

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on September 25, 2018

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

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Morrison
Deputy Supervisor Viens
Excused: Supervisor Tyler

Others Present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent

RESOLUTION #151 MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison
0 Nays
1 Abstain Page

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2018 regular meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – The soccer tournament was held last weekend. Councilperson Morrison said that it was well attended.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #152 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison,
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to authorize payment of bills on Abstract 19 in the amount of \$39,066.10 for Vouchers 514-539.

TENTATIVE BUDGET – The 2019 Tentative Budget was filed with the town clerk on September 21 and council members were provided with copies.

RESOLUTION #153
SPECIAL MEETING

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

4 Ayes Page, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hold a special meeting on October 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Tentative Budget.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY – New York State is requiring all employers to adopt a sexual harassment policy and it must be adopted by October 9. Council members were provided with copies of the proposed policy and Councilperson Kirkby brought up a concern that the policy does not require the “harasser” to be notified before an official complaint is filed. He stated that while he could be wrong, or that it may have changed, he has seen this clause in policies of other employers. Councilperson Page said that this should be discussed further. Council members will review the proposed policy and act at the next meeting.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dennie would like to look into purchasing a tandem dump truck to replace their oldest truck. It would be purchased next year using reserve funding and carryover from this year’s budget. The grader tires need replacing and Dennie would like to purchase them at the end of the year if their budget allows. The county has pushed paving dates back again and is currently scheduled for October 2. Dennie suggested hiring Fuller Excavating from Keeseville to complete the job if the county is unable to begin the work by the given date.

RESOLUTION #154
FULLER EXCAVATING

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

4 Ayes Page, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to authorize Dennie Westover to hire Fuller Excavating for paving if Essex County does not meet their promised work date of October 2, 2018.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – The Harvest Festival was a success; Councilperson Page stated that the parking lot seemed full.

RESOLUTION #155
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk