

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VESTAL TOWN BOARD
September 30, 2020

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 September 30, 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 1 member of the public.

Supervisor Schaffer called the Regular Meeting to order at **6:02 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 September 16, 2020 are approved.

BID OPENINGS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A resident was concerned about the political flags around town and thought that flags might have been part of the new sign law. She feels some of the flags are provoking. Supervisor Schaffer will talk with Code Enforcement and see if there are any specifics about flags.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

Town to Repay Balance on Bond Anticipation Note

R160-20 On a motion from Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Ellis, the following was

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

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Resolved that upon maturity, the Town will repay the balance of \$68,000 due on the bond anticipation note outstanding for the Barlow Park Playground and that any remaining proceeds be used to pay down other outstanding debt or make debt interest payments.

Improvements at Ethel & Barlow Parks

R161-20 On a motion from Councilwoman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was

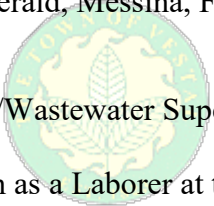
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Fitzgerald, Messina, Fletcher, Ellis, Schaffer
 Nays 0

Resolved to authorize \$16,000 previously allocated for Ethel Park improvements (Purchase Order 5180008) to be used for repairs and improvements to both Ethel Park and Barlow Park.

Hiring of Obregon & Zimmer in Water Department

R162-20 On a motion from Councilman Ellis, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following was

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



Resolved to authorize Scott Groats, Water/Wastewater Superintendent to hire as follows:

- 1) Anthony Hunter Obregon as a Laborer at the Operating Engineer rate of \$15.90 effective October 12, 2020
- 2) Timothy J. Zimmer as a Laborer at the Operating Engineer rate of \$15.90 effective October 12, 2020

Adoption of Proposed 2021 Fire District Budget & Public Hearing Date

R163-20 On a motion from Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following was

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

Resolved to adopt the Proposed 2021 Vestal Fire District Budget with total appropriations, including the foam district, in the amount of \$1,632,738 and a tax levy of \$1,623,708. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on October 20, 2020 at 6 PM.

Defensive Driving Classes for Town Employees

R164-20 On a motion from Councilwoman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following was

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

Resolved to authorize Laura McKane to schedule defensive driving classes for town employees at dates and times to be determined. The Town will bear the cost.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion from Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Ellis, the following was

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

Resolved the Consent Agenda is approved as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS (ELLIS/Messina)

Advertise for Bids for Water Department

R165-20 Authorize Scott Groats, Water/Wastewater Superintendent to advertise for Liquid Polymeric Phosphate on October 7, 2020 with bids being opened on October 20, 2020.

Water Department to Refund Casella

R166-20 Authorize Scott Groats, Water/Wastewater Superintendent to refund Mark & Patricia Casella \$2491.70 due to an error in billing.

FINANCE (MESSINA/Fletcher)

PERSONNEL (FLETCHER/Fitzgerald)

Signing of Collective Bargaining Agreement

R167-20 Approve the Tentative Agreement between the Town of Vestal and the Vestal Police Supervisors Association (VPSA) reached on September 15, 2020 and to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the resulting collective bargaining agreement.

PLANNING & ZONING (FITZGERALD/Messina)

Night Work at Sam's Club Property

R168-20 Approve the night milling work at Sam's Club Property from October 4 – 9, 2020.

PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Fletcher)

ADMINISTRATION (ELLIS/Fletcher)

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COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

RECEIVE AND FILE

- Warrants: 2020 – 38, 38E, 39, 39E

PETITIONS & PROTESTS

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leaf pickup has begun by the Highway Department. Please rake leaves to the curb, not on the street or road. No garden/plant waste, ornamental grasses, sticks or any foreign objects.

Brush pick up is by request only. Contact Craig Hiller at the Highway Department. The regular scheduled pickup is over.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Ellis, the meeting was **adjourned at 6:12 pm**. Carried unanimously.



Approved by _____
Debra Wallace, Town Clerk