

**WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building, 28 Mountain View Drive, Cambridge, New York. Supervisor James Griffith called the meeting to order at 7pm. All rose for the pledge to the flag which was followed by a short prayer from Supervisor Griffith. The Town Clerk took the roll call. All Board Members were in attendance. Gregory Austin, Tammy Taber, Lance Wang, Gregory Woodcock and Supervisor James Griffith. Also attending the meeting was Budget Officer Laura Manning, Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben and Town Assessor Darryl Caputo.

Resolution 58-2023 – Approval of November 14, 2023 Town Board Minutes

Lance Wang made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Town Board meeting as presented. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Resolution 59-2023 – Propane Bid Opening and Acceptance

The Town Clerk opened the one (1) bid received for propane. G.A. Bove submitted a bid of a fixed twenty-five cents (.25) over Selkirk rack price for the facilities of the Highway Garage and Town Office. Gregory Austin made a motion to accept the bid for propane from G.A. Bove Fuels for 2024. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 60-2023 – Opening and Acceptance of Diesel Fuel Bid

The Town Clerk opened the one (1) bid received for diesel fuel from G.A. Bove Fuels at a fixed price of twenty-five cents (.25) over the average price on JOC. Lance Wang made the motion to accept the bid from G.A. Bove Fuels. The motion was seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor.

Resolution 61-2023 – Letter in Support of Agricultural Stewardship Association’s Application for Transaction Grant for the Healy-Briggs Project.

The Board approved signing a letter of support for ASA for an application for a grant from the NYS Conservation Partnership Program. This funding would be critical to help recover project related expenses for the Healy-Briggs project, which is a donated conservation easement in the Town of White Creek. Lance

Wang made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Greg Austin and all voted in favor.

Resolution 62-2023 – Request for Letter of Support for Rebuilding Together Saratoga County’s Application to NYS Affordable Housing Grant Request

The Board voted to sign a letter of support for a \$500 thousand dollar grant request to provide repairs for 25 low income homeowners in Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties. Motion was made by Gregory Woodcock, seconded by Gregory Austin and all others voted in favor.

Town Residents Comments

Perry Young asked why the salaries for the elected officials were not listed in the newspaper. The Clerk stated that she would look into it. Mr. Young thanked Supervisor Griffith and Board Members for making sure that the parking lot was paved this year.

Gregory Woodcock asked how the AUD reports were progressing. Supervisor Griffith stated that 2019 has been completed and approved and that Al Nolette is now working on the 2020 report.

Assessor’s Report

Assessor Darryl Caputo proposed that the Board raise the income levels as allowed by State guidelines for Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption and exemptions for person with disabilities and low income. He also proposed that the Board adopt a new property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. Darryl also provided an analysis on the impact on remaining taxpayers. After a discussion, it was agreed that no decision would be made at this time and the request would be tabled to the January 9, 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Town Clerk’s Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted the monthly report for November 2023. Revenues were collected in the amount of \$5,385.00 with \$552.76 being the town’s portion.

Budget Officer’s Report

Budget Officer Laura Manning submitted the monthly operating statement to the Board. Laura has deposited the final mortgage tax check, so all income for 2023

has been received. The 2023 budget seems to be right on target for this time of year.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben reported that the crew has been mowing brush. They have cleaned up around the shop and have some surplus items to go on the Auctions International website. Chris will go over pricing with the Highway Committee as there should be a minimum bid price placed on each item. He will be meeting with the committee to go over the final road spec information on Orville Way. The crew has plowed and sanded five times and two times just sanded.

Audit Report – Resolution 63-2023

Gregory Woodcock made the motion to approve all vouchers submitted totaling \$31,067.87 (General: \$6,032.11 and Highway: \$25,035.76). Lance Wang seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

Supervisor's Report

A Year End Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 6pm to approve end of year vouchers.

It being Supervisor Griffith's last monthly meeting, Lance Wang thanked him for his service and dedication to the Town for the last four years. Supervisor Griffith responded that it has been a pleasure working with the board members and serving the Town of White Creek.

Adjourn – Resolution 64-2023

There being no further business on the agenda, Supervisor Griffith made the motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Lance Wang and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk