charging system.

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RESOLUTION #197
PRELIMINARY BUDGET

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the 2018 Tentative Budget as the 2018 Preliminary Budget.

CELL PHONES – Supervisor Tyler would like to offer department heads the opportunity to have business cell phones. The town would pay for the phones and service plans.

RESOLUTION #198
EMPLOYEE CELL PHONES

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the acquisition of cell phones/service plans for the Water/Wastewater Plant Operator, Highway Superintendent, and Town Supervisor beginning January 1, 2018.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS – The Transfer Station will close on Wednesdays from November 1, 2017 through May 15, 2018.

RESOLUTION #199
TV/MONITOR CHARGE

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to charge a \$25 recycling fee for all TVs and computer monitors brought to the Transfer Station.

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DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dave Reckahn is applying for grants and wants to know if the town is interested in taking part in a \$20,000 grant to replace a culvert. The town would need to spend money before being reimbursed. Supervisor Tyler said he would need to look at next year’s budget before making a decision. Sand hauling is almost complete and the Front Street sewer line has been cleaned and cleared of debris. Dennie is looking for a pickup to replace the 2007 Dodge. He would like to go to bid for a used pickup between \$15,000-20,000. This will be discussed further.

MOORING – Erik Flakoll, who owns a home on Merriam Forge Road, would like to place a mooring off the public beach. He has received permission from the DEC and Army Corps of Engineers and needs the town’s approval to obtain a one-year permit.

RESOLUTION #200
MOORING

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to grant Erik Flakoll permission to place a sailboat mooring off the Westport Beach.

UNION CONTRACT – An updated version of the contract was given to board members to review.

HIGHWAY POSITION – Two previously received applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled for Friday. A recommendation will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

RESOLUTION #201
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk