



**TOWN OF WILLSBORO**  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

**MINUTES**

**Sewer Ordinance Public Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting**

**DATE: November 10, 2021, AT 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION: WILLSBORO TOWN HALL**

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

**Guests:** Travis Crowningshield, Scott Christian, Sue Thompson, Peter Paine, Becky Crowningshield, Roger Sayward, Win Belanger, Polly Belanger, Greg Gordon, Krissy Leerkes

Supervisor, Shaun Gilliland called the public hearing on proposed revised Sewer District Ordinance to order at 6:30pm

No public comment.

Supervisor Gilliland closed the public hearing

Supervisor Gilliland Called the Town Board meeting to order:

**Review of minutes October 13 Regular Board meeting. Moved by Lane Sayward, Seconded by Charles Lustig. All in favor and motion carried**

Reports:

**Supervisor**

Town: Cannabis Local Law: Municipalities are authorized to opt out but has to be by local law. Have not heard anything from anyone and there is potential revenue. Charles Lustig explained if you pass the law individuals can still use it and grow it under the law. If it becomes a problem can control through zoning.

**Greens Mower donations:** Generous gift from Paine family and have \$29,000 in donations. We will go out to bid and see what we get for that. **Water Meters Telemetry Install:** Setting up the infrastructure throughout the water district and had to put repeaters on private land, Indian Bay Marina and Safe Harbor Marina. Have to pay Indian Bay Marina around \$85 a year for power usage. Improvements in water district is because the state is giving more money for this to happen. The town has to be ready when funds become available from the State All the improvements it would be 20-million-dollar project. Have to have a bond resolution in place and have asked the county attorney to do this up so we have it. Not asking to authorize borrowing, it would happen based on the grants. Next month will have a resolution for a bond. **Pickleball Bids:** Expecting bids to come in 18 of November. **Property Bid:** Expecting bids are expecting 18 of November.

**County:** Budget: Tentative budget was submitted and within cap and using a lot less fund balance than the past. About to approve CSEA Union Contract. Moriah Shock closure from the governor so means about 100 jobs in Moriah that are going to be no longer. Going to Albany and try and stop Moriah shock closure.

**Supervisor Gilliland called for a motion to accept Warrant and Supervisor's Report. Moved by Lane Sayward Seconded by Charles Lustig, Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and the motion carried**

**Town Clerk Report:** Has been very busy in the office. Water and Sewer collection has come to an end and relevy has been sent to the county.

**Supervisor Gilliland called for a resolution to accept the Town Clerks monthly report. Charles Lustig moved. Steve Benway seconded. All in favor and the motion carried**

**DPW:** Working at shop getting trucks ready for winter and have one in Plattsburgh getting fixed and get it back next week. Been doing a lot of fixing curb stops that have not been properly closed. Replaced 2 yesterday and 5 more to fix and keeping a log book to be able to bill. It is a free service for residents to have the water department turn the water on and off. Travis explained how much it is to dig up, crimp the line ahead of the curb stop and re crimp the line to get back in service. Steve stated how much it was and start to putting the cost on to the owner, Shaun stated need to make a water ordinance.

**Ambulance District Report:** Total calls 398 till 10/31/2021 and had 1 dropped call last month and Elizabethtown-Lewis covered. Matt Rudoh has been working with us for a year now and looking to renew the contract as he works well with volunteers. Bethany Davis is taking EMT training and Spencer Lobdell is refreshing. Members have completed physicals and COVID boosters and flu vaccines. Looking to try and upgrade the ambulance. Celebrated with Frank Walls, 23 years on service. Keep Willsboro going when they did not coverage during the day. One of our board of directors, most active and is 78 years old.

**Steve Benway called for a motion of thanks to Frank Walls for his 23 years of service to EMS and unanimous second.**

**Youth Commission Report:** Just finished up a successful soccer season. Toward the end of the season we did struggle with numbers due to quarantine. Hoping to gear up for basketball. Guidance for now for high risk to be suspended at this time. Will get a little more guidance and then will try, all the high school sports are gearing up to play.

Old Business:

**Review and Discussion of Revised Golf Course Lease:** Supervisor Gilliland and Peter Paine have had discussions and provided a revision. Use pumping system currently until new options come. Intend to transfer the golf course to his children. Supervisor Gilliland expressed his importance of keeping the golf course open for the community. Peter Paine stated that he plans on continue do a monetary donation to machinery and Brownell family is going to donate 5000 a year. Steve Benway asked about the irrigation and if anyone has any plans and the troubles with removal of the pumps. Lane Sayward asked about the town and school taxes and if we paid them all the time. Peter Paine

said that it is about 1100 more now. Peter Paine said they are responsible for the capital improvements for the golf course.

Supervisor Gilliland called for a motion to sign and execute lease for Golf Course. Charles Lustig moved, Steve Benway seconded Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and Motion Carried.

**Supervisor Gilliland called for a Motion to approve Town of Willsboro 2022 Final Budget only change was fire district. Moved by Benway, Sayward seconded. Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motion carried**

**Review of and motion to accept settlement on Dennin vs. Town of Willsboro:** Had appraisers appraise the homes and claims over assessment. Both parties got an appraiser. Settlement is dropped the case on Buena vista and only refers to car repair facility. Assessed at \$74,000 and reduced to \$40,000 2015-2020 and 2020 to \$50,000 and hold until 2024. Within 60 days of this. Town would have to refund the money from taxes. Attorneys think it is.

**Supervisor Gilliland Authorize to execute to the resolution accepting settlement. Moved by Charles Lustig and Seconded by Lorilee Sheehan. Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motion carried.**

New Business:

**Ratification of Highway Superintendent Selection for H.E.O hire-** Travis Crowningshield held 4 interviews and there was only 1 person that qualified.

**Supervisor Gilliland called for a motion to hire Jason Demar as an H.E.O. Moved by Charles Lustig, Seconded by Benway. Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Supervisor called for a Motion to authorize Supervisor to sign renewal of Municipal Snow and Ice Contract with NYSDOT moved by Lane Sayward, Seconded by Sheehan. Roll call: Benway, Sheehan, Sayward, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motion carried.**

**Supervisor Gilliland called for Resolution of Intent to act a lead agency for SEQR for Water Project moved by Charles Lustig seconded by Steve Benway. All in favor and motion carried**

Resolutions/Discussion from the Board: Lorilee Sheehan stated that the future of Florence Hathaway Park. Possibility to create a committee to further involvement to come up with ideas for the parks. Supervisor Gilliland stated that this could be for all the parks, and master plan for all our parks. Noblewood is restricted due to development. There is a lot of planning and design work that would need to be done. Lorilee Sheehan stated let's get a long range plan. Lorilee Sheehan asked if we should rope off the banker park over here due to insurance reasons.

ADJOURNMENT -

**Supervisor Gilliland adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Drinkwine