

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the White Creek Town Hall. Supervisor Robert Shay called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken by the Deputy Town Clerk. Members present at the meeting were Supervisor Shay, Town Council Members Joe Bates, Barbra Kingsley, Erin Sheridan and James Perry. Also attending meeting were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben and Budget Officer Laura Manning.

James Perry made a motion to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes, Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

Old Business

Supervisor Shay stated the street light on the corner of County Route 68 and Route 22 is a 150 watt. Board approved to increase the light to 250 watts, if that is not enough we could increase to 400 watt.

New Business

Supervisor Shay stated that Shawn Murphy has been filling in since John Gillen has resigned from the Board of Assessment Review. Supervisor Shay asked to have Shawn Murphy appointed for full term. The motion was made by James Perry, Erin Sheridan seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

Supervisor Shay stated we need to advertise for Fuel Bid and Lawn Care to be awarded at the October 13, 2015 meeting.

Supervisor Shay stated we have already received Fire Contract Proposals from the Village of Cambridge for 3 years and the Town of White Creek for 1 year. We are still waiting for the Buskirk Fire Contract.

Planning Board

Meeting was held on September 2, 2015; however, John Carnett of Bounce Linx did not show.

Town Assessor

Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were ten transfers, six were County tax sales. Updating of mobile home parks is nearing completion; STAR supplications are being received and applied. School tax bills have been mailed. Anyone with questions or errors should see the Assessor as soon as possible. In order for the taxpayer to avoid paying interest penalties, corrections have to be made and sent to the County prior to the expiration of the interest free period.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted her August, 2015 report to the Board.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report to the Board. The mower has been broken; received the parts today and hope to have it back together soon. The old mower is down it's the gear box or pump, will have to do research on that. About 4,000 tons of sand has been put up. The crew has been working at the intersection of Oak Hill and Stage Road; the County did the engineering and now Oak Hill is now a STOP and Stage Road is through road; still need to get blacktop back in there. The County Youth group has started pressure washing and preparing to paint the barn. They will be there every Tuesday and Wednesday until it's done.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the Monthly Operating Statement to the Board. On schedule with the CHIPS without having to take out a loan. Superintendent Chris Rieben stated we should be receiving our first CHIPS check on September 16, 2015. Supervisor Shay stated we

budgeted \$2958.00 for the Landfill Closure, have we paid about \$1500.00. Budget Officer Laura Manning stated we have paid about half that. They said they were going to be monitoring less. Budget Officer Laura Manning stated there will be two budget workshops, September 15 and September 29 @ 7:30 pm.

Town Historian

Town Historian Marilyn Robinson stated all the work being done by Ted Rice regarding Lime Kilns operated our town in the 1800's. Town Historian Marilyn Robinson announced it has been 150 years since the end of the civil war and the return of 123rd Infantry and there will be a celebration in Salem on September 26, 2015 from 10 to 4 pm.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Shay stated that Code Enforcement has been here a lot regarding complaints; and has found a few other things. We have been in and out of court a couple times regarding that matters with Mr. Mattison.

Town Residents Comments

Resident Marilyn Robinson stated mowing needs to be done in her area. Chris stated hopefully the mower should be running by the end of week.

Barbra Kingsley mentioned a new business has opened in the town, Our Beloved Farm. They are open for events (birthdays, etc) in their old barn.

Resident Augie Brownell was wondering if we could get better lighting at the Recreation Field. Supervisor Shay stated the town may own the property, however, the committee for the Recreation Field is self sustained. Marilyn Robinson, a member of the committee, stated they received a profit from the tournament; they have not discussed lighting at this time. It was suggested that Marilyn deliver a monthly report on how the finances are for the Recreation Field. Marilyn agreed and would start at next month's meeting.

Audit and Pay Bills

Highway Account: \$ 67,480.89

General Account: \$ 6,819.58

Total Vouchers: \$ 74,300.47

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Worthy, Deputy Town Clerk