

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
JULY 12, 2022

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. Roll call was taken by the Deputy Clerk. Gregory Austin, Tammy Taber, Gregory Woodcock and Supervisor James Griffith were present at the meeting. Lance Wang was absent. Budget Officer Laura Manning and Assessor's Clerk Carol Paul were also present.

New Business – Public Hearing – Adoption of Local Law #1-2022

Supervisor James Griffith read Local Law #1-2022 which would abolish the office of Elected Assessor and establish the office of Sole Appointed Assessor pursuant to Section 24 of the Real Property Tax Law. Supervisor Griffith opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm for resident's questions and comments:

Lawrence Vellucci would like to have the law presented to the taxpayers to be voted on. Could the Town use some of the salary to train the new Assessor after elected? He would be interested in running for Assessor. Supervisor Griffith stated the town would pay for training of an elected assessor.

Dennis Flynn would like to know the pay for this position. He also believes it should be placed on the ballot for voting by taxpayers. Supervisor Griffith informed Mr. Flynn the salary is a little over \$17,000.

Karen LaFlamme asked what hours are set for the Assessor's position, is there a requirement. Supervisor Griffith stated the position is only part time; however, the hours change depending on the time of year.

Rodney LaFlamme asked is there training requirements for the Assessor's position. Supervisor Griffith stated training certification is required whether elected or appointed Assessor. They are required to finish their certification training mandated by the state. This training is very lengthy, sometimes up to 2 years to complete.

Steve Gifford asked would there be a revaluation requirement when a new Assessor is in the position. Supervisor Griffith stated there will not be another revaluation assessment for at least another three (3) years.

Supervisor Griffith assured the residents that the Board really does not want to change the assessor from elected to appointed. An elected assessor is required to

reside within the town and an appointed does not. He also assured that the Town Board can reverse back to an elected assessor at any time.

Supervisor Griffith states that until tonight no one had stepped forward to run for the position of Town Assessor. Resident Lawrence Vellucci has stated he is interested in running for the position. In light of Lawrence Vellucci interest, Supervisor suggested to table further discussion at next board meeting Gregory Woodcock made a motion to table further discussion until next board meeting, August 8, 2022. Tammy Taber second the motion and all voted in favor. Supervisor Griffith closed the Public Hearing at 8:02 pm.

Resolution 27-2022 – Approval of June 14, 2022

Gregory Woodcock made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 14, 2022 and approve them as presented. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

Old Business

Town Flag Update

Gregory Woodcock stated the town flag will be ready soon.

Town Residents' Comments

Gregory Woodcock, as a resident, asked about how many people were grievance? Carol Paul stated 35 residents were there, others with appointments did not show. Supervisor Griffith explained the recent reassessment was a county-wide and state sponsored process and understands a lot of complaints regarding the assessments.

Ron LaFlamme asked about the new gun law. Supervisor Griffith stated the he is working with John Ashby and others regarding it, and will keep him apprised.

Planning Board

The Planning Board held the monthly meeting on July 6, 2022. Tara Nolan stepped down as Chairwoman. Carey Murphy was voted in as new Chairwoman for the remainder of 2022. Tara Nolan is still part of the Planning Board, however, as a member.

Assessor Report

Assessor Bobbi Stone submitted a monthly report for the Board's review. Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of White Creek has been

completed. Pursuant to Section 516, Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the Town Clerk, on the 1st day of July, 2022; where the same will remain open to public inspection.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported revenues for the month of June in the amount of \$470.00 with \$137.77 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 for review. We have been mowing. We have started replacing culverts on Ash Grove Road. They cannot get any 15" culverts at this time. We are starting to see trash on our roadsides, including furniture, televisions, etc. I hope it doesn't become a problem. We have also been doing some ditching.

Audit Report-Resolution 28-2022 – Approval of Vouchers

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to approve the June vouchers in the amount of \$6,481.15. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval of all vouchers submitted for payment.

Town Historian/Archivist

Town Historian submitted a monthly report to the Board for review. Ted Rice, Town Historian has been hospitalized, will have open heart surgery and will out for a while.

Town of White Creek Fire Department

The Town Board received a letter from the Fire Department for grant money of \$9,500.00 to cover the cost of rolling rack and Blizfire. Supervisor Griffith asked Tammy Taber if she could get an itemized table of requested items, (ie what are they, what they do, how they would benefit the department, etc.) Also requests that John Cross, Chief and Mark Robinson, President attend next month's meeting on August 8, 2022 to best explain to the Board.

Court Report

Judge Scott Lucey submitted the monthly court report for June 2022 in the amount of \$2,373.00.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Worthy
White Creek Deputy Town Clerk