



TOWN OF WILLSBORO
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
DATE: December 29, 2021 6:30 PM
LOCATION: WILLSBORO TOWN HALL

Present: Supervisor, Shaun Gilliland, Councilors: Steve Benway, Lane Sayward, Charles Lustig, Lorilee Sheehan

Guests: Donna Baribeau, Mark Lafountain, Van Calkins, Peter Paine, VJ, Glen Sayward, Yvonne Pierce, Brianna Sheppard, Lucas Pierce, Wendy Sayward, Andre Klein, Scott Christian,

Supervisor, Shaun Gilliland called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Public comment:

Yvonne Pierce started with public comment: Part owner of VMM owned and operated for 25 years, explained what their business model is and explained their concerns with dollar general. Explained concern with trying to keep local business going and keep big chain out. Explained concern with trying to keep local business going and keep big chain out.

Van Calkins co-owner of Willsborough hardware and explained his concerns with dollar general as well and agreed with Yvonne Pierce. Explained concern with trying to keep local business going and keep big chain out.

Lucas Pierce also stated his concerns with Dollar General. Willsboro would become a food desert. Other industry doesn't want to move to a food desert. Explained it effects not just small grocery but as to all local businesses as well.

VJ expressed his concerns with dollar general and how he invested in the Town of Willsboro into his store and would not like it here.

Lucas pierce said kushi mart will go out and be another abandon building in town, Lucas Pierce stated that if the town board doesn't take action then it is. If you saying no then that is your decision. Lucas pierce asked if Shaun Gilliland was going to make a say and what your opinion is.

Van Calkins stated that the ZBA is that they should be stating that they needed to come to town board.

Shaun Gilliland stated if we change the zoning now, we would be a law suit for zoning spotting.

Lucas Pierces asked when optimal time would be? Shaun Gilliland stated last June and Lucas Pierce stated that then action should have been taken then.

REPORTS

Supervisor

- **Town: N95 masks and at home tests:** State has issued 2 cases of mask and anybody can come pick them up and businesses can come and pick them up a 50 pack. Home test are on the way and should be here next week. Schools will get theirs through BOCES. Once we receive them, we will inform the residents. **REDC grant awards County:** \$75,000 grant for engineering and design of bank stabilization at Noblewood Park, \$95,229 for backup screen at the wastewater plant, \$410,621 from DEC for a salt shed. 2.5 million dollars for community septic at Buena Vista. **ARPA fund sharing with towns:** 2k for all employees that are vaccinated and 1000 hours during. No cost to the town for the premiums paid. Public Service Commission has approved Spectrum and Willex.

Supervisor Gilliland called for a resolution for Warrant. Moved by Lorilee Sheehan and Seconded by Steve Benway. Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motion carried.

Old Business:

- NYSERDA \$5,000 Grant- Energy grant purposes. Setting up reserve fund for draw led lights for all town buildings. The Town Hall, Highway Garage have them now but will put a reserve to put in all other Town buildings. The Willsboro Town board agreed to do have the supervisor draw up a plan to submit to NYSERDA

New Business:

- **Supervisor Gilliland called for a resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute transfers between appropriations /revenue accounts in each fund to balance for year-end accounting. Motioned by Charles Lustig, Seconded by Lorilee Sheehan. Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and the motion carried**
- **Supervisor Gilliland called for a resolution for town to cover deductible increase from \$6225 (\$12450 family) to \$7000 (\$14000 family)- Motioned by Steve Benway, Seconded by Charles Lustig. Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and the motion carried.**

Resolutions/Discussion from the Board

Supervisor adjourned the meeting

Respectively Submitted,

Justin Drinkwine, Deputy Town Clerk