

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2022

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Major John Wilson Sprague Building. Supervisor Griffith called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. 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 Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Budget Officer Laura Manning and Planning Board Chairwoman Carey Murphy.

Opening of Fuel and Propane Bids

The first order of business on the agenda was to open bids for propane and diesel fuel for the 2023 year. Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy opened the two (2) bids that were received. One bid for propane was submitted by G.A. Bove Fuels at a price of 23cents over the G.A. Bove cost any day of delivery.

Resolution 52-2022 – Acceptance of Propane Bid

Lane Wang made a motion to accept the bid for propane from G.A. Bove at a price of 23 cents over the G.A. Bove cost any day of delivery. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

The second bid that was submitted was a bid for diesel fuel from G.A. Bove Fuels in the amount of .22 cents over the G.A. Bove cost any day of delivery. The diesel fuel will also be blended with kerosene accordingly during the winter months to meet the proper temperature specifications. Due to the high cost of kerosene at this time, blending will average between .15-.20 cents per 10% cut.

Resolution 53-2022- Acceptance of Diesel Fuel Bid

Gregory Woodcock made the motion to accept the bid for diesel fuel for 2023 year as submitted by G.A. Bove Fuels. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of said resolution.

Resolution 54-2022 – Approval of November 15, 2022 Minutes

Lance Wang made the motion to waive the reading of the November 15, 2022 Minutes and approve them as presented. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Old Business – Orville Way

The Board had asked the Planning Board to review the request from the Orville Way Residents at their December Planning Board Meeting. The Planning Board fulfilled the request and submitted a letter to the Town Board stating that after reviewing the file and correspondence, the Planning Board is not in favor of making any recommendations or taking any action in regard to this subdivision or the request from the homeowners.

Town Residents Comments

Mr. Laflamme stated that election inspectors need for iPad available at the polling place in order to keep up with the number of residents voting. At the election in November only one iPad was available and this caused long lines at the polls. Each voting district should have an iPad, therefore two should be provided in White Creek since both Districts 1 and 2 vote at this polling site. Supervisor Griffith stated that discussions are ongoing at the County on improvements for next year's elections.

Mr. Laflamme also asked about the DMV satellite office at the Village of Cambridge. Lance Wang stated that the DMV is at the Village Office on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9:30am to 2:30 pm.

Planning Board

The Planning Board held their regular monthly meeting on December 7th. The only business on the agenda was to review the Orville Way Subdivision per the Town Board's request.

Assessor Report

Assessor Roberta Stone submitted a monthly report to the Board. No transfers had been received from the County to date. Also, Roberta stated that the exemption renewals have been sent out. She also encourages everyone who will turn 65 during the 2023 year to contact the office as they may be eligible for the enhanced STAR exemption.

Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk reported revenues of \$4,735.00 with the town's portion being \$395.08.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. She reported that the only item over budget for the year has been fuel costs for the highway department. An end of year meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27th @ 5pm. to audit the remaining bills for 2022.

Highway Superintendent

Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report to the Board. He reported that the salt shed work is complete. Scrap metal worth \$2,768.70 was taken to the junk yard. They have been out to plow and sand five times so far. They have used 275 yards of sand and 25 tons of salt.

Audit Report – Resolution 55-2022 – Approval of Vouchers

Gregory Woodcock moved to approve the monthly vouchers totaling \$48,559.06. Lance Wang seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

Justice Court Report

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly court report for the month of November in the amount of \$2448.00.

Supervisor Report – Resolution 56-2022 Appointment of Roberta Stone for a period of six months

The Board had agreed earlier in the year to keeping Roberta Stone as a consultant to the new Town Assessor Darryl Caputo during the transition period of Darryl's training. Lance Wang made a motion to pass said resolution to retain Roberta Stone for an additional six months (January – June 30, 2023). Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the appointment.

Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda, Lance Wang made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk

