

TOWN OF WESTFORD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 5, 2015

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

Highway Fund # 46 - #58 = \$49,630.62, as set forth in Abstract 6H.

General Fund #86 - #101 = \$ 5,240.81, as set forth in Abstract 6G.

Supervisor Davis called the regular meeting of the Westford Town Board to order at 7:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

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

Absent: Councilman Ralph Ritton.

Other Town Officials present: Highway Superintendent Martin Peeters, Assessor Douglas Gohde, Town Clerk Louisa Platt.

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

Minutes of the May 1, 2015 Town Board meeting were read. Motion by Councilman Huntington to accept as read. Seconded by Councilwoman Kerzick. All in favor. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. For information purposes, it was noted a dangerous dog incident was investigated by Dog Control Officer Becky Sears and a report filed with Judge Fay..
2. The NYS Department of Labor, has confirmed that the Town of Westford is responsible to pay the \$8.14 bill for James Lord unemployment benefits.
3. Supervisor Davis checked into the possibility of a free rabies clinic in Westford. Due to the proximity of where the free vaccinations are given in Worcester , the prospect of one in the town of Westford does not look promising, however this request has been put on the County Department of Health list of areas for a free rabies clinic.
4. No update into the status of the hallway. Supervisor Davis will explain to the workers that it needs to be finished by July 19th.
5. Westford may be able to submit CHIPS early. Linda, from the DOT in Binghamton will help walk Supervisor Davis through the process.
6. No response has been received from CSEA concerning their FOIL request..
7. Councilman Strong reported a couple of people are interested for mechanic one day a week at the Highway Department..
8. Approximately 10 people have ordered Road dust Control.
9. Councilman Ritton repaired the bleachers at Gopher field.

10. Schenevus residents voted 116 for, 65 against the Worcester Library budget.
11. Assessor Gohde reported several people came to Tax Assessment Day. A person that was dissatisfied with his assessment did not come to grieve Tax Assessment Day but advised she is going to the state instead because the Assessor does not know what he is doing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CDPHP has proposed a preliminary rate increase of 18.8% on the health insurance premium. Mr. Gohde suggested to contact the county to see if they would take towns on their insurance.
2. A request was received from Patrick Salisbury for approval to get funding to build two dugouts at Gopher Field as an Eagle Scout project. Following discussion, motion by Councilman Huntington to allow him to go through with this Eagle Scout project at Gopher Field. Seconded by Councilman Strong. All in favor. Carried.
3. Councilman Strong mentioned Dennis Martindale would reimburse materials to repair the Town Barn roof, but not the labor. Supervisor Davis will contact him.
4. Councilman Strong noted that the town could get a non-slip rear in a used dump truck for \$2,500.00. Discussion followed. Superintendent Peeters reminded that it has to have a "jake-brake". Jake-brakes cannot be put into International trucks.
5. Town Board approved for the Town Clerk to put her home mailbox on the front lawn of the Town Hall if she should ever decide not to rent a PO box in the Post Office.
6. Town Board reviewed and audited the Town Justice Books. A roll call vote was taken for the following resolution. Ayes: Supervisor Davis, Councilwoman Kerzick, Councilman Strong, Councilman Huntington. Noes: None. Absent: Councilman Ritton. Resolution #2 of 2015 adopted.

RESOLUTION # 2 OF 2015

ACKNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION/AUDIT OF TOWN JUSTICE BOOKS

RESOLVED: The Town Board acknowledge they performed the required examination and audit of the Town of Westford Town Justice books during the Town of Westford Town Board meeting, June 5, 2015 and found everything to be in order and be it further

RESOLVED, The Town Clerk will forward a copy of this Resolution to Dennis W. Donnelly, Director of Internal Audit, NYS Office of Court Administration, 98 Niver Street, Cohoes, NY 12047.

7. The July Town Board meeting will be held on Thursday July 2, 2015.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting, motion by Councilwoman Kerzick to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Huntington. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at ~~8:045 p.m.~~ 8:05 p.m.

Louisa M. Platt,
Town Clerk

Typographical corrections made at July 2, 2015 meeting:

NEW BUSINESS #1 = CDPH to read CDPHP

Last line: Meeting adjourned at 8:045 p.m. to read 8:05 p.m.