

Town of Westville Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018

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.

The supervisor requested a moment of silence for all those who lost their lives on September 11th.

II. Roll call

Town Clerk, Ann Brady, conducted a roll call.

PRESENT: Council person, Dean Fleury
Council person Michael Armstrong
Highway Superintendent, Kevin Nichols
Supervisor Rodrique Lauzon
Code Officer Robert Crossman

ABSENT: Deputy Supervisor Brenda St. Hilaire, Council person Robert Reynolds and Dog Control Officer Kim Barcomb

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Conzola II from the Malone Telegram; Bonnie Pickering; Dorleen Allen; Diane Tremblay; Anne Britton; Howard Stark; Greg Janisewski; Sharalyn Prim; Dorothy Reynolds; Steve Reynolds; Richard Onufer; Edward Robideau; Melanie Lemire; Michael Leahy; Tim Carter; Donald Gravel II, Darlene Perry, Charlie Perry, Todd Collins, Eric Preve; Jamie Gratton; Bridgett Brill; Larry LaPage; Todd Collins; James Premo; Barry Griffith; Sandra Premo; Paul Lauzon; Jean Goddard; Frank Goddard; Susan Tobias; and David Stark

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were presented to the Board from Town Board Meeting held on August 13, 2018; the Meeting Minutes having been submitted to the Town Board by the Town Clerk; the Town Board has reviewed the meeting minutes; and a motion was made by Michael Armstrong to accept September's minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.

IV. Open issues and Reports

HUD Report – The report was presented by Rod Lauzon. The Board was presented with a new project. **Resolution #25 of 2018** was presented to the Board by Town Supervisor, Rodrique Lauzon to authorize a capital expenditure for project #WES-16-10. A motion was made by Dean Fleury, seconded by Michael Armstrong to accept **Resolution #25 of 2018** as written. All in favor. Approved.

Code Officer's Report – A written report was provided to the Board by Bob Crossman. The Code office issued 2 Building Permits, 2 Burning Permits, 2 Certificates of Occupancy, 1 Notice to Remedy, and 1 Septic Tank Permit. The Code Office took in \$145.00.

Dog Warden's Report – No report.

Highway Superintendent's Report – A report was given to the Board by Highway Superintendent Kevin Nichols. All done blacktopping; now doing shared services. Working on the mowing and equipment.

Town Clerk's Report – Town Clerk, Ann Brady provided the Town Board with a monthly report indicating that the Town Clerk's Office issued 4 dog licenses and 1 marriage license. The total received by the Clerk's Office for the month of August was \$105.00; New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets received \$6.00; New York State Department of Health received \$22.50; and \$76.50 was paid to the Town of Westville, Town Supervisor.

On August 18th, 2018 correspondence was sent to the Franklin County Personnel Office enclosing the Supplementary Payroll Certificates for the elected/appointed positions. On that same date, correspondence was sent to Cartier's Lawn Care notifying them of the bid award for the 2019 mowing contract. Local Law #3 of 2018 was sent to Richard Edwards for filing with the New York State Department of State.

On August 24th, 2018 a Marriage Certificate was issued to Austin & Morgan Carter. On that same date, correspondence was received from the Board of Elections with regard to the Primary Election for Thursday, September 13th.

On August 25th, 2018 correspondence was received from Franklin County Personnel Office indicating that the Supplemental Forms needed to be re-done. All of the forms have been re-typed and revised according to the letter from the Personnel Office.

On August 27th, 2018 Draw Down #14 was executed and returned to Friends of the North Country.

On September 7th, 2018 an Affidavit of Mortgage Tax Exemption was executed and returned to Friends of the North Country for filing with the Franklin County Clerk.

On September 8th a flyer was received from the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions.

Supervisor Report – Rod Lauzon presented the Board with the Town Supervisor's Report. There is a class coming up at the Fire Department that will provide information between the Authority and the Town Board. The Class is scheduled for September 20th.

Received a copy of the Solar Farm Law from the Town of Malone. We need to get a new eye for the garage door. Tim Snyder is working down at the Park and clean up has begun at the cemetery.

October 17th we will hold a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at the fire station.

Rabies Clinic September 26th at the Westville fire station.

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

Budget Update by Rod Lauzon – 2019 Budget: the General account is going up \$0.04; the Highway is going up \$0.04; and Fire Department is going up \$0.02.

The current account information is:

Account Information:	CLASS	Community Bank	Total
General	\$ 151,306.42	\$ 44,055.81	\$
General –Savings		\$ 65,229.89	\$ 65,229.89
Highway	\$ 28,367.90	\$ 34,688.19	\$
Highway – Savings		\$ 30,027.04	\$ 30,027.04
Reserve		\$ 116,839.92	\$ 116,839.92
Trust & Agency		\$ 10,966.96	\$ 10,966.96
Total	\$ 179,674.32	\$ 301,807.81	\$ 481,482.13

Deposits

General:

Verizon \$977.50

Highway:

A motion was made by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury to set a Public Hearing date for October 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for the 2019 Budget. All in favor. Approved.

Motions:

- (1.) To accept the Code Officer Report – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. 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 Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (4.) To accept Town Clerk’s report – Motion by Dean Fleury, seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.
- (5.) To accept HUD Report – Motion by Dean Fleury, seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.
- (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 Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (8.) To accept the Supervisor’s Report – Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved.
- (9.) To accept the Westville CAN Update – No report.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management Authority

Tim Carter from FCSWMA was present to address questions and concerns from the public with regard to the potential contract to haul trash from other counties. The Authority has acquired enough land to expand the landfill – they currently have 1100 acres.

Mr. Carter indicated that they had conducted an Environmental Impact Study and that the landfill has the capacity to hold 18 million tons of refuse. The landfill is also looking into extending the railroad to aid them in hauling trash from outside of the County.

Mr. Carter indicated that with hauling more trash that the tipping fees would go down, that there would be more money for host towns and the other towns in Franklin County.

Residents were concerned over the wells, water runoff and the odor. Mr. Carter was going to inquire about testing the local resident’s wells. They are testing the streams and trying to maintain the methane odors.

They currently have permits for 125,000 tons and are only taking in 40,000 tons. The Westville residents that were in attendance do not wish for the landfill to expand and do not want to haul in outside refuse.

Members of the local fire department were present and were concerned about fires at the landfill. Our local fire department has not been trained to handle it. Jamie Gratton indicated to Mr. Carter that if there was a large fire at the landfill that it would bankrupt our fire department and possibly our town. Mr. Carter was going to look into getting the fire department to the landfill and scheduling some meetings.

The residents were given an opportunity to ask Mr. Carter questions and he addressed their questions individually.

V. Adjournment

Rod Lauzon, Town Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. All in favor. Approved. The next regular meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for October 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ann F. Brady, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

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