

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on April 24, 2018

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 Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Jim Rule, Connor Martin

RESOLUTION #78 MINUTES APRIL 10, 2018

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

5 Ayes Page, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting with an addition to the Public Comment section stating that, “Nancy Montville found a rat on her front porch.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilperson Morrison attended their last meeting and brought Supervisor Tyler’s Ski Program budget concern to their attention. They are preparing for the upcoming Bidy Baseball season and Summer Program. Coaches and summer employees will need Town Board approval before being hired. Councilperson Page suggested looking at pricing for the Summer Program. The length of the program has been extended in the last few years, but the cost to attend has remained the same. Councilperson Morrison will mention this at the next Youth Commission meeting.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION – They will begin discussion on plans for the building’s exterior — landscaping, parking, etc.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #79
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Page, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize payment of bills on Abstract 9 in the amount of \$141,822.70 for Vouchers 240-265.

NATIONAL GRID RESOLUTION – Board members were given copies of a resolution titled “Resolution Demanding that National Grid Cease its Practice of Shifting its Costs of the Obligation for the Maintenance of its Infrastructure to Broadband Grant Awardees and the Current New York State Broadband Program.” This Resolution was passed by the Essex County Board of Supervisors on April 9th. The board will review it and act at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #80
EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY FUNDS

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

5 Ayes Page, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the expenditure of funds, pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law, in the amount of \$29,615.

RESOLUTION #81
BUDGET TRANSFERS/CORRECTIONS

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

5 Ayes Page, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to authorize the following budget transfers:

\$2500 from A1990.4 Contingency to A6410.4 Publicity CE
\$9156 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1680.4 Data Processing
\$394.24 from A7310.4 Youth Program to A7310.41 Ski Program
\$1952 from A600 Accounts Payable to A690 Court Fees
\$3018.21 from DA5110.41 (Payment entered as expense) to DA2300A (Fuel payment from school)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to correct the following account codes:

A1220.11 to A1220.12 Payroll #2
A1410.1 to A1410.11 PR #1-7
A1620.1 to A1620.11 PR #3-7
A5010.1 to A5010.11 PR #3

DOH REPORT – The Department of Health conducted inspections of the Westport and Wadhams water systems and submitted a report of their findings.

LANDFILL SAFETY – Councilperson Viens visited the Transfer Station and stated that the ramp leading into the recycling trailer is a major safety concern. The town could buy a loading dock ramp, however the weight of it may be an issue, as it will need to be moved. Councilperson Page mentioned that the trailers may be different widths, which would affect the placement of pallets and boxes inside.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – Councilperson Page asked for a recap of the streetlight issue at the Haskins residence. Supervisor Tyler replied that National Grid had done all that they can and the only alternative is to remove the light.

DISCUSSION WITH FIRE COMMISSIONERS – Fire Commissioner Jim Rule spoke with the board about Fire/DPW building project. Councilperson Morrison suggested continuing the discussion at a later meeting when more Commissioners may be able to attend. Supervisor Tyler will see if Peter Gibbs is available to attend a meeting to answer some of their questions. Pending his availability, a meeting may be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on May 8th.

RESOLUTION #82
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk