

**WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2022**

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building. The entire Board was present at the meeting (Griffith, Taber, Austin, Wang, and Woodcock). Also present at the meeting was Budget Officer Laura Manning, Assessor Clerk Carol Paul, Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben and Town Historian Ted Rice. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Resolution 12-2022 – Approval of March 8, 2022 Town Board Minutes

Lance Wang made a motion to waive the reading of the March 8, 2022 Town Board Minutes and approve as presented. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Resolution 13-2022- Appointment of Roberta Stone as Temporary Assessor for the remainder of 2022

Due to the fact that the six month appointment of Temporary Assessor Roberta Stone will expire in May of this year, it was necessary to make an appointment for the remainder of the year 2022. Therefore, Lance Wang made a motion to appoint Roberta Stone to continue as the temporary Assessor for the Town until December 31, 2022 at a salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of the appointment.

Resolution 14-2022 – Justice Court Audit

Said resolution was passed approving the Court Audit that was performed on March 9, 2022 by Town Board members Lance Wang and Gregory Austin. Motion to approve was made by Lance Wang and seconded by Gregory Austin; all others were in favor of approval.

Resolution 15-2022- Highway Department Summer Hours

The Board approved the request from Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben for the department to begin a four (4) day/ten (10) hour work week beginning on April 18, 2022 and ending on October 20, 2022. Lance Wang made the motion, seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor of said resolution.

Resolution 16-2022 – Highway Superintendent Conference

The Board approved the request from Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben to attend the annual Highway Superintendent's Conference in Ithaca, New York on June 5th through June 8th. Motion to approve was made by Tammy Taber, seconded by Gregory Austin and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 17-2022 – Approval of Monthly Vouchers

Gregory Woodcock made the motion to approve the payment of vouchers received in the amount of \$66,849.55. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Resolution 18-2022 –Accept donation to the White Creek Recreation Field

The Board accepted a donation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to the Recreation Field from the Fly 'in Dutch Enterprises, LLC. Motion to accept the donation was made by Lance Wang, seconded by Gregory Woodcock and all others voted in favor.

Old Business

Spring Roadside Cleanup

As planned, the roadside cleanup is scheduled for the week of April 18-24. Garbage bags and vests are available at the Town Office. The Highway Department will pick up the filled bags on the roadways.

Town Flag Update

Town Board Member Greg Woodcock gave an update on the progress of the town flag. As discussed, the flag will be flown at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building on Mountain View Drive. Town Residents wishing to purchase a flag for their own homes should contact the Town Clerk and one will be ordered for them. If twenty-five requests are received, the flag can be purchased for \$59.00.

Craft Fair on June 11, 2022

The plans are coming along nicely for the Craft Fair at the Rec Field on June 11th; the rain date is June 18th.

Town Residents Comments

Reverend Jim Cramer director of the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry on Route 22 spoke to the Board about the challenges for the food pantry over the last two years due to Covid 19. Fundraisers had to be cancelled due to the Pandemic therefore causing a short fall in their budget. Reverend Cramer asked the Board to please consider adding a line item for the food pantry in the 2023 budget. Supervisor Griffith said the Board will discuss how they can help with a donation in the future.

Gregory Austin stated that he had received about 14 complaints about the cutting back and trimming of brush on various roads in the town. Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben stated that he realizes it does not look great right now, but it was necessary and it will look much better once spring is here.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board held their monthly meeting on April 6th. A residential site plan application from Michael Jones was approved for a new home on Gannon Road. Lawrence Nolan submitted a Sketch Plan for a subdivision on Bodenstab Lane; the action was classified as a Minor Subdivision.

Assessor Report

Town Assessor Bobbi Stone submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were eleven transfers recorded in January and sixteen recorded in February. Appointments can be made with the Assessor to review assessment inventory and valuation data. All exemption renewals and new applications received by 4/1/22 were processed and applied for the upcoming tax year. The tentative tax roll will be out May 1st.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. The second quarter sales tax payment was received. Laura reported that everything is right on target with the budget.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted her monthly report for March 2022 with revenues of \$205.05. Tax collection has been completed and unpaid taxes in the amount of \$344,718.28 were returned to the County Treasurer. Taxes collected totaled \$2,376,797.76.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board. The crew only had to plow once since the last meeting. They have been ditching and mowing brush. They have been using the new blower to clean up the blacktip roads and it is working well. Injectors were put in the 2011 dump truck and the exhaust was burned out on the 2009-7600 dump truck.

Town Justice Report

The court report for the month of March was \$2,925.50.

May 10, 2022 Meeting Change

Supervisor Griffith announced that the May Town Board Meeting will be held at Jermain Hall on Tuesday, May 10th at 7pm.

Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda, Supervisor Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting at 9pm. Motion seconded by Lance Wang and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk