

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 09, 2015

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 09, 2015 at the White Creek Town Hall. Supervisor Robert Shay called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Members present at the meeting were Supervisor Shay, Town Council Members Joe Bates, Barbra Kingsley, Erin Sheridan and James Perry. The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting and they were amended as follows. On page 2 of the minutes, second paragraph in regards to Resolution #11-2015-Spec Book Proposal the minutes were amended to read that James Perry abstained from the vote adopting said resolution. Erin Sheridan made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, Joe Bates seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

New Business

Community Now Representative from the Department of Social Services was unable to attend the meeting as planned. Hopefully she will be able to attend the July 14th meeting.

Supervisor Shay announced a change to the County's sales tax distribution. Beginning next year seven percent (7%) of sales tax will go to the Towns.

Supervisor Shay announced that a flagpole will be placed at the Rosewood Cemetery. This is a project for a scout working on his Eagle Scout task.

Planning Board

Planning Board Chairman Neil Gifford stated that County Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando attended the Planning Board's June 3rd meeting. Mr. Armando discussed with the Board what the role of the County Code Enforcement would be once the Town adopts the changes to the Mobile Home Ordinance, Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations.

Chairman Gifford also reported that the cell tower is going up off State Route 67 at the Spiezio/Giarripa property.

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Town Assessor

Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a monthly report to the Board. The Assessment Review Board held the Grievance on May 26th. Two property owners attended and one assessment was lowered, the other was not lowered. There were three (3) other requests received by mail, none of these requests were lowered. Carol Paul has been doing a lot of data collection.

Resolution #11-2015-Hoffer vs. Town of White Creek

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the settlement of the tax certiorari cases pending in the matter of Hoffer vs. Town of White Creek pertaining to property located at 16 West Main Street. The motion to adopt said resolution was made by James Perry, seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor of adoption of said resolution.

Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted copies of her monthly report.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report to the Board. The Crew has been mowing, grading and adding chloride when needed. They are scheduled to pave River Road during the week then follow up with Chestnut Hill Road. Chris scheduled to meet with Erin and Joe to discuss using County and State bids to purchase equipment and supplies. The Board requested that Chris seek bids for the electrical portion of the Town Barn project. The entire department attended the eight (8) hour refresher course for MSHA in Fort Edward.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the Monthly Operating Statement to the Board. Laura stated that she had received checks for the sales tax, mortgage tax and the interest payments from the 2015 tax collection.

Animal Control Officer

Animal Control Officer Ed Holland gave an overview of the process he follows for complaints regarding stray dogs. Barbra Kingsley asked about the adoption services that are offered at their kennel. Ed said that Nancy Quell handles all the adoptions and has around a 95% success rate for finding new homes for dogs.

Miscellaneous

Councilwoman Barbra Kinglsey stated that she had spoken with Town of Cambridge Councilwoman Susan Herrington regarding a Town Picnic. Sue suggested that the Town of White Creek join the Town of Cambridge at Lake Lauderdale for a town wide picnic on Friday, July 17th from 6 to 8 pm. All agreed that this was a nice idea.

It was agreed that the July 14th monthly meeting will be held at the Jermain Hall on Niles Road. A notice indicating the change will be placed in The Eagle.

Audit and Pay Bills

Highway Acc't: \$12,304.40

General Acc't: \$09,367.49

Total Vouchers: \$21,671.89

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk