

TOWN OF WESTFORD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 3, 2015

At 7:00 p.m., the Town Board reviewed and signed the following bills for payment:

Highway Fund #29 - #36 = \$7,320.30, as set forth in Abstract 4H

General Fund #58 - #72 = \$4,453.07, as set forth in Abstract 4G.

Supervisor Davis called the regular meeting of the Westford Town Board to order at 7:25 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

Town Board Members present: Supervisor Brad Davis; Councilpeople Ralph Ritton, Delphine Kerzick, Phillip Strong, Robert Huntington.

Absent: none.

Other Town Officials Present: Highway Superintendent Martin Peeters; Town Clerk Louisa Platt.

Guests: Sign in sheet on file at Town Clerk Office.

Minutes of the March 6, 2015 Town Board meeting were read. Motion by Councilman Huntington to accept as read. Seconded by Councilman Ritton. All in favor. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Both the catch pole and cage were purchased and turned over to Dog Control Officer, Becky Sears.
2. Drilling of the water well is completed. A letter of appreciation is being prepared.
3. Tri-town Baseball sent a letter thanking the town for its donation of \$500.00.
4. Discussion followed concerning replacing town highway trucks. Councilman Huntington mentioned that many municipalities are going the route of leasing vehicles. At the end of the lease term, the town owns the equipment. If during the lease period, payment cannot be made, the truck would be returned to the dealership. Following further discussion, Councilman Ritton recommended a summary of the cost of maintenance and upkeep comparison by the town trucks be prepared for review at the next Board meeting. Councilman Strong also requested Highway Superintendent Peeters to research the cost of a plow.
5. Councilman Ritton conveyed Terry Clapper's message advising that residents on Hickory Hill Road are very happy with the road.
6. Supervisor Davis received notification that Richard Evans has been accepted in the Retirement System.

7. The NYS Unemployment Insurance Board is requesting \$8.14 from the town for James Lord who had applied for unemployment insurance. Discussion followed. Mr. Lord quit working for the town of Westford to take employment elsewhere. The Town Board protests this claim, therefore Supervisor Davis will check the Voluntary Quit line on the form and return it.
8. Councilman Strong will meet with Dog control Officer Sears to reiterate she is not reimbursed the cost of telephone calls nor time spent on them but will be reimbursed a flat rate per dog plus mileage according to the agreement made when she was hired.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Fire Department was awarded a \$2,000.00 grant from Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield to be used for health and safety training in the community. Councilman Ritton explained that plans include conducting a farm safety course for farmers & their families, holding a general health & wellness awareness day to provide free health screenings and offering CPR & AED training.
2. A free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats is scheduled to be held in Worcester April 7, 2015. Supervisor Davis will contact Liz Mackey to request scheduling a rabies clinic in Westford.
3. Town Board approved to compensate Nancy Scott when she steam cleans the rug in the meeting room.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting, motion by Councilwoman Kerzick to adjourn. Second by Councilman Huntington. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Louisa M. Platt,
Town Clerk