

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2020

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the White Creek Town Hall. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. James Griffith, Lance Wang, Barbra Kingsley, Heath Murphy and Tammy Taber were all present at the meeting. Budget Officer Laura Manning and Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben were also present.

Resolution 41-2020-Approval of September 08, 2020 Minutes

Lance Wang made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 08, 2020 meeting as presented. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Opening of Bids for Diesel Fuel, Propane and Lawn Care

Resolution 42-2020-Diesel Fuel Bid

The Town Board voted to accept the bid for diesel fuel from Bove Fuels at a fixed price of \$.20 per gallon over rack price. Tammy Taber made the motion to accept the bid. Motion was seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 43-2020-Propane Bid

The Town Board voted to accept the bid for propane submitted by Bove Fuel at a price of \$.23 per gallon over Selkirk rack price. Motion to accept the bid was made by Barbra Kingsley. Motion was seconded by Tammy Taber and all voted in favor of accepting bid.

Resolution 44-2020 – Lawn Care Bid

The Town Board voted to accept the lawn care bid submitted by Richard Wirmusky (Wirmusky Property Management LLC) for lawn and cemetery care for 2021, 2022 and 2023 at a price of \$31,550.00 (\$10,300, \$10,500. and \$10,750.). Lance Wang made the motion to accept the bid. Motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all voted in favor.

Planning Board Report

The White Creek Planning Board held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 7th. A classification was done on one project, a Boundary Line Adjustment submitted by Greg Krizan on Jodie Road.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were 16 transfers for the month with 11 being sales. Ronna reported that the Enhanced STAR income eligibility has been raised to \$90,550. The Revaluation is back on and all the paperwork has been signed and returned. The Real Property Director will let us know when it will begin in our town.

Resolution 45-2020- Board of Assessment Review Appointment

The Board approved the reappointment of Shawn Murphy to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of five years. Motion was made by Lance Wang, seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor of said appointment.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted her monthly report to the Board. Revenues were collected in the amount of \$8,396.00 with \$1,063.50 in revenue for the Town.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 @ 6pm.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report of activities to the Board. They have been busy getting the equipment ready for winter, ditching, grading, mowing, cutting brush and patching potholes. The pickup truck had work done that was needed (brakes, tires and tune-up).

Resolution 46-2020 – Approval to order and purchase a new Pickup Truck and Plow

A motion was made by Barbra Kingsley to approve the purchase of a new 2021 Ford F350 pickup truck and plow for the Town Highway Department. The truck will be ordered from Carmody Ford in Greenwich for a price of \$37,346.00 and

the plow will be purchased from Trius Inc. for at a cost of \$5,940.00). Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of said purchase.

Audit Report

Resolution 47-2020-Approval of Monthly Vouchers

The Board approved the audit of monthly vouchers submitted for payment in the amount of \$20,047.03. Motion to approve was made by Heath Murphy, seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of said resolution.

Justice Court Report

Judge Scott Lucey submitted the monthly court report for September in the amount of \$3,653.00

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Griffith presented the Board Members with a Model Solar Energy Local Law to review and then discussion will follow at the Budget Workshop.

Supervisor Griffith and Board Member Barbra Kingsley gave a brief recap of the public workshop that was held virtually in regards to the Cambridge Community Forrest.

Town Residents Comments

John Joy a resident of Fundi Mountain Way requested that the Town of White Creek take over ownership of Fundi Mountain Way. Supervisor Griffith explained to Mr. Joy that there is a process to go through in order for the Town to take possession of a road. It was suggested that Mr. Joy check his deed of the property and contact the other property owners on Fundi Mountain Way in regards to the road maintenance. Supervisor Griffith stated that he would check into the legalities of the process.

Resident Lana Swanson commented on the changes to the Recycling Center since it has been taken over by Earth, Waste and Metal. She stated that the station is not clean and neat like it was and that the prices being charged for garbage and recyclables are unreasonable.

There being no further comments or questions, Barbra Kingsley moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk