

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2019

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Shay called the meeting to order at 7pm and asked Deputy Supervisor Lance Wang to preside over the meeting for the evening. Town Board Member Tammy Taber offered a short prayer and all rose for the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Board members present at the meeting were Robert Shay, Lance Wang, Heath Murphy, Tammy Taber and Barbra Kingsley. Also present at the meeting was Planning Board Chairman Ron McEvelly, Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning and Renee Bouplon the Executive Director of the Agricultural Stewardship Association.

Resolution 22-2019 – Approval of the May 14, 2019 Town Board Minutes

Barbra Kingsley made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to approve as presented. Heath Murphy seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

New Business

Renee Bouplon of the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) addressed the Board in regards to the creation of the Cambridge Community Forest on a 145 acre wooded property in the Town of White Creek. ASA is purchasing this property from Barbara Merriman and plan to development trails for walking, hiking, cross-country skiing and mountain biking. The entrance to the property will be at the bridge that is located at Rockside and Brookside Drives in the Village of Cambridge. Ms. Bouplon stated that the property would remain on the tax roll and it would probably be about a year for the project to come to fruition. Both Supervisor Shay and Deputy Supervisor Wang asked about the impact the park would have on the residents of Rockside and Brookside Drives in regards to parking and traffic. Ms. Bouplon stated that she had spoken with most residents of the project area and invited to have one of the residents join the committee involved in the project.

Old Business

Health Officer Heath Murphy reported that a residence on Shaftsbury Hollow Road was given an order to remedy a violation and has thirty days to comply. The report of garbage on Fundi Mountain Way was checked out by Supervisor Shay and no garbage was found.

Planning Board

Chairman Ron McEvelly gave a monthly report to the Board.

Resolution 23-2019 – Appointment of Paula Meerwarth to Planning Board

Supervisor Shay had received a letter of intent from resident Paula Meerwarth stating her interest in joining the Town's Planning Board.

Barbra Kingsley made the motion to appointment Paula Meerwarth to the Planning Board for a seven year term effective immediately. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of the appointment.

Assessor's Office

Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were ten transfers for the month with eight being sales. The final assessment roll will be filed on July 1st.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported revenues of \$1,307.00 for the month of May. The Town's portion was \$374.96.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben presented a monthly report of activities to the Board. Chris stated that he will start searching for a truck to replace the 2001 that was totaled. Chris Gonzalez has resigned from his position, the help wanted ad will be placed in the newspaper again. The Crew is about halfway done with the grading and chloride.

Audit Report-Resolution 24-2019

Heath Murphy made the motion to approve the vouchers presented for payment. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

General Account: \$ 3025.69

BAN note: \$96,591.50

Highway Fund: \$ 52,437.63

Total Vouchers: \$152,054.82

Town Historian

Town Historian Ted Rice presented the Board with a report of his activities for the month of May.

Fire Department

White Creek Fire Department Member Holly Cross was present at the meeting. She reported on the departments recent calls and future plans.

Town Residents Comments

Mr. Violette asked why the sand pile is so high down at the Town Garage. Superintendent Rieben stated that it was necessary in order to avoid problems with the pile freezing during the winter months.

Peter Taber asked about the upcoming reevaluation of properties. Supervisor Shay stated that White Creek is still planning on participating in the reval with the County but there are is no definite timeline yet.

Jimmy Griffith asked Supervisor Shay if there has been any talk at the County Supervisor's meetings about creating an Air B&B tax for Washington County. Jimmy is in favor of seeing tax placed on these rentals. Supervisor Shay stated that this has not been a topic that was recently discussed at the County level.

There being no further business on the agenda, Health Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk

