

## **WHITE CREEK TOWN BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 08, 2024**

The White Creek Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 08, 2024 at the Major General John Wilson Sprague Building at 28 Mountain View Drive, Cambridge. Meeting was called to order at 7pm

### **Present:**

- **Supervisor Lance Allen Wang**
- **Councilman Gregory Austin**
- **Councilwoman Carey Murphy**
- **Councilwoman Tammy Taber**
- **Councilman Gregory Woodcock**

### **Also Present:**

- **Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben**
- **Budget Officer Lester Losaw**

### **New Business**

First on the agenda was a short presentation from Mark Spiezio of the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad. Mark focused on 6 critical points, funding, workforce, need, challenges with funding and workforce, accomplishments and the future.

### **Resolution 53-2024 – Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved minutes of the September 10, 2024 Town Board meeting as presented. Motion by Carey Murphy, seconded by Tammy Taber and all voted in favor of approval.

### **Resolution 54-2024 – Approval of Special Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 25, 2024 as presented. Motion to approve was made by Gregory Woodcock, seconded by Gregory Austin. Tammy Taber and Carey Murphy abstained as they were absent from the meeting. All others voted in favor of approval.

### **Resolution 55-2024 – Notice to Bidders for Propane and Diesel Fuel for 2025**

Carey Murphy made a motion to advertise for bids for propane and diesel fuel for the town's purposes for 2025. Tammy Taber seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Notice to bidders will be advertised for 3 weeks and bids will be opened at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Building Committee Report**

Councilman Gregory Austin reported that Architectural Engineer William Cottrell should have the drawings for the addition on the building by next month. The highway garage has been painted and Greg has also been in contact with an electrician in regards to the outside lighting at the town hall.

### **Assessor's Report**

Town Assessor Darryl Caputo submitted a monthly report to the Board. A total of 14 transfers were processed from sales during June and July. Darryl continues to take classes for his certification. There has been no action on the three (3) article 7's filings against assessments.

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

Town Clerk Lisa Austin-Cuddihy submitted a report of activities for the month of September with revenues in the amount of \$3,844.00 . The town's portion for revenue was \$374.51.

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

Budget Lester Losaw submitted the monthly operating statement for September to the Board. Lester is working on the 2025 budget and will have the tentative budget prepared for the workshop meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> .

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

Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben presented a monthly report of activities to the Board. 2520 tons of sand has been put up for winter use. They have culvert holes patched and shoulders on the roads that were blacktopped this summer. The crew is still ditching and will be mowing where corn has been cut on the roadsides. Chris attended the Fall Superintendent's Conference in Ellicottville, NY.

### **Audit Report – Resolution 56-2024 – Approval of Vouchers**

Councilman Gregory Woodcock confirmed that all vouchers submitted for the month have been reviewed and signed by the Board.

Total amount \$44,285.70

- General Fund \$8,833.27
- ARPA Fund \$7,600.00
- Highway Fund \$27,852.43

Motion to approve all vouchers submitted for payment was made by Gregory Austin, seconded by Tammy Taber and all voted in favor.

### **Town Historian's Report**

Historian Ted Rice submitted a monthly report to the Board. Ted is busy working on part 2 of his latest video.

### **Justice Court Report**

Town Justice Scott Lucey submitted the court report for September in the amount of \$2,706.00

### **Supervisor's Report**

#### **Resolution 57-2024 – Agreement with Meadow Energy**

The Board unanimously voted to empower Supervisor Wang to enter into an agreement with Meadow Energy for a solar subscription at no cost the Town of White Creek. Motion was made by Gregory Austin, seconded by Gregory Woodcock and all others voted in favor.

#### **Resolution 58-2024 – Pilot Agreement Proposal- Cambridge Woods and Cambridge Square Apartments**

The Board voted in favor of accepting the proposal for a five year PILOT Agreement between the Town of White Creek and the Village of Cambridge with Cambridge BDC Limited Partnership (Cambridge Woods and Cambridge Square Apartments #263.8-1-10.1 and 263.8-1-10). There will be two separate Pilot Agreements for the two buildings. At the time the paperwork is complete the Board will review and grant final approval to the agreements.

**Motion by: Gregory Austin**

**Seconded by: Tammy Taber**

**Ayes: Wang, Austin, Murphy, Taber, Woodcock**

## **2025 Budget**

Supervisor Wang reported that he is still in discussions with the Teamsters Union for the new contract. A Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the highway garage and if needed an additional workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## **Public Comments**

Town resident Perry Young pointed out to Highway Superintendent Chris Rieben that there is a sign on Bates Road that is too low and needs to be placed correctly. Mr. Young also stated that the drain in the parking lot should have a precast top with grate instead of keeping orange cones around it. Mr. Young also reported that there was one of the crew on an excavator in the middle of the road on Chestnut Woods and there were no warning signs out before approaching the area where he was working. Superintendent Rieben stated that he would check on this with the employee, as the crew is always very mindful of placing the caution signs when working on the town roads.

## **Adjourn-Resolution 59-2024**

There being no further business on the agenda, Carey Murphy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Tammy Taber and all others voted in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Lisa Austin-Cuddihy  
White Creek Town Clerk

