



TOWN OF WILLSBORO

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TOWN OF WILLSBORO PUBLIC HEARING TOWN BOARD MEETING WILLSBORO TOWN HALL October 11, 2023

ATTENDEES- Gregg Gordon

BOARD MEMBERS- Steve Benway, Lorilee Sheehan, Shaun Gilliland, Scott Christian
Excused- Lane Sayward

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public hearing CALLED TO ORDER @ 6:30pm

Town Ordinance-Town Cemeteries
No public comment

Public hearing closed at 6:32pm

Town board meeting opened at 6:33pm.

Sheehan made the motion to accept the minutes from the 9-19-23 meeting with the correction of adding the person/persons who voted Nye to the resolutions. Benway seconded the motion.

All in Favor.

SUPERVISOR REPORT- TOWN-

- A resolution of condolence was sent from the County to the Huestis family for Nancy and all the years she served the Town of Willsboro.
- Constitution day was smaller than in the past, but it was still well attended, a fun day with the Fish and Game Club doing very well on the raffles and new memberships.
- Sheehan attended the school board meeting and gave a briefing to propose changing the summer program venue to the school. This was well received and in the planning stage. Gilliland and Ken Hughes also attended. The school's lawyer is going to draft up some correspondence that the town can share with their lawyer. Gilliland thanked Sheehan for doing this and presenting it.
- Christmas in the 'Boro is December 9th and the fireworks company has been set for that evening with no rain date.
- A public hearing will be on the October 25th @ 6:30pm if the resolution is passed for the tax cap override and a Special Board Meeting to adopt the preliminary 2024 budget.

-Gilliland filed a tentative budget with the Town Clerk yesterday. Gilliland explained that the difference in the levy from this year to last year as currently written is \$263,758.00, this represents an 18 percent increase. The passing of Nancy Huestis and with what is going on with the Meals on Wheels program and ACAP the town needs to investigate the cost. The County has put that contract out to bid and it will be the cost of the meals delivered and not by meals produced. This will be double taxing to the taxpayers of Willsboro if we continue with the way it is now. Gilliland zeroed out that line and will put the van up for auction. Willsboro is the only town in the county that does the delivery for this program. He stated he put in a \$1.50 raise for DPW. There are some increases to elected officials and to the Supervisors' clerk. Benway questioned auctioning the van vs. keeping it for town use. Crowningshield stated if it goes to auction, we do not need to accept a low bid.

COUNTY-

-The budget for the County looks very good. The last couple of years has really increased in the fund balance, however this year with the number of vacancies, the fund balance is down.

- October 20th at 8:30 am at Gore Mountain -Common Ground Alliance- They will be talking about housing, work force and environmental things. This is a yearly meeting.

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

All in favor.

Clerk's Report-

The clerk's office in the month of September took in \$17,162.05 paying \$3.00 to NYS Ag and Markets and \$45.00 to NYS Department of Health. Decals took in \$5,004.00. of which \$4,728.01 went to the state and the town's commission was \$275.00. Last month was very busy with scheduling the water meter deliveries and the collection of water/sewer bills.

The motion to accept the Clerk's report was made by Benway. Seconded by Sheehan.

All in favor

DPW-

The 5 inches of rain over the past weekend kept the sewer plant busy. It ran very well. The Highway had Joe Rivers Road and Nolette Road wash out and they were able to fix them Sunday morning. They have been working on the sand and salt building and hopefully by the end of the week they will be digging foundations in. They are waiting on DEC approval on the foundation. They will start screening sand at the pit in Reber and are borrowing AuSable and Chesterfields screen plant. They will haul it all to the town shed and leave it out until they get the building up. They also have been cutting shoulders to get ready for winter work.

Crowningshield stated he has money in the budget in the equipment line to replace his truck and his truck would go to building and grounds. There are two ways to do it- put it out to bid and it could be 4-8 months to get a truck or because we now have a fleet number, we could do it like the water truck. By registering all the trucks through the state like we did, they give you the discount. Crowningshield will bring back the fleet price in two weeks.

Water/Sewer- A report was emailed to the board as Pat McCauliffe was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Ambulance Report- No report

Youth Commission Report- emailed and put in town board packets. Crowningshield stated that if the school would like the town to take over the care of the point fields that the school would have to put some work into it and get them in good shape before the town takes it over. Sheehan asked if the conversation should be brought up to the school and Crowningshield said wait to see what they say but if it gets brought up, he wanted to make the board aware of what it entails.

Parks Commission Report- Benway stated that Darren Darrah had forwarded a couple more quotes. The quote from Willsborough Hardware was for \$11,863.56, Curtis Lumber was \$12,160.52 and Bryant Lumber was \$8,571.54 and the last quote did not include trusses. Benway stated his recommendation was to go with Willsborough Hardware; they were cheaper and local. Crowningshield stated that trusses are 6-8 weeks out for delivery and the building may be early spring to start. He recommends that they order it and they will find a place to store it for the winter and then the price will not change.

Sheehan made the motion to go with Willsborough Hardware for the purchase of the material for the pavilion for Florence Hathaway Park. Benway seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Benway, Sheehan Gilliland

Ayes-4

Nyes-0

Sheehan made the motion that Mae Santillo and Bud Wilson join the Parks Commission to fill the vacant slots. Benway seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business-

Sheehan made the motion to adopt the draft cemetery ordinance as the Town of Willsboro Cemetery Ordinance. Christian seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Benway, Sheehan, Gilliland

Ayes-4

Nyes-0

Gilliland spoke about the alarm system upgrades and thanked Greg Gordon for doing an analysis on the quotes that were received, he did a fantastic job. Gilliland just got a call today from NCC systems, this is the system we have now and they would like the chance to look at things and give a quote. Gilliland told them he needed a quote by October 25th. He would like to table this until then.

New Business-

Christian made the motion to introduce the local law to override the tax cap for 2024 and to hold a public hearing @ 6:30 pm on October 25th at the Town Hall. Sheehan seconded the motion.

All in Favor.

Sheehan made the motion to purchase the bridge at water storage tanks from NYSEG/IRONWOOD for \$8,000.00. Christian seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Benway, Sheehan, Gilliland

Ayes-4

Nyes-0

Sheehan made the motion to purchase the undeveloped lot contingent to Town of Willsboro Highway Garage, Tax map # 31.13-2-21.000 Property # 735J178607 owned by Gary for the assessed value of \$500.00. Benway seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Christian, Benway, Sheehan, Gilliland

Ayes-4

Nyes-0

Comments/ Resolutions for the Board

Public Comment- Greg Gordon stated that if the NCC quote comes in before the 25th he would make a comparison to add to the other quotes. He asked the board what the possibility of the town passing a resolution for cannabis. Gilliland stated he believed there would have to be a change in the zoning law and the APA would have to approve it. Gordon stated he would be willing to look over the information he has and submit it to have it turned over to the attorney what the recourse is to put the horse before the cart.

Adjourned @ 7:25