

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
JULY 10, 2018

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Jermain Hall on Niles Road. Members present were Supervisor Robert Shay and Town Board Members Barbra Kingsley, Lance Wang, Tammy Taber and Heath Murphy. Also present were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Sole Assessor Ronna Meerwarth and Budget Officer Laura Manning. Supervisor Shay called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Resolution 35-2018 Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2018 Meeting

The Board accepted the minutes as presented

Motion by Lance Wang

Seconded by Barbra Kingsley

All voted in favor

New Business

Chris Krahling, Project Manager for Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA), read an endorsement letter regarding the 2018 Farmland Protection Implementation Grant funding proposal that would be forwarded to the NYS Department of Agricultural and Markets for a perpetual conservation easement on the Relihan Farm on the behalf of the Town of White Creek.

Resolution 36-2018 – Endorsement Letter for Relihan Farm

Barbra Kingsley made the motion to pass resolution and forward the Endorsement Letter for Relihan Farm to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets.

Motion was seconded by Tammy Taber

All voted in favor of said resolution

Resolution 37-2018 – Speed evaluation on Lincoln Hill and Chestnut Hill Roads

Lance Wang made the motion to pass a resolution requesting that NYSDOT have Lincoln Hill & Chestnut Hills Roads investigated and studied for speed limit reduction.

Motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley

All voted in favor of said resolution

Planning Board

Next Planning Board meeting will be held on August 1, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk's Report was forwarded to the Board.

Assessor Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted her report for June, 2018. Ronna stated there will be changes to the STAR program. The State will be taking over all aspects of the program; this will start with the 2019 Mandatory Enhanced STAR Income Verification Program (IVP).

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the operating statement to the Board. Barbra Kingsley questioned an amount under Assessor's Contractual account A1355.4 for \$859.00, when no money was allocated to that account. Some of these expenses were for a new printer, Ronna and Carol going to training. Laura stated she is reconfiguring the accounts to be more separate instead of placing all under Buildings account A1620.4. Next year's budget will reflect these allocations.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report of activities to the Town Board. They have finished grading and chloride the roads. They helped Town of Jackson haul some gravel. The crew went to safety days provided by the County & Superintendent of Highways Association. New cross culverts are in on Deleven & McKart roads on the County Route 68 side and are ready for when the county paves. Highway Committee meeting results: Discussion on maybe doing some work for the State on Notch Lane, still waiting for price of insurance so we can charge accordingly. The last Stop sign still needs to be put up. It was reported to Chris that Center Road bridge over the Owl Kill has a plank rising and is becoming a hazard.

Resolution 38-2018 – Approval of Monthly Vouchers

Heath Murphy made a motion to adopt said resolution approving the vouchers submitted for payment. Motion seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of approval.

Highway Fund: \$215,832.08

General Fund: \$ 2,157.40

Total Vouchers: \$217,989.48

Town Historian/Archivist

Historian Ted Rice did not have anything for last month. Council Member Barbra Kingsley stated that they are putting together informational meetings and guest speakers, starting in August here at the Town Hall and eventually move them to Jermain Hall. We will also be looking for donations to pay for some Historic District signs.

White Creek Fire Department

Members of the White Creek Fire Department wanted thank everyone who came out to support their first fund raiser.

Justice Court

The Justice Court forwarded their monthly report to the Board.

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Shay addressed the rumor regarding a nuisance ordinance/law. Nothing has been brought before the board for consideration regarding a new law. If at any time the Board wishes to go in that direction, procedures for adopting a law or ordinance requires (2) two Public Hearings and then a Referendum being place before voters for their consideration. The draft that was circulated to residents came from Council Member Lance Wang. This was a copy of a nuisance law in the Village of Cambridge.

Town Residents Comments

The question was brought before the Board on what were the views of the other Board Members regarding support or not supporting having a nuisance ordinance/law. Heath Murphy stated that he would not support pursuing a nuisance law at this time; however, he does believe that there could be a need in the future. Tammy Taber stated that she has not supported it since day one. Lance Wang states that he can neither support nor not support as it is right now, because we are not even there right now. Barbra Kingsley stated she does understand that at some point we will need something in the future, however at this time she is not in favor of a nuisance ordinance.

Audrey Robertson presented and read aloud to the Board a petition signed by 71 residents of White Creek against any and all changes to roads that were targeted due to complaints about the truck traffic (Niles Rd, Meeting House Rd, Lincoln Hill Rd, Shaftsbury Hollow Rd, Gannon Road and Chestnut Woods Rd).

There being no further business on the agenda, Lance Wang made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Worthy
White Creek Deputy Town Clerk