

**White Creek Town Board Minutes**  
**October 10, 2017**

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the White Creek Town Hall. Supervisor Robert Shay called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Attending the meeting were Supervisor Shay and Town Board Members James Perry, Barbra Kingsley, Tammy Taber and Lance Wang. Others attending the meeting were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning, Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth and Washington County Director of Real Property Laura Chadwick. The minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by Lance Wang, seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor of approval.

**2018 Propane and Diesel Fuel Bids**

Upon opening bids, a discussion then followed by a vote, the Board awarded the Diesel fuel bid to Doug's Oil, Inc. at a price of \$.19 over the rack price per gallon. The Propane Bid was awarded to G.A. Bove and Sons, Inc. at a price of \$.23 over the rack price per gallon.

Roll call vote:

Propane Bid to G.A. Bove and Sons

Ayes: Shay, Perry, Kingsley, Taber, Wang - All in favor

Diesel Fuel Bid to Doug's Oil Inc.

Ayes: Shay, Kingsley, Wang

Nay: Perry, Taber

Bid awarded to Doug's Oil with a 3-2 vote.

**Resolution 20-2018 – Speed Limit on Old State Road North**

The Board a petition from the residents of Old State Road North requesting that the speed limit on said road be reduced. Barbra Kinsley made the motion to pass a resolution to execute all the necessary documents and papers to have the aforesaid road investigated and studied to determine appropriate speed limits to be set forth and to receive the results of said study, investigation and

recommendations of the New York State Department of Transportation for the purpose of setting said speed limit. Motion was seconded by James Perry and all others voted in favor.

### **Resolution 21-2017**

The Board approved a request from Budget Officer Laura Manning for payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to attend a training class in Lake Placid.

Motion by: Barbra Kingsley

Seconded by: Tammy Taber

All voted in favor.

### **Resolution 22-2017 – Contract with lawyer to handle Article 7 case.**

The Board approved in engaging J. Lawrence Paltrowitz Esq. to provide legal services to the Town in connection with labor and Article 7 matters. The Town will be charged \$200.00 per hour for attorney's time and \$120.00 per hour for paralegal time. The Town will have the right to cancel the agreement at any time.

Motion by: Lance Wang

Second by: Barbra Kingsley

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Shay, Perry, Kingsley, Taber, Wang.

Resolution approved unanimous vote.

### **Assessor's Report**

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth presented her monthly report to the Board.

Laura Chadwick, Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Services provided the Board members with information in regards to the number of Article 7 case in the County. Laura also gave the Board a print out of the Assessor's in Washington County. This allowed the Board to see what Towns have a Sole Elected Assessor, Sole Appointed Assessor and the salaries for each Town Assessor.

Laura also informed the Board that the Cold War Veterans Exemption has expired. The Board will need to hold a Public Hearing and pass a Local Law to reinstate the exemption for a ten year period.

### **Highway Report**

Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report of activities to the Board. The crew is getting the fleet ready for winter. They have finished putting up sand which amounted to 3600 to 3700 tons. Chris stated he has been working on the equipment plan with the highway committee. The tractor is back in service and Al is mowing again.

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

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. Laura also presented the final draft of the 2018 Budget. The Public Hearing to adopt the 2018 Budget will be held at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Town Residents Comments**

Ed Gulley asked if the Board was voting on changing from a Sole Elected Assessor to a Sole Appointed Assessor. Supervisor Shay stated that the answer to that question was no.

Mrs. Lana Swanson stated that she would be in favor of the "Shared Services Legislation". If the Village, Towns of Jackson, Cambridge and White Creek could share services it would reduce property taxes.

### **Audit and Pay Bills**

Highway Fund:     \$35,580.24  
Highway CHIPS:   \$ 5,037.75  
General Fund:     \$ 2,238.94

**Total Vouchers:   \$42,856.93**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy  
White Creek Town Clerk

