

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the White Creek Town Hall. Present at the meeting were Supervisor James Griffith and Town Board Members Lance Wang, Barbra Kingsley, Heath Murphy and Tammy Taber. Also present at the meeting were Budget Officer Laura Manning, Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth, Planning Board Chairman Ron McEvelly, Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben and Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Services Laura Chadwick.

**Resolution 12-2020 – Approval of Minutes**

Lance Wang made a motion to waive the reading of the January 14, 2020 Board Minutes and approve them as presented. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

**Presentation from Laura Chadwick, Director of Washington County Real Property Tax Services**

Director Laura Chadwick was present at the meeting to request a resolution from the Board granting Supervisor Griffith permission to sign the contract authorizing participation in the Assessment Reevaluation with Washington County Real Property Tax Services. Laura also gave an update on the progress of the grant thus far. Laura stated that the Town Assessors will be fully involved throughout the process. Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth and Assessor Clerk Carol Paul both attended a meeting with the Reval Company on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Resolution 13-2020- Town Reval Contract**

Lance Wang made a motion to grant approval for Supervisor Griffith to sign the contract authorizing the participation in the Assessment Reevaluation with Washington County Real Property. Motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor of the resolution.

**Resolution 14-2020 – Appointment of Brian Watkins to LDC Board**

Barbra Kingsley made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Watkins to the LDC Board to fill the vacancy of Marion Watkins. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

### **Planning Board**

Chairman Ron McEvilly reported that one project for a Minor Subdivision on Gannon Road is before the Board at this time.

Ron informed the Board that Robert Somers had submitted his resignation from the Planning Board effective immediately. The Board accepted the resignation with regret and thanked Robert Somers for his service to the Planning Board.

### **Town Assessor's Report**

Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth had submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were six transfers for the month. Ronna stated that her office has been very busy with exemption paperwork and reminded everyone that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit paperwork.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy collected revenue in the amount of \$635.00 for the month of January, with \$217.84 in revenue for the Town. Lisa also reported that \$2,053,214.30 was collected for town and county taxes in the month of January.

### **Budget Officer's Report**

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the Monthly Operating Statement to the Board.

### **Resolution 15-2020**

Laura discussed with the Board purchasing a three (3) month CD from Glens Falls National Bank in the amount \$156,000.00 for the Highway DB Fund 5112.4. The interest rate for the CD will be 1.5 percent.

Barbra Kingsley made the motion to adopt a resolution to approve the purchase of a three (3) month CD with an interest rate of 1.5 percent in the amount of \$156,000.00. Motion was seconded by Lance Wang and all other members voted in favor of adoption of the resolution.

### **Highway Superintendent's Report**

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben report that the crew had been out plowing and sanding 14 times and 17 times around using 1190 yards of sand and around 100 tons of salt.

Chris and Supervisor Griffith met with Melissa Davidson from Northern Insuring to go over the current policies. It was decided to increase the cover for the trucks and to add the pole shed to the policy in order to insure the contents of the building. Northern Insuring will provide the paperwork on the changes. Nathan Wilbur has given his notice and will be leaving on February 20<sup>th</sup> for a new job. An ad will be placed in the Eagle to help in the search for a new employee. Chris has received to prices on tractors. The price quoted from John Deere was the best one. It would be a five (5) year lease and a buyout of one dollar (\$1.00) at the completion of the lease. Budget Officer Laura Manning stated that she will get a figure from Glens Falls National Bank and then the Board can decide if they would like to move forward on this purchase.

### **Audit Report- Resolution 16-2020**

Heath Murphy made a motion to approve the monthly vouchers for the month in the amount of \$25,813.04. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

### **Town Historian**

Town Historian Ted Rice submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board

### **Justice Court Report**

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted his monthly financial report in the amount of \$2236.00 for January 2020 to the Board.

Judge Lucey has been notified that the Town has received the grant from the Unified Court System for two air conditioning/heating units, one to be placed in the Courtroom and the other in the Judge's office. Installation should be completed by March of this year.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business on the agenda, Barbra Kingsley moved to adjourn the meeting. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk

