

WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES
MAY 14, 2024

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building, 28 Mountain View Drive, Cambridge, New York. Supervisor Lance 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 Council members Gregory Austin, Carey Murphy and Gregory Woodcock were present. Council member Tammy Taber was absent. Also present: Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben and Budget Officer Lester Losaw.

Resolution 32-2024 – Approval of April 09, 2024 Minutes

Carey Murphy made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 09, 2024 meeting as presented. Gregory Austin seconded the motion; Gregory Woodcock abstained due to his absence from the meeting. All others voted in favor of approval.

New Business

Variance Request – Chad Jordan – 64 Rice Lane

Chad Jordan appeared before the Board to request a variance for a minor subdivision he is proposing at property located at 64 Rice Lane. Mr. Jordan had appeared before the Planning Board on May 1st and was denied the classification of this subdivision due to the fact a flag lot would be created and the road frontage is much less than the 175 feet that is required by the White Creek Subdivision Law. The Board reviewed the sketch plan that was presented but a decision was made to return this to the Planning Board with no action taken in hopes that the Planning Board can suggest an alternative solution for Mr. Jordan. Mr. Jordan was instructed to attend the June 5th Planning Board Meeting.

Town Board Meetings Scheduled for Jermain Hall

Supervisor Wang announced that the June 11th and September 10th meetings will be held at Jermain Hall this year.

Assessor's Report

Town Assessor Darryl Caputo submitted a monthly report to the Board. The 2024 Tentative Tax Roll is completed and has been posted on the town's website. Six corrections have been made to the roll. There were 221 completed exemption applications. The monthly transfers had not yet been received.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted the April monthly report to the Board. There were \$855.00 in revenues for the month, with the town's portion being \$348.46.

Budget Officer's Report

Budget Officer Lester Losaw indicated that the monthly operating statement was not available yet due to the changes in software. He will submit it next month along with the May operating statement. The payroll distribution is going well with Lester preparing it. Lester stated that this will probably be Laura's last month working but she will be available to consult if needed. He also reported that Al Nolette is now working on submitting the 2022 audit.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben reported that North Hoosick, Grandma Moses and Jodie Roads are all newly paved. They will begin mowing soon and are cleaning up the trucks, plows and sanders. Chris is working with the highway committee on the equipment plan and will be updating it. Laura and Lester will be providing an update on payments.

Resolution 33-2024 – Paving of remainder of Parking Lot

After a discussion, the Town Board approved spending up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) of ARPA funds to finish the paving of the parking lot which will consist of an area of 75 feet long and 55 feet wide. Carey Murphy made said motion, seconded by Gregory Austin and all others voted in favor.

Audit Report – Resolution 34-2024

Following the review and signing of all vouchers submitted for the month, Gregory Woodcock moved to approve all vouchers as presented. Gregory Austin seconded the motion and all others voted in favor.

General Fund: \$ 9,454.63

Highway Fund: \$352,552.35

ARPA Fund: \$ 1,082.00

Total Approved: \$363,088.98

Town Historian's Report

Historian Ted Rice submitted a monthly report of activities to the Board.

Justice Court Report

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the monthly report for April in the amount of \$4,351.00

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Lance Wang announced that he is working on applying for a grant to obtain generators for the town office and the garage. The Local Development Corporation will be presenting their analysis at the May meeting.

Public Comment

Town resident Perry Young asked why there is a wire sticking out of the ground near the entrance to the building, he wonders if it is live and could be a danger to the community members. Gregory Austin stated that he would test the wire and follow up accordingly to remove if possible.

Town Board Member Carey Murphy announced that the Monks of Skete have some hiking trails on their property and they are open to the public. The Monks will be holding a shredding event at their premises on July 13th from 10:30am to 12pm or until the truck is full. All are welcome to come with documents they would like shredded.

Town resident Renee McEvelly asked if the AUD financial submissions was something that went out to bid or did the town just appoint Albert Nolette to do the submissions for four thousand dollars. Mr. Nolette was appointed to complete and file the reports at the Town Board meeting in September of 2023. Ms. McEvelly also asked Supervisor Wang if Assessor Darryl Caputo was being held accountable for comments on social media. Supervisor Wang stated that he would look into the matter but the Town Board does not intend to monitor individual social media posts. He also stated that the only social media page on Facebook for the town would be the actual Town of White Creek Facebook page. References to the White Creek Scanner page on Facebook was also brought up and Supervisor Wang reiterated that the page is not associated with the town in anyway other that it does occasionally post news regarding the town.

Adjourn

Following the conclusion of public comments, Carey Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gregory Woodcock seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy, Town Clerk