

Town of Westville Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2014

I. Call to order

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Lauzon at 6:35 p.m. at the Westville Town Hall with the Pledge to the Flag.

II. Roll call

Town Clerk, Ann Brady, conducted a roll call.

PRESENT: Supervisor, Rodrique Lauzon
Councilman Mike Armstrong
Deputy Supervisor, Dean Fleury
Robert Crossman

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent, Kevin Nichols, Councilman Robert Reynolds, Councilman
Vince Cartier, and Dog Control Officer, Kim LaPage

ALSO PRESENT: Whitney Randolph, Shirley Kelly, Roseann Clark, Nancy Labrake, James
Labrake and Nolan Labrake

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on June 9, 2014 having been submitted to the Town Board by the Town Clerk; and the Town Board has reviewed these minutes; and that the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on June 9, 2014 were approved. Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Dean Fleury, seconded by Mike Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.

IV. Open issues

Code Officer's Report – A report was given to the Board by Robert Crossman. The Code office issued: 1 Building Permit; 1 Certificate of Occupancy; 10 Burning Permits; 1 Septic Tank Permit; 1 Pool Permit; and performed 19 Construction Inspections. The Code Office took in \$320.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report – Kim LaPage provided a written report to the Board dated May 11 through June 9th. She is still handling the “dangerous dog complaint” from April 14th. On May 17th she went to Craig Rousseau's about an incident and seized his dog for 10 days. On May 28th Mr. Rousseau's dog was returned to him. On June 2nd she received a complaint about dogs running at large at 10 Grandview Drive. On June 3rd the owner of the dogs informed her that they need to make changes to prevent the dogs from leaving her property. On June 3rd Rod Lauzon also contacted Kim regarding the 10 Grandview Drive residence. On June 7th Kim received another call about 10 Grandview Drive barking constantly.

Highway Superintendent's Report – A report was given to the Board by Rod Lauzon in Kevin Nichols absence. The town has been busy with blacktop on the Fay Road and a portion of the Cushman Road. MX Fuels replaced contaminated fuels. We will be sharing services with Fort Covington. They will be blacktopping and we will be sending our two guys to help out. We have recently sent trucks to Belmont, Constable and Franklin County. If we can meet the 150,000.00 in shared services than we will not take a hit in our taxes.

Town Clerk's Report -- Town Clerk, Ann Brady provided the Town Board with a monthly report indicating that the Town Clerk's Office issued 18 dog licenses and 1 Certified copy of a Marriage Certificate. The total received by the Clerk's Office for the month of June was \$220.00; New York

State Department of Agriculture and Markets received \$22.00; New York State Department of Health received \$0.00; and \$198.00 was paid to the Town of Westville, Town Supervisor.

On June 14, 2014 the Town Clerk sent correspondence to Richard Edwards, Town Attorney, enclosing Resolution #13 of 2014 with respect to the gift of land from Franza Schmidt.

On June 16, 2014 the Town Clerk received correspondence from NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets regarding Municipal Shelter Inspection report with a satisfactory rating.

On June 16, 2014 the Town Clerk received a copy of correspondence from the Town Supervisor that the HUD Grant had been closed out.

On June 21, 2014 the Town Clerk sent correspondence to Franklin County Solid Waste Management Authority regarding a building permit.

On July 5, 2014 correspondence was received from Unison regarding the local cell tower. The Town Clerk also received a notice of renewal for the New York State Town Clerk's Association.

Budget Update by Rod Lauzon – The current account information is:

Account Information:	CLASS	Community Bank	Total
General	\$ 636.97	\$ 79,893.31	\$
Highway	\$ 76,524.78	\$ 75,005.71	\$
Trust & Agency		\$ 5,264.01	\$ 5,264.01
Machinery	\$.08		\$ 0.08
Reserve – Highway		\$ 78,761.96	\$ 78,761.96
Savings – Highway		\$ 75,005.71	\$ 75,005.71
Savings – General		\$ 96,251.32	\$ 96,251.32
Total	\$ 77,161.83	\$ 410,674.58	\$487,836.41

Received from and deposited into General Account:

Verizon Wireless \$977.50

The Town accountant will be on vacation for the next two weeks, but he will get payroll done in advance of his vacation.

AMP Update by Rod Lauzon – No Report.

Supervisor Report – Rod Lauzon gave the Town Supervisor's Report. The Fire Department has ordered the new siren. Howard and Judy Stark donated all of the topsoil used at the Park this year. Thank you Howard and Judy for your generous donation! We received notification from the Group Health Insurance that the plan could go up an additional 15.9%.

Resolution #14 of 2014 was presented to the Board to approve the Franchise Agreement for an additional 15 years with Time Warner Cable. A Motion was made by Dean Fleury to accept **Resolution #14 of 2014**, as written, seconded by Mike Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.

Motions:

- (1.) To pay bills – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (2.) To accept HUD Report – No report.
- (3.) To accept Highway Superintendent's Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.

- (4.) To accept Town Clerk's report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (5.) To accept the 2014 Budget Update – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (6.) To accept the Supervisor's Report – Motion by Dean Fleury, seconded by Mike Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.
- (7.) To accept the Dog Control Officer Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (8.) To accept the Code Officer Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.

V. New Business

It is that time of year; the Fair and the Demolition Derby. Several residents were present at the Board meeting to complain about the noise coming from derby cars. The residents were given the opportunity to speak to the Board regarding their complaints. The main complaints seem to stem from "revving of mufflerless vehicle engines at all hours of the day and night". The residents had tried to handle the situation themselves and they were not received well. One resident provided the Board with the following letter:

"On June 26 the noise from across the road was unbearable while work was being done on demolition derby cars. After about 5 minutes of listening to the revving of a demolition car I could not listen to that noise anymore. I left my living room and walked to the edge of my road then proceeded to the house across the road where the noise was coming from. I had to wave my arms over my head before anyone noticed me. I told them I could not take that noise anymore. I was verbally accosted. I was told if I didn't like it to move and that he had until 10 pm to work on the cars. I was told to get off his land. I went to my house and called my neighbor who was also upset over the noise. He advised me to call the town supervisor. I did call and was told maybe the next step was to call the State Police.

On June 29 I did call and placed a complaint about the noise. Trooper Hungerford did stop to talk with us and he also went over to the group making all the noise. On June 30 I again called the town supervisor and asked when the next town meeting was being held. Mr. Lauzon said on July 14, 2014, and to come around 6:45 p.m.

We are very tired of being held captive in our homes. The noise, the unsightly appearances are upsetting. Whether we are inside or out the noise is annoying. The 4-5 demolition cars in the front of the house are discouraging. There are safety concerns also, we are anxious for their safety. We pay our taxes, we like where we live. We would like a quieter, nicer looking neighborhood that anyone would love to live in or visit."

There was a discussion amongst the Board members about revising the Junkyard Laws to include provisions for time constraints, assess fines, etc. to assist the residents with their complaints. A public hearing will need to be held in order to revise the law. A motion was made by Dean Fleury to set a Public Hearing date of August 11th, 2014 for 6:30 p.m. to Amend Local Law #3 of 2002, seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.

The Town Clerk will type up revisions and submit them to the Board members prior to the August 11th Board meeting and Public Hearing for their approval.

VI. Adjournment

Rod Lauzon, Town Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.

The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for August 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ann F. Brady, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:







