

White Creek Town Board Minutes
October 09, 2018

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 09, 2018 at the Jermain Hall. Members present at the meeting were Supervisor Robert Shay, Town Board Members Barbra Kingsley, Lance Wang, Tammy Taber and Heath Murphy. Also present was Laura Chadwick, Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Service, Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth, Planning Board member Ron McEvilly, Budget Officer Laura Manning and Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben. Supervisor Shay called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Resolution 47-2018 – Approval of September 11, 2018 Minutes

Lance Wang made the motion to waive the reading of the September 11, 2018 Town Board Minutes and approve as presented. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

Resolution 48-2018-Town Signs

The Board decided that it would be more economical to have the NYS Department of Transportation provide three (3) signs placed at the boundaries of the Town of White Creek instead of repairing the present signs. The signs will be placed on State Route 313, County Route 68 and State Route 67. The present sign at the Town Hall will remain there. Heath Murphy made the motion to approve obtaining the signs from NYSDOT. Motion was seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Resolution 49-2018-Reappointment of Gary Mears to Board of Assessment Review

Barbra Kingsley made the motion to reappoint Gary Mears to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of five (5) years. The motion was seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of the reappointment.

Judge's Office – Air conditioning

Supervisor Shay stated that he had Bennington Cooling and Heating at the office to take a look at the possibility of getting air conditioning in the Judge's office.

They submitted a quote of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) to revamp the system. The Board agreed that they are not interested in moving forward with this project at this time.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Member Ron McEvilly reported on the recent meeting of the Planning Board. Richard Jordan came before the Board in regards to constructing a new home on a vacant lot. In accordance with the new laws, this action falls under the Site Plan Law. Ron stated that the Board does not have a formal application for new construction or a fee schedule. The Board agreed that a new fee schedule should be created for the 2019 Organizational Meeting. They also suggested that Ron reach out to Nan Stolzenburg to find out about an application for the new construction.

Assessor's Report

Laura Chadwick, Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Services was present at the meeting. She attended the meeting to inform the Board about a Shared Services Plan by County Administrator Chris Debolt. The County is interested in applying for a grant for property revaluations for towns that do not have a 100 percent equalization rate. At this time White Creek has a 63 percent equalization rate so the town would be eligible to participate in the revaluation. After a brief discussion, the Board members decided that they are not prepared to make a decision on the question of a town revaluation at this time, but would be interested hearing more information about it.

Acceptance of Fuel Bids-Resolutions 50 and 51-2018

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy opened the bids for diesel fuel and propane for 2019 season. The Board voted to accept the bid for diesel fuel from Doug's Oil, Inc. located in Hoosick Falls, NY. Doug's Oil will deliver diesel at the price of .19 cents over rack price from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Motion to accept bid from Doug's Fuel was made by Heath Murphy, seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor.

The Board accepted the propane bid from G.A. Bove Fuels at a price of .23 cents per gallon over the Selkirk rack price. The propane will be delivered to the Town Hall and the Town Garage for the period from January 1, 2019 through December

31, 2019. Motion made by Lance Wang, seconded by Heath Murphy and all others voted in favor.

Town Clerk’s Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted the monthly report for September 2018. The Town received \$704.65 in revenues. Total revenues were \$9,413.00, with over \$9,100.00 in DEC license sales. The Clerk reported that she has submitted all the paperwork to Troy & Banks at the Board’s request.

Budget Officer’s Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board members. She announced that the state aid that recently was received was a little over what was budgeted. Laura continues to work on the 2019 budget and presented the first draft to the Board members.

Highway Superintendent’s Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly activities report. The crew has finished the hauling of around 4300 tons of sand. They have been busy grading, ditching, cleaning up brush, chip sealing and blacktopping many of the roads. They are also working on getting the trucks ready for the winter season.

Town Historian’s Report

Town Historian Ted Rice was unable to attend the meeting, although he did submit a report of his monthly activities.

Audit Report – Resolution 52-2018 –Approval of Vouchers

Heath Murphy made a motion to approve the payment of all vouchers submitted to the Board. Motion seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of approval.

Highway account: \$23,822.60

General account: \$ 4,794.20

Total Vouchers: \$28,616.80

Town Resident's Comments

Lyle Livingston a resident of Shaftsbury Hollow Road stated he is having major issues with a new neighboring property owner burning at the property. He also stated that rats are coming from this location and that he has put rat poison out in order to try and get a handle on the situation. Supervisor Shay stated that burning is against the law and the new property owner will be contacted to stop the burning. Mr. Livingston stated that the proper authorities had visited the site upon complaints from the neighbors, but the owner was never at the property to be advised what he is doing is against the law.

There being no further business on the agenda, motion to adjourn was made by Lance Wang, seconded by Supervisor Shay and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk