

## **Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on September 11, 2018**

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 Kirkby  
Councilperson Viens  
Councilperson Morrison  
Supervisor Tyler  
Excused: Councilperson Page

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk  
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent  
Ed Mason, Vera Martin, Richard Vaughan, Josh Meyer

### **RESOLUTION #145 MINUTES AUGUST 28, 2018**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2018 regular meeting as received.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Ed Mason attended the County Youth Board meeting yesterday and provided copies of their annual allocation report. The Biddy Soccer tournament is this Saturday at Camp Dudley. The Dance and Movement Program will begin in October. The Youth Commission's 2019 budget has been submitted. Ed recognized Vera Martin's work as Summer Camp Director and Supervisor Tyler presented her with a plaque.

**WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL** – Josh Meyer provided information on the possible school merger. He stated that he wants people to understand what's at stake; 5-year projections show the continuous need to cut positions. This Thursday the school board will decide on whether or not to bring the vote to the public. If approved, there will be a public vote on October 9, which will determine if the process moves forward. The final binding vote would be on December 4; a majority "yes" vote would result in a merger.

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Councilperson Morrison inquired as to what would happen if the merger fails and if the state could get involved. Mr. Meyer responded that states can take over schools due to poor test scores or the inability to provide state mandated graduation requirements. He said that this generally happens to inner-city schools; there isn't a model for our situation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #146**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize payment of bills on Abstract 18 in the amount of \$14,893.18 for Vouchers 485-513.

**RESIGNATION** – Gary Reynolds submitted a resignation notice from his position as Dog Control Officer. This will take effect on December 31, 2018.

**RESOLUTION #147**  
**NATIONAL CONTRACT**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign a one-year contract with National Business Technologies for the Sharp photocopier.

**MONTHLY REPORTS** – The supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk's and Town Court's August reports.

**LANDFILL TICKETS** – The county is increasing the cost for collecting trash from town landfills. Supervisor Tyler recommended that starting January 1, the town increase the per bag price from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

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**RESOLUTION #148**  
**LANDFILL PRICE**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** that as of January 1, 2019, the price per 15-gallon trash bag at the landfill will increase to \$2.00.

**LOCAL LAW** – Supervisor Tyler briefly discussed the possibility of establishing a local “pavement parking” law which would allow the town justice to reduce certain fines to a parking-in-pavement fee. In those cases, the town would keep 100% of the paid fine.

**LAND OFFER** – Dick Sherman sent a letter to the board offering to sell four parcels to the town. The Fire Department has discussed the possibility of using one of the parcels for a new station. Supervisor Tyler recommended that the town not purchase the properties, stating that he would reconsider if a business was interested in the land. Councilperson Viens said we need to concentrate efforts on the highway garage.

**RESOLUTION #149**  
**BUDGET TRANSFER**

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the transfer of \$1000 from A1110.1 Justices Personnel Services to A1680.4 Data Processing Contractual.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS** – Supervisor Tyler plans to have the 2019 Tentative Budget submitted before the next board meeting.  
Charter Communications sent a notice about a channel addition.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Richard Vaughan inquired as to whether a personal trailer could be used to hold cardboard at the landfill. Supervisor Tyler replied that he isn’t sure if the county can tow a trailer that they don’t own. He will speak to Dan Manning for more information.

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**RESOLUTION #150**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk