

Town of Westville Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2014

I. Call to order

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Lauzon at 6:30 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
Deputy Supervisor, Dean Fleury
Councilman Mike Armstrong
Councilman Robert Reynolds
Bob Crossman

ALSO PRESENT: Johnny White, Paige Kent and Trevor Cooley

ABSENT: Councilman Vince Cartier, Highway Superintendent Kevin Nichols and Kim LaPage

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on May 12, 2014 and the Minutes having been submitted to the Town Board by the Town Clerk; and the Town Board has reviewed these minutes; and that the minutes were approved as submitted. A Motion was made to accept the minutes by Robert Reynolds, seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.

IV. Open issues and Reports

HUD Report – No report.

Code Officer's Report – A report was provided to the Board by Bob Crossman. The Code office issued: 4 Building Permits; 6 Burning Permits; 2 Septic Tank Permits; looked into 1 Garbage Complaint and performed 13 Construction Inspections. The Code Office took in \$539.00; with a value of \$179,050.

Dog Warden's Report – No report.

Highway Superintendent's Report – A report was given to the Board by Town Supervisor, Rod Lauzon. We are still waiting on blacktop, we do not know who received the bid for this year yet. It will either be Barrett's or Graystone. Still have not received a call back on the box yet.

Town Clerk's Report – Town Clerk, Ann Brady provided the Town Board with a monthly report indicating that the Town Clerk's Office issued 11 dog licenses and 1 Certified copy of a Marriage Certificate. The total received by the Clerk's Office for the month of May was \$150.00; New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets received \$15.00; New York State Department of Health received \$0.00; and \$135.00 was paid to the Town of Westville, Town Supervisor.

On May 17, 2014 the Town Clerk received notification from the NYS Department of Ag and Markets that the Bangor Municipal Shelter received an unsatisfactory rating based on the Town of Fort Covington not having a shelter contract in place. It was noted, however, that the Town of Westville was in compliance.

On May 17, 2014 the Town Clerk received notification from the NYS Department of Ag and Markets that the Dog Control officer received a satisfactory rating.

On May 31, 2014 the Town Clerk filed the Oaths of Office with the Franklin County Clerk's Office for the two variance board members. The Oaths were administered at the May 12th Board meeting.

On June 3, 2014 the Town Clerk sent correspondence to the William Empsall, Dennis Donnelly and Rodrique Lauzon enclosing the Resolutions that were approved at the May 12th Board Meeting.

On June 7, 2014 the Town Clerk received correspondence from the Franklin County Board of Elections regarding the Federal Primary Elections scheduled for June 24, 2014.

AMP Update – No report.

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

Account Information:	CLASS	Community Bank	Total
General	\$ 636.97	\$ 96,257.73	\$
Highway	\$ 76,522.27	\$ 87,749.03	\$
Trust & Agency		\$ 2,039.60	\$ 2,039.60
Machinery	\$.08		\$.08
Reserve – Highway		\$ 78,760.66	\$ 78,760.66
Savings – Highway		\$ 75,004.48	\$ 75,004.48
Savings – General		\$ 96,249.74	\$ 96,249.74
Total	\$ 77,159.32	\$ 446,525.00	\$513,220.56

Received from and deposited into General Account:

Verizon Wireless \$977.50

NYS Dept. of Taxation Cyclical Aid \$2,574.21

Franklin County Mortgage Tax \$5,764.92

Supervisor Report – The Town Supervisor, Rodrique Lauzon, provided the Town Board with an update. The equalization rate for the Town is now at 100%. Rod attended a meeting at Paul Smith's. There were four out of seven Legislators present at the meeting, the County Manager and approximately 15 Town Supervisors. The Governor is pushing for shared service agreements. They do not know if the Governor will accept the old shared agreements that the Towns currently have in place. The Governor is saying either we do it or the State will withhold State Aid. With an average house in Franklin County being worth \$84,000 the same house is valued at \$840,000.00 in Westchester County. They want Judges to travel from town to town.

CSEA wants to unionize the Town employees – through a F.O.I.L. request Rod provided them with the town employee information. Rod signed the voucher for the Snow and Ice Contract \$32,387.10 (payment to the Town).

We finally received the close out form for the 2010 HUD Grant. Ron Barney will get it completed and Rod will submit it.

We need to change a line item in the Budget from Amanda Drake to Brittany Greene as the Court Clerk.

Rod received a notice from the Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property, and the 2014 Assessment Roll, we are at a 100% equalization rate. Rod thanks Roseanne for all of her hard work.

Franza Schmidt would like to gift a parcel of property to the Town, to be set aside for recreational purposes only. Town Attorney Richard Edwards has reviewed the paperwork and is willing to do the necessary papers. **Resolution #13 of 2014** was presented to the Board for approval of accepting the property to be gifted by Franza Schmidt. A motion was made to accept **Resolution #13 of 2014** as written by Robert Reynolds, seconded by Dean Fleury. Robert Reynolds – Yes. Michael Armstrong – No. Dean Fleury – Yes. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Dean Fleury to approve the Highway Contract as written for the years 2015 through 2017, seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.

Rod received paperwork from Time Warner regarding a contract with the Town. A motion was made by Dean Fleury, seconded by Michael Armstrong to set the Public Hearing for July 14th at 6:30 p.m. All in favor. Approved.

Westville Community Action Network (Westville CAN) Update – No report.

Park Update – No report

Motions:

- (1.) To accept the Code Officer Report – Motion by Dean Fleury, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (2.) To accept the Dog Control Officer Report – No report.
- (3.) To accept Highway Superintendent’s Report – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (4.) To accept Town Clerk’s report – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (5.) To accept HUD Report – No report.
- (6.) To pay bills – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (7.) To accept the Budget Update – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (8.) To accept the Supervisor’s Report – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (9.) To accept the AMP Update – No report.
- (10.) To accept the Westville CAN Update – No report.

V. New Business

Becky Preve from Franklin County Cares was present at the Board Meeting to provide the Board with information as to what her organization does. They deal with Seniors and the disabled and provide Home Care, Nursing Services, Respite Care, and provide the most appropriate agencies with information to aid the seniors and the disabled. Most of the referrals they receive are from hospitals and physicians. The Town Clerk will add a link to the website to get the information out to the public.

VI. Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for July 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ann F. Brady, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Rodriguez

Dean Flery

