

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Major John Wilson Sprague Building. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Members present at the meeting were Supervisor James Griffith, Gregory Austin, Tammy Taber, Lance Wang and Gregory Woodcock.

Public Hearing for 2023 Fire Contracts-Resolution 45-2022

Supervisor Griffith opened the Public Hearing for the 2023 Fire Contracts at 7:01pm. There were no comments or questions from the public and the hearing was closed at 7:03pm. Lance Wang made the motion to approve the fire contracts for 2023 as presented, Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

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| 2023 Fire Contracts: | Village of Cambridge | \$37,890.00 |
| | White Creek Fire | \$71,812.00 |
| | Buskirk Fire | \$20,216.00 |

Public Hearing- Adoption of 2023 Budget-Resolution 46-2022

Supervisor Griffith opened the Public Hearing for the 2023 Town Budget at 7:04 pm for comments or questions. A few residents had comments and questions in regards to the proposed budget. Perry Young asked if the budget was over the two percent tax cap. Supervisor Griffith stated that it was not over the tax cap. Perry Young went on to criticize the highway budget and that he knows what he is talking about when it comes to materials and how to build a road. He stated that Chris could cut back on the sand pile and that the old trucks parked on the property on Center Road should be used to save money.

Mr. LaFlamme stated that the budget has increased by \$164,000.00 and that should not be acceptable with so many people struggling to pay for fuel and heating their homes with the prices so high. Mrs. LaFlamme went on to say that the salary increases are too much for the Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk and Judge. She had collected other budgets from nearby townships for a comparison. Gregory Austin talked about the highway budget. He spoke of the cycle plan for the equipment and trucks being the best way to go and this plan improves the fleet for years to come.

Resolution 47-2022 – Amending the 2023 proposed budget reducing account DB5142.4 from \$90,000 to \$76,500.00

Following the discussion by residents and board members in regards to the highway budget a decision was made by the board. Gregory Austin made a

motion to reduce the amount in account DB5142.4 (sand, salt, blades) to \$76,500.00. The original amount was \$90,000.00 so the reduction is for \$13,500.00. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the amendment of the budget for 2023.

Due to the decrease in the budget, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$1,062,844.00.

Supervisor Griffith closed the Public Hearing for the 2023 Town Budget at 7:40pm.

Resolution 48-2022 – Adoption of the 2023 Town Budget

Lance Wang made a motion to adopt the 2023 Town Budget as amended.

Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all members voted in favor

Ayes 5 (Austin, Griffith, Taber, Wang and Woodcock)

Nays 0

Opening of Diesel Fuel and Propane Bids

The Town Clerk reported that no bids (0) had been received for the 2023 propane and diesel fuel bids. Gregory Austin made a motion to extend the bid until the December 13, 2022 meeting. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 49-2022 – Approval of the October 11, 2022 Town Board Minutes

Lance Wang made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Town Board meeting as presented. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

Old Business – Orville Way Request-Resolution 50-2022

Residents of Orville Way were present at the meeting in regards to their request for the town to take over the road. Supervisor Griffith stated that the request should be reviewed by the Town's Planning Board. Lance Wang made a motion to forward all information and the request to the Planning Board for review. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Town Residents Comments

Perry Young stated that since the Town Hall parking lot has never been paved as he had suggested, he thinks Chris should be filling the potholes; he suggested that he use the hotbox.

Mrs. LaFlamme stated that the Town Hall should have a solar light placed on the building. She had worked as an election inspector recently and the parking lot is

is so dark and with the potholes it makes for dangerous walking.

Supervisor Griffith announced the results from the write-in campaign for Town Assessor-one year term. Darryl Caputo will assume the role of town assessor beginning January 01, 2023. Mr. Caputo received 236 votes to Mr. Podolec's 116. Current Assessor Bobbi Stone will remain on for a period of six months in order to promote a smooth transition for Mr. Caputo.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board held their regular monthly meeting on November 02, 2022. A sketch plan submitted by Dawn Keus was classified as a Boundary Line Adjustment.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Bobbi Stone reported 11 transfers for the month of October. She stated that exemption renewal season is right around the corner and the deadline to sign up to receive exemptions is March 01, 2023.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy reported revenues of \$2,479.00 for the month of October. The town's portion was \$191.11.

Budget Officer's Report

Resolution 51-2022- Adjustment to Elections Budget

Budget Officer Laura Manning requested a budget adjustment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to Elections (A1450). Tammy Taber abstained, all others voted in favor.

Laura stated that the mortgage tax payment should arrive in December.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report to the Board. The crew has been shimming Ash Grove Road, did some ditch work, new sign on Owlkill Road and they have started working on the salt shed. A new radiator was put in the 2005 truck and the grader needs some work done. Chris and the highway committee are working on getting highway specifications for Orville Way.

Audit Report – Resolution 52-2022

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to approve the vouchers for the month as presented in the amount of \$32,124.03. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

White Creek Fire Department

Mark Robinson a member of the White Creek Fire Department presented the invoice for the rolling rack. He stated he has not received the invoice for the blitzfire.

Justice Court Report

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

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Griffith stated that he will complete his term in 2023 and will not seek re-election due to moving out of the town in 2024.

Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda, Lance Wang moved to adjourn the meeting. Tammy Taber seconded his motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk