

## WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES

JULY 12, 2016

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at the White Creek Town Hall on Mountain View Drive. Supervisor Shay called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. All rose for the pledge to the flag. The entire Board was in attendance for the meeting. Supervisor Robert Shay and Town Council Members Barbra Kingsley, Tammy Taber, James Perry and Lance Wang. Also attending the meeting was Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning and Planning Board Chairman Neil Gifford. The minutes of the June 14, 2016 Town Board Meeting were approved as presented. James Perry made the motion to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor of approval.

### Old Business

Supervisor Shay recognized the subcommittee for their efforts in drafting a noise ordinance. Subcommittee members Debra Mackin, Heath Murphy and Sandy Foster were present at the meeting. Councilmember Lance Wang had done a considerable amount of research in regard to the development of a noise ordinance, he discovered that the ordinance should focus on the cause (ATVs, motorcycles, mini bikes, etc.) more than the effect (noise); after much research the group were able to put together a draft of an Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Ordinance for the Town of White Creek. Councilmember Wang read some language from the draft regarding purpose, restrictions, definitions (including what is a nuisance, and off-road recreational vehicles, etc.). After a very lengthy discussion with the subcommittee, residents and Board members; Lance Wang made a motion to forward the draft to Town Attorney Alan Wrigley, Barbra Kingsley seconded. The motion was passed with a 3 – 2 vote in favor of forwarding the draft of Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Ordinance to the Town Attorney for review.

## New Business

Supervisor Shay stated he has received several complaints regarding the poor appearance on the outside as well as inside the Dollar General. He stated he wrote a letter to the owner of the property and within two (2) days they have already fixed up the parking lot and have started painting the front roof. The owner stated he could not do anything about the inside, as that is the responsibility of Dollar General. Supervisor Shay stated he would get in touch with Dollar General.

### **Resolution #16-2016- Support of Washington County Shared Highway Grant**

Supervisor Shay announced that Washington County is looking for a resolution of support from each of our town's for submission of local government efficiency project grant for Shared Regional Highway Operation Centers. There will be no monetary amount required from our town, however, for each town supporting the County; they can add an additional amount for the grant. Barbra Kingsley made a motion to pass a resolution to support the County for the Shared Regional Highway Operation Centers grant; James Perry seconded the motion. All were in favor for Resolution #16-2016 to support Washington County submission of the grant.

### **Resolution #17-2016- Donation for replica of 123<sup>rd</sup> Regiment flag framing**

Supervisor Shay stated he received a request from the 123<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Civil War Commemorative Committee to donate \$200.00 for the preservation of a replica of the original flag of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Regiment. James Perry questioned if it is legal to request a donation. It was suggested that the flag should be displayed at Washington County Fair. Supervisor Shay stated he would speak with the County Attorney. Barbra Kingsley made a motion to donate \$200.00 for the preservation of a replica flag of 123<sup>rd</sup> Regiment New York Voluntary Infantry, Lance Wang seconded the motion. Resolution passed with Ayes: 4; Nays 1.

Supervisor Shay reminded everyone to join the celebration with the Village of Cambridge on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 16, 2016.

### Planning Board

Chairman Neil Gifford stated there was not a regular meeting of the Planning Board in June, because of not anything on the agenda and July 6<sup>th</sup> due to not having a quorum. A special meeting will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Chairman Gifford stated he went over to the property leased by Verizon to ensure the state's Storm Water Management System they installed was working after the severe storms we had and is pleased to report it held up very well.

Chairman Gifford also stated the Rensselaer 911 Tower has been approved to be on the same property.

### Assessor's Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a monthly report. She reported the final assessment roll has been filed and is open for public inspection. Also, out of 17 transfers for May and June; nine (9) were sales. They are continuing to follow up on building permits and data collection.

### Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted her report of the revenues for the month of June.

### Superintendent of Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report. The crew attended Safety Days, First Aid and CPR training this month. They have finished spraying chloride on the roads. Work on storm damage cleanup has been done. The contractors have backfilled the foundation and dug the drain line for the garage. Al has been mowing and some culverts have been replaced. The new dump box is  
On the 2001 dump struck.

### Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning notified the board that Kevin Hayes will be in on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to finish the installation of the Quick Books program.

### Town Historian Report

Historian Ted Rice will have his report for the board next week regarding his activities for the month. Marilyn Robinson asked the board for permission for Jerry Taber to be allowed to straighten up the stones in

Quaker Cemetery. The motion was made by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Lance Wang. All others were in favor.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Shay stated we have received a Thank You letter in support from the Tour of Battenkill.

Town Residents

Town resident, Neil Gifford wanted to know if the board was aware that some residence wells are testing positive for PFOA. Supervisor Shay stated that he is aware and has been forwarding contact information to residents, however, it may be sometime before the Health Department would be in contact. Supervisor Shay stated most people are testing themselves and then contacting the State. Councilmember James Perry asked if this could possibly be like acid rain; only affecting some areas. Neil Gifford stated there's some statements going around that someone may have dumped wastewater. It is still under investigation.

Audit and Pay Bills

Highway DB Fund:	\$30,485.02
Highway DA Fund:	46,249.61
General Fund:	<u>4,080.36</u>

Total Vouchers: \$80,814.99

With no further business on the agenda, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Worthy  
White Creek Deputy Town Clerk