



## TOWN OF WILLSBORO

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### TOWN OF WILLSBORO TOWN BOARD MEETING WILLSBORO TOWN HALL September 18th, 2024

**ATTENDEES**-Darren Dickerson, Win Belanger, Polly Belanger, Victor Putman, Patrick McCauliffe, Travis Crowningshield, Greg Gordon, Tracie McGill, Barbara Paye

**BOARD MEMBERS**-Steve Benway, Lorilee Sheehan, Shaun Gilliland

Excused- Lane Sayward, Scott Christian

**CALLED TO ORDER @ 6:30pm**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Review of minutes of the August 14th board meeting. No comments or corrections. Unanimously accepted as submitted by the clerk.

**Supervisors Report**

**Correspondence-**

-Teamsters Contract letter and contract change proposals

-Restore NY Grant letter from Empire State Development restore New York grant of the 1.3 million dollars for the old IGA replacement. Also another letter for the certification for NWBE contractors for the project.

**Town-**

-Golf course/soccer fields meeting was attended by Gilliland with a new lease proposal from Dittle LLC that will take effect on January 1,2025. Board will go into executive session to discuss this proposal.

-No response from the Public Service Commission for the request to shift maintenance and operation of the Bay Lane Water following this season to a private identity. Gilliland has asked the attorney to send another letter telling them that time is running out and the Town does not intend to restart it.

-Fireworks have been reserved for December 14th, 2024 for Christmas in the 'BORO.

-EMS, Gilliland and Essex Supervisor Ken Hughes met and had discussions. The budget has an almost 50% increase. They are looking to hire another full time EMS person. The discussions were had they considered all other possibilities and they had not. It was suggested to get information on County programs, on-call where a qualified EMT or driver could be paid by the county with no cost to the towns \$3.00 an hour to be on call and if they had a call they would be paid the EMT rate for that time. They also have a critical shortage of drivers and you need EVOC training for this, which is a one day training. Gilliland stated that he would ask the board if the DPW crew would respond when they had a hole in the schedule that they couldn't fill. There would be details to work out with this.

-A meeting was held with MJ on the redesign of the water plant with the orientation on the property because of the wetlands. The cost was lowered by \$3-4 million from 17 million to 13 million.

-Health Insurance costs are estimated to go up +5%, retirees still have a growth of 30%.

-Sandpit lease is being still with the lawyer and possible to have an agreement soon.

-50% septic grants are still available at the county.

**County-**

- County health insurance will be going up 12%.

-Budget hearing will be happening all next week.

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- The County is looking at closing the fish hatchery and buying fish from a private hatchery for a saving over \$12.00 per fish.

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

**Roll Call-**

**Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland**

**Ayes-3**

**Nyes-0**

**Excused- Sayward, Christian**

**Clerks Report-**

The clerk's office in the month of August took in \$21,041.71 paying \$2.00 to NYS Ag and Markets and \$0 to NYS Department of Health. Decals for the month took in \$1695.00 of which \$1601.49 went to the State and the town's commission was \$93.51. Water and sewer took in \$19,958.78 this month. I attended a Budget Informational meeting in Elizabethtown with Shaun last week and although Shaun after doing 10/11 budget knows it like the back of his hand, I learned a lot and it was very informative. This was put on by the State Comptroller's office.

**Benway made a motion to accept the Clerk's report. Sheehan seconded the motion.**

**All in favor.**

**DPW-**

-They have been replacing culverts in the 2 parks on the point and will be replacing another one on Corlear Drive that will shut the road down for one day.

-They have been black topping for other towns and hope to have Willsboro's black topping done by next month's meeting if the county is able to do it. If not they will have to hire a contractor to do it.

-The new truck was on the I87 by exit 36 and the tailgate came open. There was one windshield that was damaged and the insurance company was notified. They notified the trucks company and it was fixed.

**Water/Sewer-**

-waste water plant has been great.

-new pump to be replaced on Sunset Drive.

-2 float failures in the pump station in the same week.

-2 repairs on the Middle road.

-pushed a new line under the road on Corlear drive.

-2 service connections are on the schedule.

-the water plant is showing its age.

-Storage tank mixer failed.

-filter run times were every 36-48 hours and it is usually every 7-9 days. They rebuilt the pump and it is back to normal.

-lead copper service line is due and they are working very hard at getting this done.

-annual inspection report looked great.

**Ambulance District Report-no report**

**Youth Commission Report-no report**

**Parks Commission Report-** They will be working on objectives and the adult fitness trail and the childrens playground.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**Sheehan made a motion to appoint Morgan Drinkwine to be secretary of the Planning Board.**

**Benway seconded the motion.**

**All in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**Benway made a motion to authorize the planning to authorize a town employee to be able to respond to EMS calls that needed a driver for the ambulance. This employee will remain on paid time during this call. Sheehan Seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call-**

**Sheehan, Benway, Gilliland**

**Ayes-3**

**Nyes-0**

**Excused- Sayward, Christian**

**Benway made the motion that the Zoning Board meetings be changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Sheehan seconded the motion.**

**All in Favor.**

**Comments/Resolutions from the Board- none**

**Public Comment-**

Barbara Paye

-There is a wash out on Oak Ave and also a hole on Corlear Dr.

-Asked about the need for 2 justices and asked the town board to look into this.

Win Belanger

- Agreed with Barabara Paye and stated that a petition should be circulated and a public hearing on the judges.

- asked if the soccer field was part of the current golf course lease.

- Asked about the cost of the fireworks for 4th of July and Christmas in the 'BORO.

-Asked about the EMT and drivers wages for the ambulance service and cost of training

-Tracie McGill

-asked about the follow up of the possibility of getting a grant for a bike lane or assisting on Corlear. She stated that she would be happy to assist in this as she is a property owner that could help with this problem on Corlear.

-asked if there is any discussion on the Lilly Property

Victor Putman

- He stated he would also like to volunteer on safe bike/walking paths if it is needed.

- Executive Director applications are out and they hope to have someone next month.

-Lamprey treatment for the river is October 22nd from Wadhams to Willsboro.

**Benway made the motion to go to executive session to discuss the proposal for the golf course/soccer field contract and the Teamsters contract proposal. Sheehan seconded the motion.**

Out of executive session at 7:55pm. No decisions were enacted. Back to the regular meeting.

Adjourned @ 7:56pm

Submitted by Susan Thompson