

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
MAY 08, 2018

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 08, 2018 at the White Creek Town Hall. Members of the Board present at the meeting were Supervisor Robert Shay, Lance Wang, Barbra Kingsley, Tammy Taber and Heath Murphy. Supervisor Shay called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Resolution 25-2018 – Approval of Minutes

The Board passed a resolution approving the Minutes of the April 10, 2018 regular Board Meeting. Motion by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of approval.

Old Business- Update on Gravel Pit Traffic

Supervisor Shay stated that he has spoken with Mr. Barney the manager of the gravel pit in regards to the complaints from town residents. Mr. Barney was agreeable with Supervisor Shay requests of set hours for loading the trucks and the trucks to travel at a reduced speed. Four residents (Nancy Lee, Jenna Schnitzer, Paul and Deborah Mackin) that are affected by the truck traffic were present at the meeting. They stated that 121 trucks traveled by their homes just today. They feel that the constant passing of trucks by their homes is affecting their health and well-being and also causing damage to the interiors of their homes. They are extremely upset about the situation and would like the Town Board to act on a solution to the problem. Mr. Barney the manager of the gravel pit was also present at the meeting. He stated that the project in Bennington, Vermont involving the gravel pit is near completion and the truck traffic would diminish considerable when the project is finished. Paul Murphy a resident of Niles Road told the Board that he has no complaints about the same truck traffic going past his home. Another couple that lives nearby also commented that they were not negatively affected by the truck traffic. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board needs to work on a solution to protect the residents and town from situations like this happening in the future. Lance Wang stated that he would like to research what other towns and villages in New York State have done with a problem similar to this one. Supervisor Shay will contact the Town Attorney and discuss the matter as soon as possible.

New Business

Resolution 26-2018- Retaining legal representation with Attorney Larry Paltrowitz

The Board voted to retain the services of Attorney Larry Paltrowitz in regards to trailer/camper issues in the Town. These include properties on Hunt Lane, River Road and Route 22/Orville Way.

Lance Wang made the motion, seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor.

Planning Board Report

Chairman Neil Gifford offered his resignation as Chairman of the Planning Board due to many other commitments that need his attention. Neil requested that the Board appoint Tara Nolan as the Chairman of the Board for the remainder of the year and Neil will assume Tara's position as the Deputy Chairman.

Resolution 27-2018-Appoint of Tara Nolan as Planning Board Chairman and Neil Gifford as Deputy Chairman

Lance Wang made the motion to pass a resolution appointing Tara Nolan as the Chairman for the Planning Board for the remainder of the year and appoint Neil Gifford as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all other voted in favor of said appointments.

Town Clerk's Report

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

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement for the month. Laura stated that she had attended a training seminar this past month.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted her monthly report to the Board.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report of activities to the Board. The crew has been grading, replacing culverts. The tractor and mower are ready to start mowing next week. All the staff attended the Defensive

Driving, CPR and First Aid courses. Al Stearns has given his two week notice and will be done working on May 17, 2018. The loader has been placed on Auctions International, the bidding will conclude on 5/21/18. Chris stated that the bids will have to be accepted or rejected on May 22nd. A Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7pm at the Town Garage to accept or reject bids.

Justice Court Report

Supervisor Shay announced that Judge Richard A. Molea has been appointed by the Fourth Judicial District Judge Vito Caruso to hear all cases while Judge Sica is recovering from recent surgery. Judge Molea's term is for the period of May 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, unless sooner terminated by Administrative Order.

Resolution 28-2018- Approval for Judge Molea to open bank account

It is necessary for the Associate Judge to have a separate bank account from Judge Sica's account for the monthly report to be submitted. Therefore, Lance Wang made a motion to approve Judge Molea opening a new bank account as the Town of White Creek Associate Judge, motion seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 29-2018- Approval of monthly vouchers

Heath Murphy made a motion to approve the following disbursements for the monthly audit of bills.

General account: \$2,149.02

Highway account: \$8,824.04

Total Vouchers: \$10,973.06

Said motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor of approval.

Town Residents Comments

Councilwoman Barbra Kingsley stated that she was recently made aware that a residence on County Route 68 has a race track on the property. They are actually driving a stock car around on this track. Barbra stated that this is another example of why the Town Board needs to consider drafting a nuisance law in the future.

There being no further business on the agenda, Lance Wang made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk