

Town of Westville Meeting Minutes

September 8, 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
Deputy Supervisor, Dean Fleury
Councilman Vince Cartier
Dog Control Officer, Kim LaPage
Robert Crossman

ABSENT: Councilman Robert Reynolds
Highway Superintendent, Kevin Nichols

ALSO PRESENT: James Labrake

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on August 11, 2014 and the minutes from the Public Hearing held on August 11, 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 and the Public Hearing held on August 11, 2014 were approved. Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Dean Fleury. 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: 2 Building Permit; 3 Burning Permit; 1 Notice to Remedy; and performed 19 Construction Inspections, 1 Foster Care Inspection and 1 Garbage Complaint. The Code Office took in \$3,184.65.

Dog Control Officer's Report – Kim LaPage provided a written report to the Board dated August 12 through September 8, 2014. On August 12th a dog was taken to High Peaks for rabies vaccination. On September 2, 2014 a hound mix was found on Sand Street that had been running loose for a few days. On September 7, 2014 a dog was adopted out. On September 3, 2014 she received a complaint about a loose dog getting into his trash; the dog was in the Constable jurisdiction. She also stopped in to see about the nuisance dog complaint from Gerald Lawrence. On September 8, 2014 she received a call that there is a loose dog – the homeowner was supposed to call back if they could catch the dog. On August 26, 2014 Phyllis Rabideau called the neighbor dog is chasing her when she walks.

Highway Superintendent's Report – A report was given to the Board by Rodrique Lauzon in Kevin Nichols' absence. The Sterling is in Vermont getting the box installed. The oil tank for the hydraulics is rusted out and they will replace it. Fort Covington purchased the old box for \$698.00. The crew has been busy patching on the Cold Springs Road and mowing the shoulders.

Town Clerk's Report -- Town Clerk, Ann Brady provided the Town Board with a monthly report indicating that the Town Clerk's Office issued 14 dog licenses 3 copies of Marriage Certificates. The

total received by the Clerk's Office for the month of August was \$185.00; New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets received \$16.00; New York State Department of Health received \$0.00; and \$169.00 was paid to the Town of Westville, Town Supervisor.

On August 16, 2014 the Town Clerk's Office forwarded the resolution, Franchise Agreement and Public Hearing Minutes with Notice to the Time Warner Cable Office.

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

Account Information:	CLASS	Community Bank	Total
General	\$ 636.97	\$ 67,871.09	\$
Highway	\$ 56,528.10	\$ 19,574.31	\$
Trust & Agency		\$ 1,868.14	\$ 1,868.14
Machinery	\$.08		\$ 0.08
Reserve – Highway		\$ 75,264.56	\$ 75,264.56
Savings – Highway		\$ 75,008.26	\$ 75,008.26
Savings – General		\$ 96,254.56	\$ 96,254.56
Total	\$ 57,165.15	\$ 335,840.92	\$393,006.07

Received from and deposited into General Account:

Verizon Wireless	\$977.50
CFSWMA (landfill)	\$2,968.65 (building permit)

2014 Budget Update -- Rod Lauzon and Kevin Nichols worked out a tentative budget for 2015. Rod provided the Board with a tentative budget. The Budget for 2015 would increase 3.933 cents per thousand.

AMP Update by Rod Lauzon – No Report.

Supervisor Report – Rod Lauzon gave the Town Supervisor's Report. NYMIR has provided new insurance rates for the Town. Rod has already filed the renewal certification with the health and dental insurance company -- Excellus. It is now illegal to perform a "boot collection" by any fire department. We received the Lab Analysis Report for the Westville Landfill from Life Science Laboratories.

We received a donation for the cemetery upkeep from Nancy & Wayne Milne of \$150.00. It was decided that the Board would look into purchasing items for the cemetery with the donation.

A rabies clinic has been scheduled for September 24th at the Westville Fire Station.

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 Dean Fleury, seconded by Vince Cartier. All in favor. Approved.
- (5.) To accept the 2014 Budget Update – Motion by Dean Fleury, seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Approved.
- (6.) To accept the Supervisor's Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier. All in favor. Approved.
- (7.) To accept the Dog Control Officer Report – Motion by Mike Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier. 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

Next month's meeting will fall on a long weekend; October 13th falls on Columbus Day. A discussion was held among the Board members regarding changing the meeting to October 6th instead of October 13th. A motion was made by Dean Fleury, seconded by Michael Armstrong to move the regular meeting to October 6th. All in favor. Approved.

James Labrake was present to inquire what is going on with the revisions to Local Law #3 of 2002 and he was informed that it was decided to leave the law the way it is currently written. He wants to know about issuing a possible Noise Ordinance instead. Rod informed him that the Board has tabled the issue for now. Mr. Labrake indicated that things are "quieting down" but wonders what will happen again come May.

We need to pass a Local Law in order to provide funds to the Food Pantry. The Town Clerk, Ann Brady, has drafted Local Law #1 of 2014 for approval by the Board. Local Law #1 of 2014 was presented to the Board for review, comments, revisions and suggestions. A motion was made by Michael Armstrong, seconded by Vince Cartier to hold a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2014 as it was presented to the Board. All in favor. Approved. The Public Hearing was set for October 6th at 6:15 p.m. The Public Hearing will take place prior to the board meeting. The Clerk was instructed to publicize the meeting change and the public hearing.

Mike Armstrong wants to know why the Sheriff's Department is shooting down in the Park area. His understanding was that the Town Board decided not to allow the Sheriff's Office to shoot down there. Rod indicated that he had spoken to Pat White and that Pat said they look all around to make sure no one is there when they shoot. He said that they also put out a notice that they are shooting. Mike and Vince are concerned about the park and the kids. Rod indicated that the property they are shooting on belongs to the Fire Department, and that the Fire Department gave them permission to shoot there, there is really nothing we can do. Mike suggested that the Sheriff's Office contact the prisons to see about shooting at one of their ranges. Rod was going to try to get ahold of the Sheriff to suggest it.

Northern Home Services LLC performed an energy audit of the Town Hall and provided the Board with a written report. Rod will use the numbers that were provided in the audit to obtain a grant to perform the improvements suggested by Northern Home Services.

VI. Adjournment

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

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

Minutes submitted by: Ann F. Brady, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:





