

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2024

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building, 28 Mountain View Drive, Cambridge, New York. Supervisor Lance Allen Wang called the meeting to order at 7pm. All rose for the pledge to the flag followed by a short prayer. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Supervisor Lance Allen Wang and Town Board Members Gregory Austin, Carey Murphy, Tammy Taber and Gregory Woodcock were all present. Also attending the meeting were Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben, Assessor Darryl Caputo, Town Historian Ted Rice, Budget Officers Laura Manning and Lester Losaw.

**Resolution 18-2024 – Approval of February 13, 2024 Town Board Minutes**

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Town Board meeting and approve as presented. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

**New Business**

**Variance Request – Katie Jo Mohamed Ali – 34 Rice Lane**

Request was tabled to the April meeting as applicants were not in attendance.

**Acknowledgment/No Objection – Tour of the Battenkill Bike Race**

The Board members unanimously voted to sign a letter of no objection to the Tour of the Battenkill Bike Race on May 18, 2024. Motion by Gregory Austin, seconded by Gregory Woodcock and all others voted in favor.

**Building Repairs/Bids**

The decision on building repairs bids and power washing and painting of the Town Highway Garage was tabled to the April meeting.

**Roadside Littering Request**

The Board revisited a resident's request in regards to roadside littering most specifically on Chestnut Hill Road. Supervisor Wang stated that it is illegal to litter and the issue is law enforcement coverage to catch the violators when it occurs. There are already signs in place for no littering in that area and unfortunately there is not much else the Town Board can do to stop it from occurring.

**Public Hearing – Verizon Cell Tower**

It was announced that the Planning Board accepted the application for Site Plan Review submitted by Verizon Wireless at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and a Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15pm.

### **Assessor's Report**

Assessor Darryl Caputo submitted a monthly report to the Board. There were a total of three hundred twenty-two exemptions processed.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted the monthly report for February 2024 in the amount of \$260.00 with the Town receiving \$207.76. Tax collection for the month of February was \$121,441.07.

### **Resolution 19-2024- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Audit**

The Board approved the audit that was performed on February 27, 2024 by Supervisor Wang and Councilman Austin. Tammy Taber made the motion to approve, seconded by Carey Murphy and all voted in favor of said resolution.

### **Budget Officer's Report**

The monthly operating statement was submitted to the Board. Budget Officer Lester Losaw stated that he hopes to take over the payroll by April. All employees need to submit a new W4 along with their banking information as soon as possible.

### **Highway Superintendent's Report**

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board. The crew spent some time out plowing and sanding the roads. The grader and tractor have been serviced and will be ready for springtime work.

### **Audit Report – Resolution 20-2024**

Gregory Woodcock made a motion to approve the payment of all vouchers submitted in the amount of \$33,983.75. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor of approval.

### **Town Historian Report**

Historian Ted Rice submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board. Ted has been busy researching many different families.

### **White Creek Fire Department**

Board member Tammy Taber reported that the Fire Department will purchase new hoses with the remainder of the ARPA funds. She should have all the vouchers for payment by next month.

### **Justice Court Report/Audit**

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly report for February 2024 in the amount of \$1,840.00.

### **Resolution 21-2024 – Approval of Audit**

The Town Board approved a resolution acknowledging that Town Board Member Gregory Austin and Town Supervisor Wang conducted and approved the audit of the White Creek Town Justice Records for the year 2023 on February 27, 2024. Motion to

approve made by Tammy Taber, seconded by Carey Murphy and all voted in favor of said resolution.

### **Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Wang reported that the .gov status is still in review and hopes to receive some notification about it soon. Gregory Austin is working on getting the locks changed in the building. Supervisor Wang stated that he and Mr. Sweeney are working on ensuring that the Town has information security on all devices. He also had a chance to meet with the Village Police on the operations of the security camera in the building. Officer Gauthier confirmed that the camera is on a seven day loop and nothing is saved beyond that time frame.

### **Public Comment**

Perry Young asked if the Highway Department would be going to the four ten hour day schedule for the summer months. Highway Superintendent stated that he would be requesting that at the April meeting. Perry expressed his disapproval of the four ten hour days instead of the five day work week. Superintendent Reiben stated that the schedule works well for them during the summer months.

Town resident Renee McEvelly read a prepared statement asking for clarification on many different incidents that have occurred over the past year. She requested information about the security camera which Supervisor Wang had addressed earlier in the meeting. She also brought up past incidences involving the Town Assessor reporting files missing and a misplaced key from back in November of last year. She also inquired about work place violence training and a work place violence prevention plan. Supervisor Wang stated that he would continue to look into these matters and called for order to the meeting.

### **Adjourn**

With no other business on the agenda, Gregory Austin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Gregory Woodcock and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy  
White Creek Town Clerk