

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2023

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building. Due to inclement weather on Tuesday, March 14th, the meeting had to be postponed until Wednesday March 15th. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Members present at the meeting were Supervisor James Griffith and Town Board Members Gregory Austin, Tammy Taber, Lance Wang and Gregory Woodcock. Also present was Budget Officer Laura Manning, Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Washington County Board of Elections Republican Commissioner Thomas Rogers and Town Assessor Darryl Caputo.

Resolution 13-2023 – Adoption of the February 14, 2023 Town Board Minutes

Lance Wang made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Town Board Meeting as presented. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

New Business – Board of Elections

Thomas Rogers, Republican Commissioner for the Washington County Board of Elections gave a brief presentation of future plans and improvements for the poll sites in the County. The inspectors will be provided with more than one iPad to sign voters in, along with new printers which will print the ballot on demand. New machines are coming as well, but probably not until 2024 election year. Commissioner Rogers also announced that some poll site locations will be changed; they are searching for better accommodations for the election inspectors and voters.

Building Committee Report

Lance Wang stated that he and Gregory Woodcock had compiled a list of various maintenance issues inside and outside of the Town Office Building. Lance stated that a generator would be the biggest item that should be purchased. The other items were repairs throughout the building and painting of the building. It was discussed that Washington County Alternative Sentencing had painted the building years ago and could possibly be able to help out with this again. Greg Woodcock stated that he would be willing to power wash the building and Greg

Austin is willing to fix the copula on the top of the building. Lance stated that next month they will present a more detailed listing of the needed maintenance.

White Creek Industrial Park Feasibility Study-Resolution 14-2023

The Board approved the spending of \$30,000 of the ARPA funds for a feasibility study with Lake George/Lake Champlain Planning Department as lead agency. The study will be focused on a location for an Industrial Park on a 12 acre parcel on Route 22 and Cold Spring Road. Motion by Supervisor James Griffith, seconded by Lance Wang. James Griffith, Tammy Taber, Lance Wang and Gregory Woodcock voted in favor of said resolution. Gregory Austin was opposed.

Town Residents Comments

Mr. LaFlamme stated that things are still not good at the Eagle Bridge Post Office. Mail delivery is still very sporadic. He also stated that the Jackson Transfer Station was closed again this past Saturday. He suggested that residents drive the extra miles to go to the Greenwich Transfer Station on Bald Mountain Road where the staff was very accommodating. Residents may also go to the other transfer stations in the County as well.

Ann Snyder a member of NY Citizens Group provided the Board members with a handout the organization had prepared and asked the Board to give support to an audit of the Board of Elections due to lots of discrepancies in the last election. Gregory Woodcock made a motion that the Town Board gives their support the NY Citizens Group and their cause. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken after some discussion on the subject.

Roll Call Vote:

J. Griffith	No
G. Austin	Yes
T. Taber	No
L. Wang	No
G. Woodcock	Yes

Request was denied by a 3 to 2 vote.

Assessor Report

Town Assessor Darryl Caputo submitted a monthly report to the Board. Darryl is continuing to attend the Assessor training classes. Exemptions have been

processed along with 12 individual meetings with taxpayers on assessments, 30 property valuations processed and 2 property tax rebates processed as well.

Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted the monthly report for February 2023. There was 58.00 collected in revenues with 31.38 the town's portion. Lisa also reported that \$235,762.60 was collected in taxes for the month of February. Reminder letters for unpaid taxes have been sent out.

Budget Officer's Report

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

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted an activities report to the Board. The crew has been out plowing and sanding eleven times. 770 ton of sand and 70 ton of salt were used. They have cut brush on Chestnut Woods and Ash Grove. The loader had the brake valve and pedal replaced and the clutch fan was replaced on the 2009-7600 dump truck. He is still working on the road specification policy. Chris has to have the County review some drawings for the profiles of the road. Chris also mentioned that replacing the salt shed will be a future project the Town will have to take on.

Resolution 14-2023 – Wintertime Road Policy

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben presented a Wintertime Road Policy to the Board. The policy outlines the responsibilities of the Highway Department during wintertime weather conditions and also the responsibilities of the homeowners and drivers on the Town of White Creek roadways. Gregory Austin made the motion to adopt the policy, motion was seconded by Lance Wang and all others voted in favor of the policy.

Audit Report – Resolution 15-2023

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to approve all vouchers submitted for payment. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

General Fund:	\$ 6,067.59
Highway Fund:	\$24,983.25

Total Vouchers: \$31,050.84

Justice Court Report

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the February Court Report in the amount of \$3,907.00.

Adjourn

With no other business on the agenda, Lance Wang made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Gregory Austin and all others voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy
White Creek Town Clerk