

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 14, 2022

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Prior to the meeting, a short ceremony took place for the dedication of the town hall as the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building. A plaque was placed on the front of the building and a photo with proclamation is displayed inside the Town Hall. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Gregory Austin, Tammy Taber, Lance Wang, Gregory Woodcock and Supervisor James Griffith were all present at the meeting.

**Resolution 23-2022 – Approval of May 10, 2022 and May 24, 2022 Minutes**

Gregory Austin made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Town Board Meeting and the May 24, 2022 Special Meeting and approve them as presented. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

**New Business**

Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad Chief Mark Spiezio gave the 2022 Annual Report to the Board Members.

**Resolution 24-2022 – Earmark ARP Funds to CVRS for Education and Training of Staff.**

Lance Wang made the motion to approve a \$30,000.00 donation (Covid Relief monies) to the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad for the training and education of staff members. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**Resolution 25-2022 –Letter of Support for Village of Cambridge Comprehensive Plan**

In response to a letter of request from the Village of Cambridge, Tammy Taber made a motion to agree to serve as a project partner to support the Village of Cambridge with their application to the Grant Program for a comprehensive plan update. The Town will not provide financial contribution towards the project but supports the Village with its finding request. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of said resolution.

### **Introduction of Local Law #1-2022 – Sole Appointed Assessor**

Supervisor James Griffith introduced Local Law #1-2022 which would abolish the office of Elected Assessor and establish the office of Sole Elected Assessor pursuant to Section 24 of the Real Property Tax Law. Lance Wang made the motion to move to adopt the Local Law. A discussion entailed with Greg Austin stating he was opposed to changing to a Sole Appointed Assessor. He feels that it is taking the choice out of the hands of the White Creek voters. Supervisor Griffith stated that the Republican Party had already held their caucus with no one coming forward to run for the position. The Democrats will hold their caucus on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Tammy Taber. Vote was in favor 4-1. Griffith, Taber, Wang and Woodcock voted aye, Gregory Austin voted nay. A Public Hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7pm.

### **Old Business**

#### **Town Flag Update**

It was decided that the Town should go ahead and order the flag but residents who are interested in purchasing the flag would order it themselves from the flag company.

#### **Assessor Report**

Assessor Bobbi Stone submitted a monthly report for the Board's review. The Board of Assessment Review has completed their determinations from the Grievance Day. The decisions were mailed out on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Carol and Bobbi are diligently working on the 2023 tax roll. Bobbi reported that they had 9 transfers for the month of March and 8 transfers for the month of May.

#### **Town Clerk's Report**

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported revenues for the month of May in the amount of \$845.00 with \$328.97 for the Town's share.

#### **Budget Officer's Report**

Budget Officer Laura submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board.

#### **Highway Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report to the Board. They have finished the paving. Culverts will be replaced on Ash Grove Road in the next couple of weeks. They have graded and put down chloride. Unfortunately, due

to the exorbitant price, Chris will have to cut back on the amount of chloride. He has been getting signs fixed and ordering the new ones. There is a \$1200.00 sign budget.

**Audit Report-Resolution 26-2022 – Approval of Vouchers**

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to approve the June vouchers in the amount of \$27,914.33. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval of all vouchers submitted for payment.

**Court Report**

Judge Scott Lucey submitted the monthly court report for May 2022 in the amount of \$2,099.00.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy  
White Creek Town Clerk