

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF THE VESTAL TOWN BOARD  
FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2.1 Motion approving the February 12, 2014 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.**

3. **BID OPENINGS:**

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

5. **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – For Agenda Items Only:**

6. **RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS:**

6.1 Motion to appropriate \$100,000 of fund balance of the highway fund (D1011.1011) to increase the appropriations for salt and sand (D5142.4006) due to the shortage of material on hand and extraordinary usage this winter.

6.2 Motion to authorize payment to **Kenneth Frommer** in the amount of **\$4256.00** for appraisal of *Clayton Village Apartments*. This amount is \$506 more than the Board originally approved due to the unforeseen difficulty of this project.

6.3 Motion to appoint **George Gerner** to the **Zoning Board of Appeals** effective immediately. This term is to expire December 31, 2018.

6.4 Motion to appoint **Eugene W. Burns** to the **Zoning Board of Appeals** to fill the **alternate** vacancy created by the appointment of Mr. Gerner as a regular member, effective immediately. This term is to expire December 31, 2015.

6.5 Motion to amend the **Employee Handbook Sections 805 and 807** as amended by the Town Board at the work session of February 24, 2014.

6.6 Motion to accept the **grant awarded to the Vestal Town Court** under the 2013-14 cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) in the amount of \$ 5,711.95.

This grant will be used to purchase scanners, new fax machine, new printer, security equipment and new furniture for the Judges' office.

6.7 Motion to adopt the following Resolution:

*Whereas* the Town of Vestal provides health insurance to its employees and early retirees under contract with *Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield* under a Minimum Premium financing arrangement and also purchases stop loss insurance from Excellus, and

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*Whereas* such contracts expire on April 30, 2013 and April 1, 2013, respectively, and

*Whereas* the town desires to continue the same level of employee benefits but to change its financing arrangement, and

*Whereas* Excellus offers an Administrative Services Contract financing plan (self-insuring) in lieu of the Minimum Premium arrangement, and

*Whereas* entering into such an arrangement will not alter employee benefits but provides various advantages to improve the management of the plan, and

*Whereas* the town in entering into such an arrangement agrees to continue to comply with all state mandates with regard to benefits,

*Now be it Resolved* that, subject to final analysis and recommendation of Douglas Bulman, consultant, the town supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the **Administrative Services** and **stop loss insurance contracts** with *Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield*.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1 PUBLIC WORKS: Majewski/Fitzgerald**

**7.1-1** Approval for Business Office to make adjustments for the following sewer bill reductions

- 329 Main Street in the amount of 19,000 gallons. The cause of the high water/sewer consumption was a broken pipe supplying their washing machine. The amount of the sewer reduction is \$92.72. The water did not go into the town's sanitary sewer system.
- 317 Rayelene Drive in the amount of 5,000 gallons. The cause of the high water/sewer consumption was a burst outside hose. The amount of the sewer reduction is \$24.40. The water did not go into the town's sanitary sewer system.
- 224 Reese Avenue in the amount of 16,000 gallons. The cause of the high water/sewer consumption was a burst outside hose. The amount of the sewer reduction is \$78.08. The water did not go into the town's sanitary sewer system.

**7.1-2** Authorization for the **Town Attorney** to advertise on March 5, 2014 for bids on a **Material Screen / Tracked Conveyor** for the Highway Department, to be opened March 11, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Vestal Town Clerk's Office.

**7.1-3** Authorization for the **Parks Department** to accept a donation of a truss system from Jared Fiacco.

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**7.2 FINANCE: Majewski/Messina**

**7.2-1 Receive and File: Warrant Reports – 2014 – 07, 07A, 07E, 08, 08-E, 08-L**

**7.3 PERSONNEL: Fitzgerald/Majewski**

**7.4 PLANNING & ZONING: Messina/Fitzgerald**

**7.4-1** Authorization for **BARA** (Binghamton Amateur Radio Association Inc.) to hold a fundraiser on May 18, 2014 in the Vestal Library parking lot. An **Indemnification Agreement** is to be signed.

**7.5 PUBLIC SAFETY: Majewski/Messina**

**7.5-1** Authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve the following **Fire Police** members to attend **Fire Police Training and Education Seminar** on March 15, 2014 at the NYS Fire Academy in Montour Falls.

Donald Leip, Mark Sanford, Eugene Wagner and Harold Weaver.

The cost of this course is \$25.00 per person which includes registration and meals plus mileage if a Fire Department Vehicle is unavailable.

**7.5-2** Approval for the Business Office to make a payment of **\$5,548.38** from the Asset Forfeiture Line (A3120-2626R) to cover the repairs to vehicle #311 (**SWAT truck**) to Royal Ford Motors in Owego.

**7.6 ADMINISTRATION: Fitzgerald/Messina**

**7.7 RECEIVE AND FILE:**

- **Fire Advisory Board Minutes – January 20, 2014**
- **List of 2014 Officers of the Vestal Fire Department**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**8. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES:**

**9. PETITIONS & PROTESTS:**

**10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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**11. SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Winter Parking Hours** – December 1st - March 31st. No parking on Town and County streets and highways between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM.
- The Town has an ordinance requiring property owners to [\*\*remove snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their properties\*\*](#). Compliance continues to be a problem in some areas of the Town. If this problem persists, the Town will issue appearance tickets for these violations.
- The March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Vestal Town Board Work Session has been cancelled.

**12. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

**13. OLD BUSINESS:**

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

