

**TOWN OF WESTFORD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 14,2021**

At 7:02 p.m. the Westford Town Board Meeting was called to order.

Flag Salute was recited.

Present: Town Supervisor Walter Heinrich, Councilman Ritton, Councilman Zerby and Councilman Huntington, absent- Councilman Feil

Other Town Officials: Town Assessor Dyn-Gohde, Town Justice Fay, Town Clerk- Eileen Ten Eyck, absent - Highway Superintendant Ritton

The sign-in sheet is on file with the Town Clerk.

CORRECTIONS TO MAY 2021 MINUTES:

Under New Correspondence #3 changed spelling to Milton "Cat"

Under New Correspondence #8 changed description of NY Class to "investment service"

Motion by Councilman Huntington to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Ritton. Councilman Zerby aye, absent Councilman Feil.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1). W2's and W3's have been delivered by the Town Supervisor to the bookkeeper.
- 2). Bids for the care of local cemeteries were received and reviewed by Supervisor Heinrich and Councilman Ritton.
- 3). Milton Cat- the bill there has been satisfied and the Town Supervisor has an email that states this, but will keep this on file for future reference.
- 4). NY Class (investment services) re-contacted Supervisor Heinrich about opening an account. There is a guaranteed 2% return on any invested monies. There is interest in exploring participation so Supervisor Heinrich will continue to explore.
- 5). The Schenevus/Worcester merger vote is coming up.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1). Transfer Station: Councilman Huntington questioned why the town couldn't purchase a roll off truck with containers which would offer the possibility of utilizing the truck for other town business. Councilman Huntington will research availability and cost. If this

is a viable idea, Councilman Huntington suggested that the board start budgeting for long range planning for replacement trucks.

2). Refuse Ordinance- Supervisor Heinrich will contact the State as there are no records at the clerk's officer of the actual law that was passed.

3). Tire Day is still being explored.

4). Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual paperwork was made available along with the town's account for all to peruse.

COMMITTEES:

Fire: No report

Cemetery: Had clean up day that went well. The Cemetery Association has no funding for mowing this year. The Community Association is working on fund raising ideas.

Highway:

-The chipper is being fixed.

-Several driveway sluices are being cleaned out along with some road repair after the last storm.

-Paving stone has been delivered.

-Dust control- all dirt roads were done at a cost of \$5,450.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

1). A complaint was received regarding a town resident using the transfer station compactor on Wednesdays after he collects garbage. There are concerns about liability issues and concerns about the town financially assisting a private business. The Board discussed and the resolution was that the garbage may be dropped off while the transfer station is in operations on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Motion by Town Supervisor Heinrich to cease the private operation at the Transfer Station for private operation, seconded by Councilman Huntington. Councilmen Zerby and Ritton – ayes. Absent: Councilman Feil.

2). The new sign for Gopher Field was chosen by majority vote.

A motion by Town Supervisor Heinrich to accept the choice for the sign (#2) at Gopher Field, seconded by Councilman Zerby. Councilman Huntington and Ritton- ayes. Absent: Councilman Feil.

3). Association of Towns: American Rescue Act (ARPA funds) -money coming from the Federal Government to New York State will be filtered down to towns and villages at the end of May. NYS has 30 days (with the option of a 30 days extension) to get the monies

distributed and will most likely file for the extension. The State is working on a system to dispense the money. The Association of Towns will let municipalities know when and how to access websites to request the funds. The Town of Westford will need a Dunn and Bradstreet number as well as a SAMS.Gov account. Supervisor Heinrich will follow up on these items. It still appears that the town will be able to spend the money on infrastructure, prisons, roads and highways.

4). The town received a \$50 refund from OEC Blue.

5). M & T Bank- sent notification that they will cover anything over \$250,000 which includes accounts from Westford at this time.

6). The grand opening of the Susquehanna SPCA is on July 17th at 9:45 a.m. Anyone interested in attending, should let Supervisor Heinrich know and he will send in the RSVP.

7). June 18th- Jonah Miser's Eagle Scout Presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m.

8). Quotes for cemetery rates were received from Clean Up Company (Dan Reardon) and Precision Cuts (Andrew Porkorney).

Dan's rates: \$60 per mow Town Hall	Andrew's Rates - \$40 per mow Town Hall
\$120 fall clean up	\$40 per mow
\$ 80 rock clean up	\$25 per weeding
\$240 top soil and grass	

The bid was awarded to Precision Cuts.

8). Otsego Electric – is requesting an exemption from the town on all their assessments. They came to the Board of Assessment review. It was reduced it by 40%, they felt this wasn't enough so this will most likely go to court.

9). The County is requesting all employees on Workmen's Compensation. This has been submitted to the County Attorney.

10). Workmen's Comp – is requesting every paystub for 2019/2020 for Ray Auger (Highway Employee). Supervisor Heinrich has taken care of this.

BUDGET MEETING:

General: #322- #336 - \$4,829.96

Highway: #300 - #312 - \$49,171.31