

TOWN OF WESTFORD

TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2022

At 7:01 p.m., the Westford Town Board meeting was called to order.

Town Board members present: Supervisor Walter Heinrich, Councilman James Feil, Councilman Ralph Ritton, Councilman Robert Huntington, Councilman Steve Zerby.

Other Town Officials present: Judge Michael Fay and Town Clerk Eileen Ten Eyck, absent - Highway Superintendent Jason Ritton, Assessor Pamela Dyn-Gohde,

Sign-in sheet on file at Town Clerk Office.

Pledge of Alliance was recited.

Corrections (typo's) were made to March 2022 minutes.

Motion by Councilman Huntington to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Ritton. Unanimous ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1). Supervisor Heinrich will attend the financial classes offered over two days in May 2022.
- 2). Town Assessor Dyn-Gohde is offering office hours in four hour blocks of time for grievances. An ad was placed in The Daily Star with dates and times.
- 3). The bill for the recently purchased backhoe was paid in full.
- 4). One bid was received for compactor rental for the transfer station.
- 5). ARPA- reports have all been filed. The next round of funds should be received next month. Superintendent Ritton has been doing some prep work at the Town Barn in preparation of the Salt Shed project.
- 6). Supervisor Heinrich looked into a previous request for speed limit signs on Badeau Hill Road and found that a request would need to go to the County and then the State. He is not inclined to pursue this at this time, but is open to cautionary signs should they prove necessary.
- 7). Judge Fay is preparing to vacate his position as Town Justice on December 30, 2022.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1). Supervisor Heinrich contact the NYS Tax and Finance Department following a request from Ace Hardware for a form for tax exempt status. The letter from the State

indicated that we are a government entity and do not need to provide a form in order to receive the exemption.

2). A check for 283.43 from Auto Crushers was received and deposited.

3). Town Assessor provided a print out of increases for the Board of Assessments.

COMMITTEES:

Cemetery: No new report

Fire Department: No new report. The department will resume their breakfast sandwiches this fall.

Highway: (Provided by Superintendent Ritton)

- Old Backhoe – Auctions International is running 3 weeks behind. The current auction should end right before the June Board Meeting and any bids can be accepted or rejected by the members at that time.
- Chips – Jason provided a breakdown of monies received and rolled over:
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	<u>Total Balance</u>	<u>22-23 Apportionment Balance</u>	<u>Cumulative Rollover Balance</u>
CHIPS	\$202,643.49	\$150,646.16	\$51,997.33
PAVE NY	\$39,773.59	\$39,773.59	\$ 0.00
EWR	\$86,017.55	\$34,481.55	\$51,536.00

The State has a new program called Pave Our Potholes, but have not provided any dollar amounts.

- Paving- The Highway Department is scheduled to pave the first week in June. They will be paving All Road, part of Badeau and Williams roads. They have had to cut back on some paving projects due to rising costs.
- Cold Patch has been made and they are filling in potholes now and will be grader patching bad spots as the weather starts to cooperate.
- Honing dirt roads will begin soon.
- There are still no applicants for the open position at the Highway Department. Current employees are working hard to meet the needs of the community.

OTHER:

Someone dumped off furniture at the Transfer Station. This will be addressed by the Town Supervisor. Councilman Ritton suggested new signs being made specifying what will and will not be accepted.

There were some questions regarding disposal of waste oil which Supervisor Heinrich will check into.

Kudos were given to Jason, Greg and Dave at the Highway Department for their hard work and how much they were getting accomplished while being a man down.

NEXT MEETING:

Transfer Station bids will be opened

Supervisor Heinrich will give an update on all he learned at Financial School

May 17, 2022 is the school budget vote.

BUDGET MEETING:

General # 55 - #67 - \$3,349.04

Highway #40 – #50 - \$145,767.67

Motion by Councilman Feil to adjourn the May 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman Zerby. Unanimous ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.