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TOWN BOARD MEETING WILLSBORO TOWN HALL

April 10th, 2024

ATTENDEES- Travis Crowningshield, Pat McCauliffe, Greg Gordon, Cindy Tucker, Nancy Arthur, Dr. Doolittle, Rick Lowe

BOARD MEMBERS- Steven Benway, Lorilee Sheehan, Lane Sayward, Scott Christian, Supervisor Shaun Gilliland

CALLED TO ORDER @ 6:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Review of the minutes from the March 13th, 2024 Board meeting are recorded without any objection or changes,

The Town of Willsboro new website is now live.

Supervisors Report-

Correspondence-

Town-

- Ag and Market Dog Control Inspection report
- Attorney response to DOH on Bay Lane Water Inspection report order. The attorney's will be sending a letter to the public service commission to remove the Town of Willsboro as the operator.
- Discussion on the Town to take over the DEC permit on the Reber sand pit from the West/Pierce family and Frank Shirley.
- Local waterfront redevelopment plan is still at the Department of State.
- Contract for the OHRP grant for the playground has been entered into the statewide financial system program.
- Restore NY the intent letter was approved for the Old Grand Union building.
- Jonathan Franke has been working to get the town up to speed and ready to go out for a pro housing community application. They are looking at the most accurate reading map for our zoning.

-EPG to be able to handle high flows, the RFP is out and released and bids should be coming in.

-A company for a solar proposal for the old landfill has come forward and wants to move forward in looking at this. The county attorney has suggested putting together an RFP and seeing what we can get.

County-

- Still struggling with DEC, they owe the county \$900,000. In back payment for solid waste. They did relent on the fight of the fish hatchery and changed the discharge limits because they didn't have an engineering study for a baseline.

- A law was passed in the last session in the legislature and signed by the governor to switch all local elections to even year elections. This means that the 2025 election winners would be only running for one year. All other counties are filing a suit against the state that most county charters are home rule charters with the state and Essex County will be joining them.

- The supreme court decided that if you foreclose for back taxes and it goes up to auction to sell that any money above what is owed for taxes is given to the landowner. any money coming in for back taxes after foreclosure.

- The State budget is late and there is not much that affects the North Country.

Sheehan made a motion to accept the warrant. Benway seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Sheehan, Sayward, Christian, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-5

Nyes-0

Town Clerks Report-

The clerk's office in the month of March took in \$2,306.55 paying \$2.00 to NYS Ag and Markets and \$45.00 to NYS Department of Health. Decals for the month took in \$50.00 of which \$47.24 went to the state and the town's commission was \$2.76. I will settle with the county on April 22nd for their final payment and to reconcile my account. We just started taking in water and sewer bills this week with the increase of the water bill for the people who have not yet signed up for water meters. It's amazing how many people want the meters now!!

Benway made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report. Sheehan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

DPW- verbal report given by Travis Crowningshield.

- Starting road cleaning next week
- Golf course equipment is all serviced
- Hydroseeding by the back bank behind the Salt/Sand shed will be done next week.
- Trees need to be cut at the water plant site. Carson's quoted \$2,500.00 to clear cut the rest of the site.

Water/Sewer- verbal report given by Patrick McCauliffe

- 2 water leaks this month, Dave Winters from Keeseville came down on the 2nd leak and assisted with his Vac truck and they were able to be done in 2 hours.
- Gilliland will speak with Mike Davis to see his thoughts on the Cornell water line and the continuous leaks in the line. This is no longer a town road and is a private drive.
- Jar testing at the plant with a chemist from Surpass Chemicals has offered a free testing service. This was very informative.
- MJ design is coming up and discussing a design to modify the current pump house for the new pumps and the new 14 inch main to get the water over to the new treatment plant.
- The wastewater plant is running very well.

Ambulance District Report- Written report sent by Kira Crowningshield

Youth Commission Report- Verbal report was given by Krissy Leerkes

- Youth Commission county meeting has money to be given to towns. This money could be used for ice rink, basketball court or possibly something else also
- goals for the little kids, soccer balls, T-ball items, first-aid kits, Pug nets, spray paint, etc.

April 26th is the deadline.

They have not had a 5-6 grade softball team since 2019. The participation is just not there. They will be putting out a survey to see if there are interests this year but Boquet Valley has offered for children to join them if we do not have enough for a team.

They will be offering another golf program this year and expand to 4-6 youth also.

Parks Commission Report-

DPW will begin the pavilion work after the spring clean up. Sheehan will send an email out to Parks Commission members to meet the 3rd Wednesday of May.

Old Business-

Christian made the motion to accept the Amended Golf Course Fees.

Sayward seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Sayward, Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-5

Nyes-0

New Business-

Benway made the motion to authorize proceeding with MJ Engineering

Phase 2 Engineering Proposal. Sayward seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Sayward, Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-5

Nyes-0

-Discussion on a kennel for housing dogs.

Christian made the motion to give Lake View Cemetery \$2,000.00 and Reber Cemetery \$1,500.00 to help them with costs. Sayward seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Sayward, Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-5

Nyes-0

Public Comment- Krissy Leerkes asked if the people who were already signed up for water meters but had not recieved them yet would still get them. Gilliland stated that everyone who was signed up before would get them free of charge. Cindy Tucker and Nancy Aurthur from the Willsboro Feral Cat Committee asked if the Town could help them purchase 2 new cat catchers. They would cost \$278.25.

Sheehan made the motion to give the Willsboro Feral Cat Committee \$278.25 for the purchase of the cat catchers. Sayward Seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Sayward, Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-5

Nyes-0

Tom Doolittle from Brass gave an update. Arbor Day is April 26th and 27th. Salmon Sopotium is May 9th @ Noblewood.

Sheehan made the motion to enter into executive session. Sayward
Seconded the motion.

Entered into executive session to discuss hiring & appointments @ 7:30
pm

Entered back into Regular meeting @ 8:20 pm

Christian made the motion to hire the following people and rates for the
Willsboro Summer Program listed below. Sheehan seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Sayward, Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-4

Nyes-1 Benway

Harvey Merrill	\$16.00	Sr. Counselor
Hailey King	\$16.00	Sr. Counselor
McKinley Belzile	\$15.50	Sr. Counselor
Maddy Martin	\$15.50	Sr. Counselor
Danica Santillo	\$15.00	Sr. Counselor
Manny Frechette	\$15.00	Sr. Counselor
Cole Gay	\$15.00	Sr. Counselor
Laney Nolette	\$15.00	Sr. Counselor
Bradie Morgan	\$14.00	Jr. Counselor
Reagan Morgan	\$14.00	Jr. Counselor
Emma Jacques	\$14.00	Jr. Counselor
*Kierstin Brown	\$14.00	Jr. Counselor

*Kierstin's pay is based on 7.5 hours per week that will be paid by the town
and the remaining 30 hours will be paid by ACAP. Kierstin will be in charge
of the library part of the summer program on site at WCS through the Paine
Library.

Sheehan made the motion to hire the following people and rates for the
Willsboro Golf Course listed below. Sayward seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Sayward, Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-5

Nyes-0

Vinny Duso	\$16.00	Groundskeeper
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Jeff Mckenna	\$16.00	Groundskeeper
James Schmitt	\$15.00	Pro Shop
Kimberly Bridge	\$15.00	Pro Shop
Lacey Nolette	\$15.00	Pro Shop
Payton Leerkes	\$15.00	Pro Shop

Roll Call- Christian, Sayward, Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland

Ayes-5

Nyes-0

Adjourned @ 8:25 pm

Submitted by Susan Thompson