

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2022

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at the Major John Wilson Sprague Building, 28 Mountain View Drive, Cambridge, New York. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. Roll call was taken by the Town Clerk. Present at the meeting was Supervisor James Griffith, Town Board Members Gregory Austin, Tammy Taber, Lance Wang and Gregory Woodcock. Budget Officer Laura Manning and Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben were present as well.

Resolution 38-2022 – Amend the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Meeting and approve as amended.

Lance Wang made the motion to amend the minutes to edit that Tammy Taber was absent from the meeting and approve as amended. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

Resolution 39-2022-Date Change for November Town Board Meeting

Due to the General Election being held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 and the Town Clerk out of town on November 9, 2022, Supervisor Griffith asked for a motion to hold the November monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7pm. Lance Wang made the motion to approve the change, motion seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 40-2022 – Advertise Bids for Propane and Diesel Fuel for 2023

Tammy Taber made the motion to advertise bids for the Town's propane and diesel fuel use for 2023 and open said bids at the November 15th Board meeting. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 41-2022 –Accept 2023 Preliminary Budget as presented and schedule Public Hearing for Final Approval on Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Lance Wang made the motion to accept the 2023 Preliminary Budget as presented, motion seconded by Gregory Austin and all voted in favor.

Public Hearing for final approval scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Old Business – Orville Way Request

Some residents of Orville Way were present at the meeting to check on the status of the Town taking over the road. Supervisor Griffith stated that he had spoken with Town Attorney Alan Wrigley and that he was looking into it. Supervisor Griffith felt that by next month he would have more news to share in regards to the Town taking over the road.

Town Residents Comments

Daryl Caputo a town resident seeking write-ins for the one year Assessor term gave a short presentation about himself and why he is interested in being the Town Assessor.

Mr. Vellucci stated that he believes a stop sign needs to be placed at Owlkill and Turnpike Roads instead of a yield sign. Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben will look into this request.

Dennis Flynn stated that residents that keep their property looking nice are penalized due to higher taxes. He also stated that the recent reevaluation that was done was a huge debacle.

Sarah Baker spoke about an incident that had occurred at the Highway Garage in September. Supervisor Griffith stated that personnel issues were not to be discussed at an open meeting. He did assure Mrs. Baker that he was aware of the incident and it was being handled appropriately, other than that, the matter would not be discussed any further unless it was in an executive session.

Mr. LaFlamme asked about the bridge on Center Road. Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben stated that the County is coming to peel the decking off and pave it over for the winter.

Assessor's Report

Town Assessor Bobbi Stone submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were nine transfers for August.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported monthly revenues for the month of September were \$6,496.00 with the town's portion being \$873.29. DEC

license sales for the month (\$5,776.00) were the reason for the considerable increase in revenue.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. Laura stated that the budget is as good as can be expected with increasing prices for fuel and equipment maintenance.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report of activities. The crew has been grading and graveling roads, finishing culverts on Ash Grove Road and fixed some road signs. Chris stated that he had received a resignation from employee Joseph Baker and would advertise the vacancy in the newspaper and on the town's website.

Resolution 42-2022- Accept resignation of Highway Employee Joseph Baker

Supervisor James Griffith made the motion to accept the resignation of Highway Employee Joseph Baker as presented. Lance Wang seconded the motion and voted in favor. Supervisor Griffith voted in favor, Tammy Taber voted against, Gregory Woodcock abstained and Gregory Austin voted in favor of said resignation.

Resolution 43-2022- Approval of Monthly Vouchers

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to approve all vouchers submitted for payment in the amount of \$22,606.36 consisting of \$7,429.26 from the General Fund and \$15,177.10 from the Highway Fund. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

Town Justice Report

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly court report for September in the amount of \$2560.50.

Resolution 44-2022 – Executive Session

At 8:05 pm, Lance Wang made a motion to adjourn the business meeting and go into an Executive Session for a personnel matter. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

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The Executive Session ended at 8:25pm with no action taken.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk