

# ***Town of Westville Meeting Minutes***

October 6, 2014

## **I. Call to order**

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Lauzon at 6:30 p.m. at the Westville Town Hall.

## **II. Roll call**

Town Clerk, Ann Brady, conducted a roll call during the Public Hearing.

PRESENT: Supervisor, Rodrique Lauzon  
Councilman Mike Armstrong  
Councilman Robert Reynolds  
Councilman Vince Cartier  
Highway Superintendent, Kevin Nichols  
Robert Crossman

ABSENT: Deputy Supervisor, Dean Fleury  
Dog Control Officer, Kim LaPage

ALSO PRESENT: Karen Bisso

## **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on September 8, 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 were approved. Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier. 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: 7 Building Permits; 1 Burning Permit; 1 Land Use Permit; 1 Septic Tank Permit; 2 Certificates of Occupancy; and performed 22 Construction Inspections. The Code Office took in \$673.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report – Kim LaPage provided a written report to the Board dated September 9 through October 5, 2014. On September 10<sup>th</sup> a dog was taken to High Peaks and tested positive for parvo; the dog was euthanized. On September 11<sup>th</sup> the dog was taken to the Franklin County Landfill for disposal. On September 11<sup>th</sup> a golden retriever was picked up and the owner redeemed her dog on September 15<sup>th</sup>. On September 18<sup>th</sup> two dogs were picked up and on September 25<sup>th</sup> a dog was reported missing, the dog control officer reported that it was last seen on Route 37.

Highway Superintendent's Report – A report was given to the Board by Kevin Nichols. They have finished mowing the roadsides and have been busy working on the shoulders on the Fay Road. The other truck is still out. Salt is about \$66.00 a ton. They are getting everything ready for sanding. They have completed the Contract with the County for mowing the roadsides.

Town Clerk's Report -- Town Clerk, Ann Brady provided the Town Board with a monthly report indicating that the Town Clerk's Office issued 17 dog licenses and 1 Certified copy of a Marriage Certificate. The total received by the Clerk's Office for the month of September was \$225.00; New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets received \$23.00; New York State Department of Health received \$0.00; and \$202.00 was paid to the Town of Westville, Town Supervisor.

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

<b>Account Information:</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Community Bank</b>	<b>Total</b>
General	\$ 636.97	\$ 74,541.44	\$
Highway	\$ 56,529.54	\$ 94,173.55	\$
Trust & Agency		\$ 1,868.22	\$ 1,868.22
Machinery	\$ .08		\$ 0.08
Reserve – Highway		\$ 75,265.80	\$ 75,265.80
Savings – Highway		\$ 75,009.49	\$ 75,009.49
Savings – General		\$ 96,256.17	\$ 96,256.17
Total	\$ 57,166.59	\$ 417,114.67	\$474,281.16

Received from and deposited into General Account:

State Aid to Towns \$18,227.00

Received from and deposited into Highway Account:

CHIPS: \$84,929.11

We still have the big bills left to pay for this year – retirement, Salt and sand, etc. CHIPS payment came in.

2015 Budget Update -- Rod Lauzon provided the Board with a tentative budget. The Budget for 2015 would increase 3.933 cents per thousand. It is too late to accept any bids for mowing, as the Budget for 2015 is already done. We will put the mowing out to bid next year as quite a few local businesses have shown an interest in mowing for the Town. Life Flight has sent us the contract for 2015. **Resolution #15 of 2014** was presented to the Town Board to approve the Life Flight contract for 2015 at the rate of \$500.00. A motion was made by Michael Armstrong to approve **Resolution #15 of 2014** as written, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.

AMP Update by Rod Lauzon – No Report.

Supervisor Report – Rod Lauzon gave the Town Supervisor’s Report. The post closure monitoring report came in on the landfill on the Flat Rock Road and everything looks good with the exception of woodchuck dens; Kevin is attempting to trap them to prevent damage to the cell’s membranes. A motion was made by Robert Reynolds, seconded by Michael Armstrong to accept the Post Closure Monitoring Report. All in favor. Approved.

We received notification from the Comptroller’s office that the fiscal stress score is 3.3% -- compared to the County’s 70% -- we are in a good spot. What this means is that the town’s possibility of failure financially, is quite low. They base this number on cash flow, money in the bank and debt load. The Planning Board planted flowers at the entrance to the Park and at Pine Grove Cemetery. With the donation received for the cemetery, three flowering crab trees were purchased and Bonesteels donated 2 burning bushes. Our insurance company has changed names for the third time this year; it is now known as ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company.

Judge Fleury has been replaced (temporarily – until December 31, 2014) by Judge Lamitie out of Malone. The Malone Telegram is raising their rates to \$10.00.

***Motions:***

- (1.) To pay bills – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier. All in favor. Approved.
- (2.) To accept HUD Report – No report.
- (3.) To accept Highway Superintendent’s Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier. All in favor. Approved.
- (4.) To accept Town Clerk’s report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier. All in favor. Approved.
- (5.) To accept the 2014 Budget Update – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (6.) To accept the Supervisor’s Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (7.) To accept the Dog Control Officer Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.
- (8.) To accept the Code Officer Report – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier. All in favor. Approved.

**V. New Business**

Our next meeting falls on November 10<sup>th</sup>, which is Native American Day. A discussion was held amongst the Board, and we are going to leave the meeting for the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Rod is attempting to set up a Neighborhood Watch meeting and will let the Board know of the date when it is finalized. He is hoping to get BCI Jason Pelkey to give us an update on Marie Fleury Murder.

Karen Bisso was present at the meeting and wished to address the Town Board regarding the upcoming November elections. She is running against Janet Duprey for Assemblywoman for the 115<sup>th</sup> District. She spoke openly about her platform. She has been attempting to reach every Town Board meeting in her district, prior to the November elections.

A Public Hearing will need to be held to approve our 2015 Budget. A motion was made by Michael Armstrong to hold a Public Hearing at 6:15 pm on November 10<sup>th</sup> to approve our 2015 Budget, seconded by Vince Cartier. All in favor. Approved. The Clerk will notify the Malone Telegram regarding the Public Hearing for the Budget prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>.

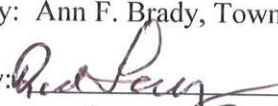
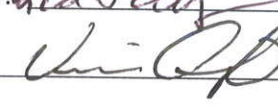
**VI. Adjournment**


Rod Lauzon, Town Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Vince Cartier, seconded by Robert Reynolds. All in favor. Approved.

The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for November 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. A Public Hearing will take place on November 10, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. to approve the 2015 Budget.

Minutes submitted by: Ann F. Brady, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_