

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the White Creek Town Hall. Deputy Supervisor James Perry called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Members present at the meeting were Deputy Supervisor James Perry , Town Board members Barbra Kingsley, Lance Wang and Tammy Taber. Supervisor Shay was absent. Others present at the meeting were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning and Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth. Lance Wang made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 08, 2017 regular meeting as presented to the Board. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

The Board voted to table the discussion regarding an appointed vs. elected assessor until the October 10th meeting. Also tabled until the October meeting was the renewal of the Town of Arlington Snow Contract and the abandoning of Gulley Lane.

The Board announced that they will accept bids for propane and diesel fuel for 2018 at the October 10th meeting. A Notice of Bids will be advertised in the Eagle for three consecutive weeks.

Representatives from Aflac gave a presentation of the various insurance policies they carry in hopes that some of the Town employees would be interested in signing on with their company. All employees will be given the opportunity to attend an additional presentation if they choose to do so.

Planning Board

The Board accepted the resignation of Jason Nolan from the Planning Board with regret. Jason's resignation will take effect immediately. The Town Board will actively seek a replacement for the vacant seat.

Assessor's Report

Resolution 19-2017-Appointment of Raymond Short to BAR

The Board approved the reappointment of Raymond Short to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term effective October 01, 2017 to September 30, 2022. Motion to appoint Raymond Short was made by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor of the appointment.

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth reported that she had spoken with Alan Wrigley in regard to the September 15th court date for Notice of Petition for assessment of "The Cambridge". Alan assured her that there is no formal hearing on that date; it is merely a pro forma. He estimated that the first court appearance will possibly be months away after the Note of Issue is filed and appraisals are completed.

The Board tabled the discussion of hiring a different lawyer who specializes in tax assessment cases to the October meeting.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported total revenues for the month of August were \$4736.00 with local share remitted \$502.78.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. Laura also has the Preliminary 2018 Budget ready for the Board's review. Budget Workshops are scheduled for September 26th @7pm and October 10th at 6pm.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben reported that the culvert is in on Waites Hill Road Bridge. The project took 3-4 weeks to complete. The crew is still mowing. The tractor needed a water pump and the mower had a leak in the hydraulic tank, both are fixed. The grading for the fall season has begun.

Town Residents comments

Tom Moses voiced his concerns about the detour proposed for the bridge repair

on State Route 67 to begin next year. Superintendent Chris Rieben suggested that all those concerned should attend the meeting on September 20th at Cambridge Central School regarding NYSDOT plans for detours during the construction of the bridge.

Audit and Pay Bills

Highway Fund: \$62,790.18

General Fund: \$ 5,370.35

Total Vouchers: \$68,160.53

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk