

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the Town Hall. Members present at the meeting were Supervisor James Griffith, Town Board Members Barbra Kingsley Tammy Taber, Heath Murphy and Lance Wang. Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning and Planning Board Chairman Ron McEvelly were also present. Supervisor Griffith James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Lance Wang offered a short prayer in observance of Veterans Day.

Public Hearings for 2021 Fire Contracts and Town Budget

Supervisor Griffith opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 Fire Contracts at 7:01 pm. for comments or questions. The Fire Contracts for 2021 are as follows:

Cambridge Fire Department \$35,101.00

White Creek Fire Department \$66,400.00

Buskirk Fire Department \$19,055.00

Supervisor Griffith closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm.

Supervisor Griffith opened the Public Hearing for the 2021 Town Budget at 7:20pm. The total tax levy for 2021 is \$1,020,293.00. There were no comments or questions regarding the proposed budget, therefore, the hearing was closed at 7:39 pm.

Resolution 48-2020 – Approval of Fire Contracts

Lance Wang made a motion to approve the 2021 Fire Contracts as presented. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of approval.

Resolution 49-2020 – Adoption of 2021 Town Budget

Barbra Kingsley made a motion to adopt the 2021 Town Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Lance Wang and all members voted in favor of the 2021 Town Budget. Supervisor Griffith declared the adoption of the 2021 Town Budget as presented.

Resolution 50-2020 – Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes

Lance Wang made a motion to waive the reading of the October 13, 2020 Town Board minutes and approve them as presented. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Solar Energy Systems

Supervisor Griffith presented the Board with a sample Local Law from the Town of Hartford in regards to Solar Energy Systems installation. The Planning Board has been seeing interest in solar systems coming into the township and Supervisor Griffith feels it would be in the Town's best interest to be prepared with some guidelines to follow in the future. The Board agreed to send the sample law to the Planning Board for their input and also to the Town Attorney. Motion was made by Barbra Kingsley and seconded by Lance Wang. All were in favor of moving forward on a Local Law in regards to solar energy installations.

Planning Board Report

Chairman Ron McEvilly gave a brief update from the November 4th Planning Board Meeting. The Board classified a Sketch Plan as a Minor Subdivision. The Planning Board discussed amending the Subdivision Regulations to define a flag lot. The Board is proposing to require footage of one hundred and seventy-five feet (175) for a flag lot. Town Attorney Alan Wrigley has drawn up a sample Local Law with the changes requested by the Board. It was agreed that the Planning Board take a look at the sample law at the December 2nd meeting and the Board will vote on approving the changes at their December 8th meeting.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported revenues in the amount of \$3,070. for the month of October. The majority was from DEC license sales with \$237.04 for the Town's portion.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly Operating Statement to the Board. The state aid check has not been received, but should arrive soon.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a written report to the Board. There were ten transfers in the past month with six being sales. Carol is continuing with date collection.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board. The crew had to sand the hills on four different roads due to bad weather. The sink hole on Owlkill Road has been fixed, a french drain was installed. The trucks are ready to go for the winter months.

Resolution 51-2020 – Audit Report

Heath Murphy made the motion to approve the monthly vouchers submitted for payment in the amount of \$20,815.28. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Justice Court

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly report for October in the amount of \$3,688.00

Town Residents Comments

Mr. LaFlamme asked for a new stop sign to be placed on Old State Road North. Supervisor Griffith stated that he would work with Chris to try and obtain a stop sign for that location.

Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda, Barbra Kingsley moved to adjourn the meeting. Heath Murphy seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk

