

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2023

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building. Members present were Supervisor James Griffith and Town Board Members Gregory Austin, Tammy Taber, Lance Wang and Gregory Woodcock. Also present was Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben and Town Historian Ted Rice. Supervisor Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Resolution 16-2023 – Approval of March 15, 2023 Town Board Minutes

Lance Wang made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 Town Board Meeting as presented. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

New Business

Resolution 17-2023 – Resignation of Clerk to the Assessor Carol Paul

The Board had received a letter of resignation from Assessor Clerk Carol Paul dated March 25, 2023. Lance Wang moved to accept the resignation with regret. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

Building Committee Recommendations for Town Hall

The Board approved the purchase of LED lights for building exits and motion lights for the front of the building not to exceed five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00). Mr. LaFlamme volunteered to install the lights. Greg Woodcock confirmed that he will be power washing the building in the near future.

Change of location for May 9th Meeting

Supervisor Griffith announced that the May 9, 2023 Town Board meeting will be held at the Jermain Hall on Niles Road at 7pm.

Earth Day Spring Roadside Cleanup scheduled for April 22, 2023

Supervisor Griffith announced that the town will hold their annual roadside cleanup the weekend of April 22nd. Bags will be available at the town hall and the highway garage.

Road Specifications Update – Orville Way

The completion of the road specifications is in the final stages according to Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben. They will be presented to the Highway Committee once they have been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Resolution 18-2023 – Transfer of funds for playground equipment at Recreation Field

Tammy Taber presented the invoice for the purchase of the new playground equipment at the Rec Field. As previously agreed, fifty-five hundred dollars of the ARPA funds will be used for this purchase along with a five thousand dollar donation from Flying Dutch Enterprises LLC. Tammy Taber made the motion to approve the transfer of funds for the payment of equipment. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of said motion.

Town Residents Comments

Town Resident Ron McEvilly asked what policies or procedures are in place in regards to accidents/incidents involving employees of the Town, would any disciplinary steps be taken or an incident report be on file? He also inquired about surveillance videos on the premises and training for employees in regards to work place violence. Supervisor Griffith stated that the office does have a surveillance camera in place that records up to seven days, he will have to check to see if after that time frame the surveillance could still be retrieved in the cloud. A sign will be purchased indicated that there are cameras on the property.

Ann Snyder a representative of the NY Citizens Audit again addressed the Board in regards to inaccurate voter rolls (unidentified voters or clone voters) and asked the Board for their support of an audit. At the March meeting the Board voted against supporting the NY Citizens Audit so the request did not require any further discussion.

It was announced that the Jermain Hall Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, May 6th. Tickets are not being sold this year, first come first served basis. This is the 50th annual barbeque for the hall!

Assessor's Report

The Board received a written report from Town Assessor Darryl Caputo.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted the March report to the Board. She also reported that the unpaid taxes have been returned to the County Treasurer's Office. There were 136 parcels unpaid totaling \$389,088.21.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning was absent but had submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board members.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board. Chris announced that he hired a new employee, Jeff Ruggles began work on March 27th and he will be a good addition to the crew. Chris will be attending the yearly Highway School in Ithaca on June 5-7th; this school is included in the highway budget each year.

Resolution 19-2023 – Summer Hours

The Town Board approved the request that the Highway Department begin their usual summer hours (4-10 hours days – Monday-Thursday) beginning on April 17, 2023 and will continue this schedule until October 20, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Lance Wang, seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor of approval.

Audit Report-Resolution 20-2023 – Approval of Monthly Vouchers

Gregory Woodcock made the motion to approve the vouchers submitted for payment in the amount of \$38,918.62 with \$8,360.76 from the General Fund and \$30,557.86 from Highway Fund. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Town Historian's Report

Town Historian Ted Rice has been doing some research on William Waite of Waite's Hill Road and the Center White Creek Baptist Church.

Justice Court Report

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly report for March 2023, the amount collected was \$4776.50.

Adjourn

Lance Wang made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Motion seconded by Gregory Austin and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk