

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the Jermain Hall. Supervisor Shay called the meeting to order at 7pm. Deputy Supervisor Lance Wang was the facilitator of the meeting at Supervisor Shays request. Also present at the meeting were Town Board members Barbra Kingsley, Heath Murphy and Tammy Taber. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning, Assessor Ronna Meerwarth and Town Justice Scott Lucey.

Resolution 37-2019 Approval of August 13th Town Board Minutes

Lance Wang made the motion to waive the reading of the August 13, 2019 Town Board Minutes and approve as presented. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Resolution 38-2019 – Advertise bids for Diesel Fuel and Propane for 2020.

Barbra Kingsley made a motion to seek bids for diesel fuel and propane for the Town Garage and Town Office for the year 2020. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The notice to bidders will be advertised in The Eagle Newspaper and bids will be opened at the October 8th meeting.

Resolution 39-2019-Authorization for Justice Court applying for JCAP Grant

Town Justice Scott Lucey was present at the meeting to request the Board's permission to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2019-20 grant cycle in the amount of nine thousand forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$9049.99). If received the grant would make it possible for a new air conditioning system to be installed to the Court Room and Court Office at the Town Hall. Judge Lucey also explained that the Town would be responsible for a portion of the project in the amount of thirteen hundred and fifty-seven dollars (\$1357.00).

Lance Wang made the motion to give authorization to apply for the grant and also to approve the payment of thirteen hundred and fifty seven dollars as the portion that the Town would be responsible for if the grant is received from the NY Court System. The motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all members voted in favor of said resolution.

Assessor's Report

Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth was present at the meeting and submitted a monthly report of activity to the Board. There were ten transfers for the month with five being sales. Mrs. Meerwarth stated that school tax bills will be issued soon. If anyone should find an error, it is important to notify the Assessor's Office as soon as possible. The date for the Property Tax Auction has been changed to Saturday, October 26th at the Hebron Fire House. The listings can be viewed at the Auctions International website.

Planning Board Report

Chairman Ron McEvelly was unable to attend the meeting. Planning Board Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported that four projects are before the Board at this time, three applications for Minor Subdivisions and one Site Plan Review project.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported revenues of \$4,499.00 for the month of August. The Town's portion was \$521.81.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. She has been working on the Preliminary Budget for 2020 and believes it will fall within the two percent cap. She has not received the State Aid yet and stated that one more sales tax payment will be received before the end of the year. Workshop dates were confirmed for October 1st and if needed October 15th at 7pm.

Washington County Code Enforcement

Due to the meeting being held at Jermain and not the Town Hall, Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Freeborn and John Graham arrived late to the meeting. Supervisor Shay had requested they come to a meeting to give a brief overview of their duties and the process of applying for a building permit in the Town. After doing so, they answered questions from the Board and audience in attendance.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board. The culvert has been installed on McKie Hollow Road. They have been

hauling sand and have about a thousand more ton to reach the needed 4 thousand ton. They had been mowing but the mower has been down for a week. Hopefully it will be repaired by the end of the week. The County came and helped with the grade all, so thanks goes out to them.

Audit Report

Resolution 40-2019 – Approval of Payment of Monthly Vouchers

Heath Murphy made a motion to approve the payment of the monthly vouchers submitted in the amount of \$28,791.00. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Town Residents' Comments

Theresa Livingston a resident of Shaftsbury Hollow Road stated that her neighbors are not mowing their property or trimming by the roadside. She stated that the neighborhood is just in a terrible state and she feels resentful that she pays her taxes and keeps up her property only to have the rest of the surrounding properties looking terrible. She invited the Board members to drive out and take a look at it. Supervisor Shay stated that he would look into it and get back to Mrs. Livingston.

There being no further business on the agenda, Barbra Kingsley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk