

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 08, 2019

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 08, 2019 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Shay called the meeting to order at 7pm. Board Members present at the meeting were Barbra Kingsley, Heath Murphy and Supervisor Shay. Lance Wang and Tammy Taber were absent. Also present were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning, Planning Board Chairman Ron McEvilly, Village Trustee Alex Dery Snider and Associate Director of Agricultural Stewardship Association Renee Bouplon.

Resolution 41-2019 – Approval of September 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Barbra Kingsley made the motion waive the reading of the September 10, 2019 Town Board Minutes and to approve them as presented. Heath Murphy seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

Propane and Diesel Fuel Bids

The Board tabled the opening of bids until the November 12, 2019 meeting. The advertisement for bids will be run in The Eagle again.

Steering Committee Request –Recreation Grant awarded to the Village

Village Trustee Alex Dery Snider was present at the meeting to announce that the Village of Cambridge has received a Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Grant. They are presently working on identifying a Steering Committee and given the focus on the new Community Forest in the Town of White Creek, they would very much like to someone from the Town on the committee. Supervisor Shay stated that he would prefer to table this decision until the November meeting when a full board will be present. All present agreed to table the discussion until November 12th meeting.

Resolution 42-2019 – Hudson River Greenway Community in New York State

The Board approved that the Town of White Creek be a Hudson River Valley Greenway Community in New York State at no cost to the Town. Motion was made by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Heath Murphy and all voted in favor of said designation.

Resolution 43-2019-Endorsement ASA Dairy Transitions Farmland Protection Initiative Grant Proposal

Renee Bouplon Associate Director of ASA gave a brief description of the new grant opportunity for Dairy Farmers. She asked for the Board's support in submitting the application for a grant for Robert and Jessica Rowland of Ro-Acres Farm on Ash Grove Road. Mr. Rowland was present at the meeting as well. The Board voted to endorse the Agricultural Stewardship Associations Dairy Transitions Farmland Protection Initiative Grant proposal to the NYS Department of Ag and Markets for a perpetual conservation easement on property owned by Fred DePaul and leased to the Rowland Family who operate Ro-Acres Farm on Ash Grove Road. Motion to show support for the protection of Ro-Acres Farm property was made by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Heath Murphy and all voted in favor.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Chairman Ron McEvelly gave a brief update on the current projects before the Planning Board. The Board approved the Minor Subdivision Application submitted by Ayla Holdings, LLC at the meeting last week. There are still two open applications for Minor Subdivisions and a Site Plan Review Project ongoing. Ron made arrangements with Supervisor Shay and Town Councilman Heath Murphy to visit the building site of William Rice on River Road.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted her monthly report to the Board. There were 18 transfers since last month. It was brought to her attention that there are several long time camps not on the assessment roll. As soon as the leaves are gone, date collection on camps will begin.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted her monthly cash report to the Board. Revenues collected for the month of September were \$8,738.00 with \$681.05 for the Town share.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. Another budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 7 pm. Laura stated that the 2020 budget will be within the two percent tax cap.

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Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report of activities to the Board. They are finished hauling sand with a total of 4355.60 tons put up. The shoulders have been done on Lincoln Hill and Waites Hill Roads. They also have been ditching and putting culverts in.

Audit Report

Resolution 44-2019-Approval of vouchers submitted for payment

Heath Murphy made the motion to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$32,422.45. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Town Historian Report

Town Historian Ted Rice was unable to attend but submitted a report of activities to the Board.

Supervisor

Supervisor Shay read a report from Recreation Field Member Marilyn Robinson about the success of the field this summer.

Supervisor Shay announced that he had been told that a White Creek Day is being planned for October 26th with a parade and events at the Jermain Hall.

Town Residents Comments

Mrs. Lana Swanson a resident of Turnpike Road told Chris that a lot of trees and brush are building up on her road and will be a hazard for the snowplowing this winter. Chris stated that he was aware of this and they will be cleaning it up soon. Mrs. Swanson also stated that a ban on plastic bags in stores will begin in March 2020 for New York State. She encouraged Supervisor Shay to vote for a 5 cents fee on paper bags as some of the revenue from this will go to the local governments.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Barbra Kingsley moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Heath Murphy and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk