

White Creek Town Board Minutes
November 09, 2021

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 09, 2021 at the White Creek Town Hall. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. Members present at the meeting were Supervisor Griffith, Tammy Taber, Heath Murphy, Barbra Kingsley and Lance Wang. Also present was Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben and Budget Officer Laura Manning.

Public Hearing for 2022 Budget

Supervisor Griffith opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Fire Contracts at 7:04 pm and also opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget at 7:04 as well for comments or questions. Resident Perry Young stated that he previously asked about two projects that he thought should be put in the budget. The first was the paving of the parking lot at the Town Office. He feels that the Board should add or reallocate money to get the parking lot done this coming year. Supervisor Griffith stated that hopefully the monies from the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) can be used for the parking lot. Mr. Young stated that his second concern is that sides have not been put on the salt shed and money should be put in the budget for this project as well. He thinks that this is not a costly project and that the crew should be able to do it themselves. Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben stated that he would have to get pricing on siding for the shed. There being no other comments or questions regarding the budget, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:20pm.

Resolution 37-2021 Adoption of 2022 Fire Contracts for 2022 Town Budget

Barbra Kingsley made a motion to approve the Fire Contracts presented in the 2022 Budget for the Buskirk Fire Company, White Creek Fire Company and Cambridge Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Lance Wang and all voted in favor.

Resolution 38-2021 Adoption of the Town of White Creek 2022 Operating Budget

Following the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget, Barbra Kingsley made the motion to adopt the 2022 budget as presented. Heath Murphy seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of adopting the budget.

Resolution 39-2021 – Adoption of October 12, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Lane Wang made the motion to waive the reading of the October 12, 2021 Town Board Minutes and approve them as presented. Heath Murphy seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Resolutions 40 and 41-2021- Propane and Diesel Fuel Bids for 2022

The adoption of said resolutions was tabled to the December 14, 2021 meeting due to not receiving any bids. The bid notice will be advertised again for the December 14th meeting.

Resolution 42-2021- Temporary Assessor Appointment

Due to the death of Town Assessor Ronna Meerwarth, the Board voted to appoint Roberta Stone as the acting Assessor for a period of six months with a salary of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00). Lance Wang made the motion to pass said resolution. Motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all others voted in favor of the appointment.

Resolution 43-2021 – Donation from American Legion Post

Lance Wang made the motion to accept the generous donation of two hundred dollars from the Capt. Maxson Post 634 to help purchase the new signage for the name change of the Town Hall. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 44-2021 – Pilot Agreement – Flyin’ Dutch Enterprises LLC

The Board determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to accept a Pilot Agreement with the Flyin’ Dutch Enterprises, LLC located at 879 State Route 22 in the Town of White Creek. The facility will be used by the company for the manufacture and processing of cannabis. The Town will receive payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the property in the amounts set forth in the signed contract. Said contract will remain in effect until the year 2031.

Motion to accept said agreement was made by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor of resolution.

Resolution 45-2021 – Resignation of Planning Board Chairman Ron McEvelly

Lance Wang made the motion to accept the resignation of Ron McEvelly from the White Creek Planning Board as presented. Heath Murphy seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 46-2021 – Appoint of Tara Nolan as Planning Board Chairwoman

Due to the resignation of Ron McEvilly as Planning Board Chairman, the Board voted to appoint Tara Nolan as Chairwoman of the Planning Board and Carey Murphy to serve as Vice Chairman for the remainder of 2021. Motion to make the appointments was made by Barbra Kingsley, seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of said appointments.

Resolution 47-2021 – Hire Donna Christian as Custodian for Town Hall

Due to the resignation of Tracey Lucey, the Town Hall was in need of a new custodian. Heath Murphy made a motion to hire Donna Christian at a rate of twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per year. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 48-2021 – Purchase of PTO Powered Blower for Highway Department

The Town Board approved the purchase of a powered blower for the tractor at Highway Superintendent Chris Riebens' request. The cost of the blower is \$8,095.70. Heath Murphy made a motion to approve the purchase. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 49-2021 – Tour of the Battenkill Race 2022

Upon request from the organizers of the Tour of the Battenkill, Lance Wang made a motion of no objection to the Tour of the Battenkill Bike Race on May 07, 2022, utilizing Village, Town and State Roads with the Town. Barbra Kingsley seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of said resolution.

Resolution 50-2021 – Approval of Monthly Audit

Heath Murphy made a motion to approve the payment of all vouchers submitted for the month in the amount of \$25,834.07. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

Town Residents Comments

Town Resident Perry Young asked if Chris Rieben had purchased a new toolbox for the new truck. He also stated that there are number of road signs missing on the roadways or not placed properly on the roads. Perry said there is no sign for Crescent Road and a railroad crossing sign is missing on Shunpike Road. Center Road has signs that are not placed correctly on curves. He also wondered why the

old dump truck is down at the old dump where it could possibly be vandalized. He believes it should be at the Town Garage. He also stated that he was pleased to see there is a flag flying at the Town Office Building. Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben stated that the toolbox is off of his old pickup truck. Chris and Jimmy will get together to review the signs on the town roads.

Resident Nancy Moses Alexander asked if a request could be made to reduce the speed limit on Route 313 (Maple Avenue) in the Town from 40mph to 30 mph. Supervisor Griffith stated this would be a request for the Village Officials.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Griffith scheduled an End of the Year Meeting for Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 7pm.

Adjourn

Heath Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded by Barbra Kingsley and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk