

TOWN OF WESTFORD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2015

At 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Davis called to order a Public Hearing to amend the Town of Westford Sub-Division Regulations.

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

Absent: None.

Guests: Michael Fay, Mary Fay, Larry Natius, Douglas Gohde, W.Jay Palmer.

Supervisor Davis read the following notice of Public Hearing as printed in the legal column of The Oneonta Daily Star: The Town Board of the Town of Westford proposes to amend the Town of Westford Sub-Division Regulations increasing the cost per plat (per lot) of a sub-division in the Town from \$10.00 to \$25.00, therefore a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Westford Town Hall/F.D. Building Friday, October 2, 2015 at which time any person may speak in favor of or against the proposed Amendment. Amendment to read: Major or Minor Sub-Division, 4 copies of plat and fee of \$25.00 each lot. (P4. Sec. 3.4 & Sec. 3.3b). A violation of the regulations is an offense by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed 6 months or both. (P44 Sec. 5.2a)

The floor was then opened for discussion. Hearing none, a roll call vote was taken to accept the proposed amendment. Ayes: Councilwoman Delphine Kerzick, Councilman Ralph Ritton, Councilman Robert Huntington, Councilman Phillip Strong, Supervisor Brad Davis. Noes: none. Amendment adopted.

Supervisor Davis declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

At 7:07 p.m., the Town Board reviewed and signed the following bills for payment:

Highway Fund #81 - #87 = \$8,796.43, as set forth in Abstract 10H.

General Fund #141 - #154 = \$4,037.51, as set forth in Abstract 10G.

Supervisor Davis called the regular meeting of the Westford Town Board to order at 7:24 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was 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: Judge Michael Fay; Town Clerk Louisa Platt. Assessor Douglas Gohde.

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

Minutes of the September 4, 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. Supervisor Davis will be meeting with Becky Sears on Saturday, October 3rd to find out if she will continue as Town Dog Control Officer and to discuss figures to propose for dog control in 2016. Following discussion concerning compensation for future court appearance, the Town Board approved to reimburse the Dog Control Officer \$50.00 per incident and mileage for court appearances.
2. Councilman Ritton will look into constructing a bench, as requested by Judge Fay, for the hallway.
3. If the Town Highway Department did scrape off the road dust control purchased by Allen and Cheryl Reed, the Town will compensate by not charging them for dust control in 2016.
4. Judge Fay presented two proposals he is submitting for a JCAP grant. First proposal includes security lighting by the back staircase, making the staircase and deck larger and extending the roof over the staircase at a cost of \$3,756.08. Second proposal is for siding the building at a cost of \$20,854.00.
5. Two signs were made to remind people about the condition the meeting room is to be left as when they are through with using the room, such as cleaning it and removing their garbage. One sign is placed on the wall next to the light switch in the room, the other will be put on the community bulletin board in the hallway.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Town will not be doing a tire-day this year, it would cost \$250.00 for the dumpster plus another \$200.00 per ton to take the tires.
2. An increase of fifty cents (\$.50) per hour for the Highway employees, effective January 1, 2016 was approved.
3. Town Board approved a Preliminary 2016 Town Budget of \$394,438.00, which is an increase of .33% over the 2015 Adopted Town Budget. A Public Hearing on the budget will be held at 7:00 p.m., November 6, 2015 prior to the Town Board meeting.

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 8:35 p.m.

Louisa M. Platt,
Town Clerk