



TOWN OF WILLSBORO
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
DATE: October 13, 2021, 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, Win Belanger, Polly Belanger, Greg Gordon, Terry Pulsifer, John Carver, Scott Christian

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

Review of minutes August 11 Public Hearing & Regular Board, September 8th Regular Town Board Meeting, September 6th Special Town Board Meetings. Moved by Lorilee Sheehan and Lane Sayward seconded All in favor and motioned carried.

➤ Supervisor

Correspondence: Letter from Ed Hatch re water: desired to reimbursed for the filters in his appliances in his house. **Letter from Essex County Agricultural Society:** A request of \$1000 went out for each town in the county. **Letter from Public Service Commission re Broadband Mapping:** Looking at mapping of broadband capabilities. Encourage people to go to www.empirestatebroadband.com and take the survey that is provided to you. This will help see where the voids are for broadband. **Ag & Mkts Shelter Inspection Report:** passed with no deficiency

Town: Comptroller Audit to commence next week: Comptroller will be here next few weeks to go through everything. **NYSERDA \$5000 grant award for completing the smart energy actions:** We have done LED streetlights, unified solar, code officer trained in smart energy, installed electric vehicles charging station and now are considered a smart energy community and now will receive \$5,000 to see what the next step to get this. **Doug West Sandpit:** Used as a stump dump, county solid waste Serkill was putting large amounts of glass there now without contract and permission. Landowner wants this glass picked up and removed. **LWRP presentation:** This is online for everyone to view as well as the power point that was put on the website. Good thing we have this plan and once this is approved by the state it becomes can use it to go after funding from the state. Several ideas were mooring field, anchorage areas, harbor master, improvements to NYSDEC boat launch. Number one concern in Willsboro was water quality. **Constitution Day:** Believe it was a success, had over 100 members of the public come and had the elected skeet contest. Believe this is something that we will do yearly. This as a signature Willsboro event around the 17th of September. Gave out constitutions to everyone, thank you to the fish and game club and everyone from the town that came and helped out.

County: County budget will be under 2% CAP, approved hiring 60 on the road deputies in order to have more presence out in the field with the increase in Opioid consumption. Supervisor Gilliland

stated this is a lot to do with the bail reform. The County received \$500,000 from the opioid settlements.

Supervisor Gilliland went through the 2022 budget preparation.

2022 Budget Preparation:

- ✓ -Budget Requests submitted to Supervisor NLT 22 September
- ✓ -Supervisor's Tentative Budget filed with Town Clerk 30 September
- ✓ -Town Clerk submits Tentative Budget to Town Board 5 October

- Town Board Review/Revision/Acceptance as Preliminary Budget 13 October Regular Town Board
- Notice of Public Hearing Budget no later than 28 October
- Budget Public Hearing 3rd of November @ 6:30pm
- Budget Adoption at 10 November Regular Town Board Meeting

Tentative is below the cap by approximately 3 to 4 thousand.

Contract pay increase 3%

Medical insurance increases not yet promulgated – was told 7-9 % so went with 10% increase, rates for Noblewood and how to go about the Summer Program.

Motion to accept Warrant moved by Lorilee Sheehan and seconded by Charles Lustig. Roll Call Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motioned passed.

Supervisor Gilliland want to thank Lorilee Sheehan and Morgan Denton to help with getting the town hall looking more professional.

Town Clerk Report: Report is in your packet, been pretty steady this month with the new transition. Water bills went out and those need to be paid by November 1 2021 to avoid being re levied onto land taxes. **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: 3,000 yards of sand has been put up. Time to purchase tires for the dump trucks on state contract price. Mowing tractor power steering pump went in. Put in all the paperwork for CHIPS. This will be \$162,000 for blacktop and gravel that we did with the roads. Last Friday the intake for water was dove and inspected and something now hit and peeled it open and plugged it up with zebra mussels. Steve and Mark will dive and use Joe Walsh's barge to pull it out and clean it up and get it put back into place.

Ambulance District Report: Supervisor Gilliland stated that a financial report came in and is in your packets

Youth Commission Report: Lorilee Sheehan stated they are busy with soccer and going well. Have games for the next 3 Saturdays. Lorilee Sheehan says thank you to the Youth commission

Golf Course: Carts are still there. The contract is up for the current golf carts. New 5-year contract for the golf carts, from \$91 to \$105 and go from 15 to 20 carts. Mower quote, had a fundraiser and raised just over 15k and potential for another 20k, an individual donor will match dollar for dollar

that we raise. John Carver stated for not signing contract the price has gone \$4,000. John Carver Stated they are going to go up again, and this holds your place in line and February next year. Supervisor Gilliland expressed he has not seen the \$10,000. Steve Benway asked if we don't have the golf course can we get rid of the carts and if we are locked into a 5 year. Charles Lustig asked what the chances of losing the golf course, Supervisor Gilliland expressed that Paines want the town to have it and will be ours for as long as we want. Lane Sayward expressed that we will not have this a financial burden to the tax payers.

Old Business:

Supervisor called for a Motion to Accept as Preliminary Budget (as/if revised): Lorilee Sheehan moved and Lane Sayward Seconded. Roll Call: Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motion carried.

Proposal for amendment to Hathaway Park Development Pickle Ball Courts. Pickleball has been a growing sport and had a grant to build softball field. If we want to shift the money to Pickleball they are fine with it. Proposed plan to build 2-3 others with a batting cage. And go out to bid in order to build that and go out.

Supervisor Gilliland called for a motion to shift the money for Florence Hathaway Park from softball fields to Pickleball Courts. Sheehan moved and Lustig seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business:

Edward Hatch has sent us an invoice and the water has damaged the water filters in his appliances. Supervisor Gilliland showed the filters and water the apparently come out of the tap. Has happened around the time that the hydrants flushing and did notify public about this happening. Supervisor Gilliland expressed that there are many galvanized lines that were effected. Travis Crowningshield expressed about eliminating the 4 inch by hatches and said that it has happened around the point.

Supervisor Gilliland said there is an invoice that is requesting payment of 2 water filters.

Supervisor Gilliland called for a motion to deny the paying of the filters Moved by Steve Benway and seconded Lane Sayward. Roll Call Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motion carried

Review of Proposed Golf Course Lease: Comments on lease is that the golf course is split and this one, the town picks up taxes on whole lot. Second is the water system and has been dove by Steve and how to go forward. The land owner does not want to continue having that piping and facility on property. If able to secure the water plant funding, then will have the capacity to run the irrigation using town water. The Town would put in a holding tank and disperse that to the irrigation system. Mr. Paine wants to meet about the lease and Supervisor Gilliland wanted everyone to look at it. Steve Benway asked about not owning it and just the lease with putting in water infrastructure and Gilliland expressed that the golf course would go to the town after discussing with owner. Travis Crowningshield expressed his concern with using treated water to irrigate the golf course.

Supervisor Gilliland called for a motion to approve and sign county contract revision for Emergency Medical Services: change the payroll and will be paid by the Willsboro Essex EMS, moved by Charles and Lorilee Sheehan. All in favor and motion carried

Residence on Mountain View owned by county transfer to town. This property been out to bid several times and last bid was \$6000. County is not going to have an auction anytime soon, Supervisor Gilliland made a deal with the county in order to obtain this property and then have an RFP for bids on the property and sell it.

Supervisor Gilliland called for a resolution to take possession of property and close and then put it out for bid with minimum bid of \$6000. Moved by Charles Lustig, Lorilee Sheehan seconded. Roll Call Benway, Sayward, Sheehan, Lustig, Gilliland. All in favor and motioned carried.

Resolutions/Discussion from the Board: Travis Crowningshield stated is waiting for project on I87 to be done and then will come into town to paint the lines on 22 in Willsboro and Westport. Within the next couple of weeks will be painted.

Resolutions/Discussion from public: Scott Christian asked to have the letter read to the public. Shaun Gilliland read the letter. Win Belanger expressed his thanks to the Willsboro Highway Department and the Town as well on behave of the Fish and Game Club. Win Belanger expressed the different events that the Fish and Game Club want to perform and want to get the school kids out there. Wanted to budget for a better teleconference for the meetings. Greg Gordon wanted bring forward the resolution of appreciation of Rob Powell from the Planning Board.

Resolution of Appreciation for Rob Powell for serviced on Planning Board. Moved by Charles Lustig and Unanimous second. All in Favor and Motion carried

Lorilee wanted to express her interest to volunteer her time with the Fish and Game Club, and wanted to thank Mr. Paine for his donation of \$500 for reframing of paintings.

Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss: Employee Performance, Employee compensation issue lane sayward motioned and seconded by Sheehan.

No decisions were made and no more business before the board.

Adjourn