

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINIUTES
MARCH 08, 2022

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 08, 2022 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. All Board Members were present at the meeting (Austin, Taber, Wang, Woodcock, Griffith) also present were Budget Officer Laura Manning and Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben.

Resolution 09-2022 – Approval of Minutes from February 08, 2022

Lance Wang made a motion to waive the reading of the Town Board Meeting Minutes of February 08, 2022 and approve as presented. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

New Business

Supervisor Griffith stated that someone had approached him in regards to purchasing the White Creek Recreation Field. He asked for the Board members thoughts on selling the Recreation Field. Supervisor Griffith stated that it is a liability for the Town. Tammy Taber stated that people have lost interest in volunteering at the Rec Field. There are a number of improvements that need to be done yet there is little money coming in to pay for repairs. Actually last year the Rec Field lost money. There are ongoing issues of household garbage being disposed of at the field and the snack shack is in need of updates. A formal consensus was not taken; topic will be tabled to future meetings.

Earth Day Roadside Cleanup

It was decided to schedule the annual roadside cleanup for Monday April 18th through Sunday, April 24th. Garbage bags will be available for pickup at the Highway Garage and the Town Office.

Town Flag

The discussion of adopting a Town flag continued at the meeting. Town Board Member Greg Woodcock had emailed several different designs to the Board prior to the meeting. It was decided that just one flag would be purchased to fly on the flag pole below the USA flag at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building (Town Hall). The Board voted to purchase the flag with yellow background and green lettering. Residents will have the opportunity to purchase the flag as well.

Niles Road Drainage

Highway Superintendent Chis Rieben has contacted the County in regards to the water issues on Niles Road near Josh Niles residence. Chris will be meeting with a County Engineer at the site to take a look at the drainage issues.

Town Residents Comments

Town resident Perry Young informed the Board and Superintendent Rieben of various signs on town roads that need attention. Perry Young asked Chris if he had the manual of uniform traffic codes. Chris stated that he did and he will look into the signs that Mr. Young listed. Mr. Young also questioned Chris in regards to day to day purchases authorization and asked who does the tree work for the Town. He also expressed concern in regards to the old dump truck being stored at the property on Center Road. Mr. Young also questioned the condition of the salt shed at the Town garage and said it needs to be updated to meet DEC standards. He also stated that he feels the trucks are overloaded with salt and sand and that the load should be lightened in order not to slide off the trucks on corners.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board did not hold a meeting this month, the next meeting is scheduled for April 6th.

Resolution 10-2022 – Appointment of Kristen Kelly to Planning Board

The Town Board voted to appoint Kristen Kelly to the Town's Planning Board for a seven (7) year term. Lance Wang made the motion to appoint, seconded by Gregory Austin and all others voted in favor of the appointment.

Assessor Report

A monthly report was not received from the Assessor's Office

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted her monthly report to the Board. Revenues of \$315.00 were collected with 139.65 being the Town's portion.

Budget Officer's Report

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

Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board. The crew was out 12 different days with 18 times around. They have been dealing with water problems on roads and cutting brush. The 2009-7600 Series truck had a new muffler and a broken wiring harness was repaired.

Audit Report – Resolution 11-2022

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to approve all vouchers submitted for payment in the amount of \$197,234.83. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Justice Court

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly report for February in the amount of \$2,515.00.

Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda, Supervisor James Griffith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk