

**TOWN OF WESTFORD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 12, 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 and Councilman Feil

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

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

CORRECTIONS TO JUNE 2021 MINUTES:

- 1). Numbers under New Correspondence were corrected.
- 2). Under Old Business- changed to Councilman Huntington from Councilman Zerby.
- 3). Under New Business - #6 – changed time to 9:45 a.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1). Packers- Councilman Huntington did research on options for the Transfer Station truck and found that reconditioned packers run from \$11,000 to \$14,000 for 40 yard compactors (similar to a flat garbage truck). An option would be to hire someone to do the run to Oneonta, this continues to be explored for a truck that can be used for multiple purposes. The town currently pays by the ton, not by yardage. Councilman Huntington will continue to explore ideas pertaining to the Transfer Station.
- 2). A request has been put into the Department of State to provide the Town of Westford with laws that have been passed. This is pending.
- 3). Tire Day is still being explored.
- 4). Profit/Loss sheets were made available to the board members and the community.
- 5). The complaint regarding the transfer station being used outside of business hours has been addressed and resolved.
- 6). The sign for Gopher Field should be done by August. There may be additional costs because it needs to be two-sided. Councilman Ritton will report back on the final cost.

7). Billing has been received for the care of local cemeteries.

COMMITTEES:

Fire: No new report

Cemetery: Noted that the volunteers are doing a great job taking care of the cemetery in town.

Highway: Paving will begin next week (weather permitting), Sand bids will be put out for bid – ad needs to reflect an increase to 2,000 yards (previously 1,500), Retirement reporting for employees is still not correct, Supervisor Heinrich will continue to address.

NEW BUSINESS:

1). A verification letter has been received from NYS and the Town of Westford can expect to receive \$87,760.00 in ARPA funds. This money will most likely go to the Highway Department once the state determines how and where the money may be spent. Supervisor Heinrich is working on re-creating the Dunn and Bradstreet accounts. This has been cumbersome because previous official's names still appear on existing accounts. He continues to work through these issues.

2). State Retirement- sent a request for information on town officials, not highway employees, but included information for those on the Planning Board and other entities. Supervisor Heinrich is gathering this information (if needed by the State).

3). There is a board on the bleachers at Gopher Field that needs to be replaced. This will be done in the April/May of 2022.

4). Town of Westford Highway workers have been out rain or shine. This is contrary to some other departments in surrounding areas and is noticed and noted here.

5). Bonuses for the Highway will be discussed at the October 2021 meeting.

6). Concerns were raised about the lack of shoulders on County Highway 34 and sluices that are plugged. Supervisor Heinrich will send the County an email to see if they will pay to have our Highway Dept. get this work done.

7). The Town Board is on target with their 2021 budget projections and currently about a month ahead.

8). The Dept of Treasury is still working on our budgets from 2019.

9). Assessment rolls were completed by Town Assessor Pam Dyn-Gohde and an ad reflecting this will be placed in The Daily Star.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1). A NYS Comptroller report was received indicating the Justice Court has 0 activity for June and July.
- 2). A check from Auto Crushers in the amount of \$256.80 was received and has been deposited.

BUDGET:

General – #337-#341 - \$1,731.81

Highway #313- #323 -\$31,385.01

Motion by Councilman Feil to conclude the meeting, seconded by Councilman Huntington.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.