

# **WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**JULY 14, 2015**

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the Jermain Community 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. James Perry made a motion to approve the June 09, 2015 minutes, Erin Sheridan seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

## **Old Business**

Supervisor Shay reminded all residents they are invited to the Town of Cambridge - Town of White Creek Picnic at Lake Lauderdale on Friday, July 17, 2015 from 6–8 pm. Just bring a dish to share and you pay \$2.00 for parking.

## **New Business**

### **2015-2016 Propane Bid**

At 7:40 pm the propane bids were opened by the Deputy Clerk Theresa Worthy. The bids were as follows:

Blue Flame Gas Co., Inc. submitted a bid to deliver propane to the Town of White Creek with an option of a fixed price of \$1.349/gallon or a fluctuating price based on Blue Flames cost. Both options of FOB; storage tanks/cylinders, etc. will be provided as “loaned equipment”.

John Ray & Sons submitted a bid to deliver at a fixed price of \$1.169/gallon, plus tax; or variable price of \$.40 over rack/\$1.084 per gallon, plus tax.

Supervisor Shay stated the awarding of the propane bid will be tabled until it is determined whether John Ray & Sons will charge to replace and inspect tanks. A Special Board Meeting will be held for a vote to accept a bid on Thursday, July 23, 2015 @ 7:30 pm.

Supervisor Shay stated that CCS Superintendent Vince Canini will attend the August 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Shay stated that he had extended the invitation to Cambridge Town Supervisor Fedler and the Town Board members.

### **Resolution #12-2015-Donation to Cambridge Historical Society**

Supervisor Shay has been informed by the Cambridge Historical Society it is in need of the space we have been using to store our “old” Town Records. They have accommodated the Town free of charge for quite a few years now. Supervisor Shay requests a motion to give the Cambridge Historical Society a donation for all the time we have been with them. Barbra Kingsley made a motion to give a \$500.00 donation; Erin Sheridan seconded the motion, and all others were in favor. At this time, the records will remain at the Historical Society but Supervisor Shay suggested that the process begin to look for new means of storing them. He has spoken with Bill Cone about his storage pods, they have radiant heated floors and climate control. His rates are \$85 to \$100 per month. Joe Bates stated that is about \$1,000 a year and wonders if Mr. Cone would sign a five (5) year lease with the Town, and we would be able to place that in next year’s budget. Supervisor Shay stated that he would present this proposal to Mr. Cone.

### **Planning Board**

Planning Board Chairman Neil Gifford stated a meeting was not held for the month of July.

### **Town Assessor**

Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were six transfers, three being sales: State Route 22 \$20,000; Gully Lane \$200,000; and East Main Street \$260,000. The office has been busy bringing the three mobile home parks up to date, especially with STAR exemptions. Two parks have been completed. The Board of Assessment

Review will have their second meeting Wednesday, July 15. One correction to be made prior to school tax bills being generated.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted her monthly report to the Board.

### **Highway Report**

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report to the Board. AI has been mowing. The crew has completed Chestnut Woods, except for the chip seal. Paving of River Road is completed. The crew went to Safety Day on June 23. They have started to haul some winter sand. Some roads have been graded and chloride put down, however there are still a couple of roads to finish.

### **Budget Officer's Report**

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the Monthly Operating Statement to the Board.

### **Town Historian**

Town Historian Marilyn Robinson asked if anyone knew where Cobb Town was. Marilyn read several articles in the County Post mentioning the name Cobb Town back in 1800's. The articles were quite amusing and Marilyn stated that this was how most articles were written back then.

### **Town of White Creek Fire Department**

Rita Kittel of the White Creek Fire Department informed the board the old furnace is being taken down and a newer one, using propane, will replace it.

### **Town Residents Comments**

Resident John Lee questioned the amount of gravel trucks going up and down Niles Road? Supervisor Shay stated that Rody Walker was hauling a large construction project and also we were hauling as well up on Chestnut Hill Road.

Resident Shawn Murphy questioned if the Washington County Broadband survey is going to lead anywhere? Supervisor Shay stated unfortunately he does not foresee a benefit for lower part of White Creek.

### **Miscellaneous**

Marilyn Robinson reminded everyone that the first Softball Tournament is Friday, July 31 – Sunday, August 1. If you would like to volunteer, please let Amanda Gorman know by emailing her at agorman72 @gmail.com.

### **Audit and Pay Bills**

Highway Account:       \$171,481.35

General Account:       \$ 10,252.62

Total Vouchers: \$181,733.97

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Worthy, Deputy Town Clerk