

**TOWN OF WESTFORD  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

At 7:00 p.m. the Special Session of the Westford Town Board Meeting for the Adoption Hearing of the 2022 Budget was called to order.

Flag Salute was recited.

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

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

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

Supervisor Heinrich went over the 2022 budget in totality including all changed amounts from the Tentative Budget.

Motion by Supervisor Heinrich to the Board that after review that the 2022 budget for \$437,023.00 be approved, seconded by Councilman Feil. Unanimous ayes.

The Special Session ended at 7:14 pm.

At 7:15 p.m. the regular session of the Town Board meeting commenced.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1). Supervisor Heinrich was successful in opening the ARPA account. There is \$40,000 in the account for 2021 and he is anticipating another \$40,000 will be added in 2022. The ARPA funds are planned to be used for the shed project.
- 2). Westford will owe monies to the retirement system, but the amount owed is not known at this time. Supervisor Heinrich will keep all informed of all payments owed.
- 3). Michael Boeke is officially working at the Transfer Station.
- 4). Resolution #4 was signed and sealed by the Town Clerk and sent to the NYS Retirement System.
- 5). Resolution #5 was written and the transfer of monies from the General account to the Highway account was completed.
- 6). Resolution #6 will be done for the December meeting and Councilman Ritton and Feil will conduct the audit of Judge Fay's accounts.

## **COMMITTEES:**

Fire Department: Will resume their breakfast sandwiches after the success of last years endeavor.

Cemetery: No new report

Highway: '97 International did not meet the minimum bid of \$3,500.00 at auction. Highway Superintendent Ritton rejected the \$1,900.00 bid.

Transfer Station: Matt Rifanbark and his son Michael Boeke are splitting their work days at the station.

## **NEW CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1). Tuesday 11/16/21 a Merger Forum will be held at Worcester Central School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP requested. The merger vote is December 1, 2021.
- 2). Association of Towns- Training in NYC for elected officials. Anyone interested in going will have to pay for his/her own hotel room.
- 3). Insurance – the new truck is on our insurance with no change to the premium.
- 4). Scott Brady sent in a formal notification of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Heinrich is requesting recommendations for qualified candidates.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1). A congratulations was given to all Board Members who were re-elected.
- 2). Councilman Huntington spoke to Bryan Larrabee about current and future issues for the transfer station. There are a number of directions the town can go regarding the transfer station. Councilman Huntington gathered some facts and figures and a number of possibilities for the future:
  - Estimates for a compactor are approximately \$25,000
  - a compactor on a tri-pack is \$45,000 plus \$225 for dump and returns. The longevity of
  - the lifespan of a compactor is approximately 10 years
  - to rebuild our existing truck would require a number of estimates
  - selling the current truck
  - renting/leasing equipment
  - bag fees

Questions regarding installation costs and increased tipping fees were brought up. The Board is not looking at this issue as a cost saving measure, but as a way to continue the current service. Councilmen Zerby and Huntington will head a committee to look at the various options and the cost associated for each.

Bryan Larrabee also offered some parts for our current truck off an exact model he owns.

3). Judge Fay took in \$350.00 in fines.

4). Sand is being delivered. Superintendent Ritton is working on the Snow and Ice contract for the County.

5). CHIPS/PAVE NY/EWR- We've received \$40,000 for early repair, Supervisor Heinrich put in for an additional \$81,000 for CHIPS monies . He's put in a request for \$49,772.00 for EWR and a request for \$45,088 from Pave NY. That's a total of \$216,000.00 to be reimbursed by the State.

Motion by Supervisor Heinrich that the Board accept Resolution #5 transferring \$1000,000.00 from General to the Highway account, seconded by Councilman Zerby. Unanimous ayes.

**BUDGET MEETING:**

General: #376 - #390 - \$103,829.52

Highway: #350 - #360 - \$32,686.03