

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE VESTAL TOWN BOARD
February 26, 2020

We kindly request that you turn off all cell phones

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Vestal, County of Broome and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 605 Vestal Parkway West, Vestal, NY on February 26, 2020.

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

Supervisor John Schaffer
Councilwoman Patty Fitzgerald
Councilwoman Sue Messina
Councilman John Fletcher
Councilman Jason Ellis

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Attorney David Berger, Town Clerk Debra Wallace and 14 members of the general public.

Supervisor Schaffer called the Regular Meeting to order at **6:00 PM**, welcomed everyone and asked that all present join in the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

State of the County Address

Deputy Broome County Executive Kevin McManus presented highlights from the State of the County Address.

McManus spoke about the Small Community Grant that was available to towns throughout Broome County. Supervisor Schaffer asked if some of those funds could be dispersed to the town toward the proposed dog park at Middendorf Park. McManus stated that they could help with some of costs. The Town needs to submit an application that McManus will send to Supervisor Schaffer via email and the County will begin looking at entries in March.

McManus stated that there is a large infestation of ticks in the Windsor area and that tick kits would be available there. Councilwoman Messina stated that we have a tick problem in South Vestal and requested that the town receive some of the tick kits. McManus will contact the Health Department and have kits delivered to the Clerk's office where they will be available to all Vestal residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Fitzgerald, Messina, Fletcher, Ellis, Schaffer
 Nays 0

Resolved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2020 are approved.

BID OPENINGS

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A member of the town informed the Board that NYS Energy Programs for the Southern Tier will be hosting an informational meeting on March 5, 2020 at 7pm at the Vestal Public Library. A flyer was given to the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

Annual Mountain Bike Event

R053-20 On the motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

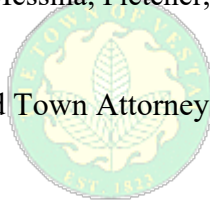
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Fitzgerald, Messina, Fletcher, Ellis, Schaffer
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize Mr. Folk to run the Annual Mountain Bike Event to be held at Jones Park on July 19, 2020

R054-20 Amendment on the motion by Councilwoman Messina, second by Councilman Fletcher the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Fitzgerald, Messina, Fletcher, Ellis, Schaffer
Nays 0

Mr. Folk will provide the Town Board and Town Attorney with a copy of the race rules, waiver and insurance prior to the race.



Appointment of Police Officers

R055-20 Authorization to appoint Kyle Post to a vacant Police Officer position effective March 16, 2020. Per the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement the rate of pay will be \$52,976.00. Such appointment is contingent on successful completion of all Town and County Civil Service requirements including but not limited to physical examination, drug testing and psychiatric examination. And to appoint Justin Perez to a vacant Police Officer position effective March 16, 2020. Per the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement the rate of pay will be \$52,976.00. Such appointment is contingent on successful completion of all Town and County Civil Service requirements including but not limited to physical examination, drug testing and psychiatric examination.

Supervisor Schaffer congratulated Justin Perez on being the 1st graduate of the Youth Police Academy from Vestal High School to join the Vestal Police Department. A special thanks also to Lt. Kitner and School Resource Officer Talbut for all of their hard work on this Academy.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion from Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Ellis, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Fitzgerald, Messina, Fletcher, Ellis, Schaffer
Nays 0

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Resolved the Consent Agenda is approved as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS: ELLIS/Messina

Water Department to issue a refund to Travis Nagle

R045-20 Authorization for the Water Department to issue a refund to Travis Nagle in the amount of \$92.00 for overpayment.

Water Department to issue a refund to Jennifer Stark

R046-20 Authorization for the Water Department to issue a refund to Jennifer Stark in the amount of \$92.00 for overpayment.

FINANCE: MESSINA/Fletcher

Receive and File

Warrant Reports – 2020 – 06, 06A, 06E, 07, 07A, 07C, 07E, 08, 08A, 08E

Capitol Projects

R047-20 Authorization for department heads to begin capital projects as indicated in memo dated 2/14/2020.

Lease agreement with Vestal Central Schools

R048-20 Authorization to sign lease agreement with Vestal Central Schools for the Vestal Senior Center from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 with rent at \$832.36 a month.

Town Attorney billable hours

R049-20 Authorization to pay Town Attorney David Berger \$1,100.00 for billable hours from 12/12/2019 – 1/31/2020.

Broome County Association of Towns & Villages

R050-20 Authorization to pay Broome County Association of Towns & Villages \$50 for annual membership dues.

PERSONNEL: FLETCHER/Fitzgerald

Appointment of Heather Webster to the position of Clerk to Justice

R051-20 Authorization to appoint Heather Webster to the position of Clerk to Justice effective March 2, 2020 at the CSEA rate of \$16.57/hour.

PLANNING & ZONING (FITZGERALD/Messina)

PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Fletcher)

New Members of Fire Station 2

R052-20 Authorization to approve Peter Guzewich, Matthew Starr, Djamel Zekad, and Hannah Parmelee as new members of Fire Station 2.

ADMINISTRATION (ELLIS/Fletcher)

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RECEIVE AND FILE

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2020

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

PETITIONS & PROTESTS

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Schaffer announced that on November 1st 2019 the New York State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for the 43 New York counties due to losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred during the 2019 crop year.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in those counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance for FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. Broome is 2nd on the list of Contiguous Counties.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilman Fletcher, second by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the meeting was **adjourned at 6:22 pm**. Carried unanimously.



Approved by _____
Debra Wallace, Town Clerk