

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at the Jermain Hall. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Town Board Members present at the meeting were Supervisor James Griffith, Lance Wang, Tammy Taber, Heath Murphy and Barbra Kingsley. Also present was Budget Officer Laura Manning, Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Town Historian Ted Rice and White Creek Fire Department Chief Mark Robinson.

Resolution 31-2021 – Approval of August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Lance Wang made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting as corrected. Correction was under new business stating that the September meeting would be held on September 13th instead of the actual date of September 14th. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

New Business

Resolution 32-2021-Revenue Loss Calculation-American Rescue Plan Act

Said resolution approves the Town of White Creek to engage in consulting services with EFPR Group, CPAs to assist the Town by calculating, from the information provided, the revenue loss calculation detailed in the Interim Final Rule to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act for the year ended December 31, 2020. The fee for services will be in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Barbra Kingsley made the motion to engage in the services of EFPR Group, CPA. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of resolution.

Town Residents Comments

Justin Minarcik of Niles Road returned to the meeting to inquire of any updates in regards to his complaint about the condition of road by his residence and the possibility of guard rails being placed on the road. Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben stated that the placing of guardrails is very costly and would have to be carefully considered as a budget item. Chris and Supervisor Griffith will arrange to meet with Mr. Minarcik and walk the location with him so he can point out his concerns to them. Mr. Minarcik also brought up safety concerns due to a heavy volume of truck traffic on the road and the lack of shoulders.

Major Gregory Woodcock presented the Board Members with a list of items that he believes should be addressed by the Board. These included repainting the Village Water Tower, hydrants and the safety cross walk on State Route 22 and State Route 313 near the school. He also stated a flag should be placed at the highway garage and old culverts should be replaced to prevent flooding. He also suggested a flag be created for the Town of White Creek. Supervisor Griffith stated that Mr. Woodcock's suggestions would be taken into consideration by the Board but a number of his requests did not fall under the jurisdiction of the Town.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 1st. A Boundary Line Adjustment that was submitted by Greg Krizan of Jodie Road was approved.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Ronna Meerwarth submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were 17 transfers for the month. The GAR data mailers have been sent out and any changes should be mailed back to them as soon as possible. The School Tax bills have also been mailed out. If anyone thinks there is a mistake on their bill, they should come to the Assessor Office right away to avoid interest penalties.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted the monthly report for August with revenue totaling \$2,941.00, the town's portion was \$373.05. Lisa stated that she recently relinquished all the vital records and Town Minutes from 1993-2019 to the County in order to have them digitized by Secure Scan as the result of a grant the County received recently. The records will be digitized and a computer and a scanner will be provided to the Town. The County will also store and preserve the record books, which will free up much needed space at the Town Hall.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. The Town's finances are right on track for the year. Laura has completed the preliminary budget for 2022 and a Budget Workshop to review the budget will be held on September 23rd at 6pm.

Superintendent of Highways Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted his monthly report of activities to the Board. A total of 3,035.96 tons of sand have been put up for the coming winter season. Holes have been patched on blacktop roads. It was decided to place the pickup truck on Auctions International again to see if it could be sold before winter.

Audit Report – Resolution 33-2021

Heath Murphy made a motion to approve vouchers submitted for payment in the amount of \$34,265.00. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of said resolution.

Town Historian Report

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

Town of White Creek Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Mark Robinson submitted the Fire Companies budget proposal for 2022. The estimated expenses for 2022 were \$77,100.00. Chief Robinson stated that the total number of members is now 28 volunteers.

Justice Court Report

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly court report for August 2021 in the amount of \$3854.00.

Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda, Lance Wang made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk