

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE VESTAL TOWN BOARD

## August 12, 2020

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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 August 12, 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, Director of Human Resources Nancy Olmstead, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Town Clerk Kelcy Wickman and one member of the 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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Resolved** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 22, 2020 are approved.

### **BID OPENINGS**

Sealed bids for Highway Materials were received by the Town Clerk and were publicly opened and read at 2:00 pm on July 21, 2020 with the results forwarded to the Highway Superintendent for recommendations.

Sealed bids for Water Chemicals were received by the Town Clerk and were publicly opened and read at 2:00 pm on August 4, 2020 with the results forwarded to the Water Superintendent for recommendations.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

A member of the public wanted to thank the Board for putting out another garbage can at Memorial Park after she had mentioned previously about the need for more garbage cans.

### **RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS**

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**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

**Resolved** the Consent Agenda is approved as follows:

**PUBLIC WORKS (ELLIS/Messina)**

**Engineering to Advertise Public Hearing**

**R117-20**       Authorization for Vern Myers, Town Engineer to advertise on September 2, 2020 for a public hearing on September 16, 2020 to issue an Aquifer Permit to Upstate Tower to construct a 160 foot high communication tower at 420 Old Mill Road.

**Highway Materials Bid Awarded**

**R118-20**       Authorize the Highway Department to award the bids for Highway Materials, opened July 21, 2020 as follows:

- 2020 Transit Mix Concrete – Barney & Dickinson
- 2020 Transit Mix Concrete – BTC Concrete and Supply
- 2020 Concrete Curb Installation – DeNinis Construction Co., Inc.
- 2020 Manhole Adjustment Rings & Frame Assemblies – Crossroads Highway Supply, Inc
- 2020 Tires and Retreading – Tallmadge Tire Service of Binghamton, NY Inc.
- 2020 Street Sweeping Brooms – Northern Supply Inc
- 2020 Plow Blades etc – Chemung Supply Corp
- 2020 Plow Blades etc – Northern Supply Inc.

**Sign Donation for Wetland Trail**

**R119-20**       Authorization to allow Fred Neebe to donate signs for a proposed wetland trail off of the Vestal Rail Trail.

**Signing of Agreement with McFarland Johnson Engineers**

**R120-20**       Approval for John Schaffer, Town Supervisor to sign the preliminary and final Design Engineering agreement with McFarland Johnson Engineers for the Federal/State funded project to rehabilitate Meeker Road Bridge over Choconut Creek.

**Water Chemicals Bid Awarded**

**R121-20**       Authorize the Water Department to award the Water Chemicals Bid to JCI Jones Chemicals and to Slack Chemical Company.

**FINANCE (MESSINA/Fletcher)**

**Renewal of Retiree Health Plan**

**R122-20**       Authorization for Town Comptroller, Laura McKane to renew the Retiree Health Plan with United Healthcare.

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**Dental Plan to Excellus**

**R123-20** Authorization for Town Comptroller, Laura McKane to sign a proposal which moves the Town's self-funded dental plan to Excellus.

**Budget Transfers**

**R124-20** Authorization to approve Budget Transfers dated 8/10/2020.

**PERSONNEL (FLETCHER/Fitzgerald)**

**Appointment of Craig Hiller to Acting Highway Superintendent**

**R125-20** Authorize the appointment of Craig Hiller, current Deputy Highway Superintendent, as acting Highway Superintendent effective August 15, 2020 with wages based on the 2020 salary of the current Highway Superintendent (\$84,282).

**PLANNING & ZONING (FITZGERALD/Messina)**

**Advertising of Local Law "B" Signs**

**R126-20** Authorization to advertise Local Law B "Amending the Code for the Town of Vestal, Chapter 5, Article 5" Signs on August 26, 2020 with the public hearing on September 16, 2020.

**Letter of Support for Vestal Pines**

**R127-20** Approval for Supervisor Schaffer to write a letter of support from the Town for the planned addition at Vestal Pines at 2040 State Route 26.

**PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Fletcher)**

**Acceptance of Grant**

**R128-20** Approval for John Butler, Chief of Police to accept a \$25,000 grant for the purchase of a forensic van.

**Purchase of Forensic Van**

**R129-20** Authorization for John Butler, Chief of Police to purchase a forensic van for \$30,515.67 with budget amendments to increase line A3120.2230 for the purchase of forensic van and to reflect funding coming from the \$25,000 grant and remainder from the appropriating asset forfeiture reserve funds.

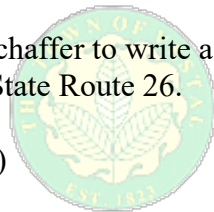
**New Member at Fire Station 3**

**R130-20** Authorization for David Harrington, Fire Chief to approve Maxx Kies as a member of Fire Station 3.

**ADMINISTRATION (ELLIS/Fletcher)**

**Time Change for September Work Sessions**

**R131-20** Approval to move September Work Sessions to 5pm for budget discussions.



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**Museum to Accept Grant**

**R132-20** Authorization for Cherese Weisner-Rosales, Museum Director to accept a \$1000 Grant from Chenango County Arts Council for the Second Saturday Music Night.

**Museum to Erect Tents for Iroquois Festival**

**R133-20** Authorization to allow the museum to erect tents along the Rail Trail on October 10 for the Haudenosaunee Festival (Iroquois Festival).

**Library Youth Activity**

**R134-20** Approval for the Vestal Library to place laminated book cards in Town Parks for children to find and return to the Library for a free book.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES**

**RECEIVE AND FILE**

- Warrants: 2020-30, 30E, 31, 31E, 32, 32E
- Town Clerk Monthly Report – July 2020
- June 2020 Comptrollers Report
- 2020 COT Pinkies BBQ
- 2020 COT Sedore Equipment, Inc. dba Taylor Rental

**PETITIONS & PROTESTS**

**SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**



No yard waste pickup. Call your garbage company. Grass Clippings, dead flowers and garden plants will not be picked up. Tree and brush only. If you need the day they are coming in your neighborhood, call Craig Hiller at the Highway Department.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

It was the consensus of the Board at the work session on Monday night that the Town take action against three former employees who owe the Town reimbursement for health expenses and contributions.

**Town to take Action on Collections**

**R135-20** On a motion by Councilman Ellis, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

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

**Resolved** to give permission for Town Attorney to commence collection actions against three former Town employees for unpaid contributions to health benefits and others.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Ellis, the meeting was **adjourned at 6:08 pm**. Carried unanimously.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
**Debra Wallace, Town Clerk**

