

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

WORK SESSION

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on 2015 Preliminary Special District Budget- Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

COMMITTEES

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS

1. Discuss letter from Janice Hallock concerning a utility bill in the amount of \$956.69 for a vacant house at 2213 Vestal Road.

7.2 FINANCE

1. **Warrants:** 2014-39, 2014-39E, 2014-41, 2014-41E, 2014-45, 2014-45E, 2014-46, 2014-46D, 2014-46E

2. Request to pay Town Attorney David Berger \$3087.50 for billable hours for the month of October, 2014.

3. Request from Town Attorney David Berger for authorization to sign retainer agreement with the law firm of Greene, Hershendorfer & Sharpe for the Wayne Hicks vs. Town of Vestal lawsuit.

7.3 PERSONNEL

1. Request from Human Resource Office Nancy Olmstead to discuss vacation carryover.

2. Request for authorization to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Town of Vestal and the Vestal PBA reached on October 30, 2014 and to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the resulting collective bargaining agreement.

3. Request from Tax Collector Debra Wallace to hire temporary employees for the upcoming tax season (December 22, 2014 through April 17, 2015), as per her memo dated November 13, 2014.

7.4 PLANNING & ZONING

1. Request from Town Engineer Gary Campo to add an exemption to the Noise Ordinance for emergency generators: Section 24-726(g) (6) – Generation of electricity during generator testing and power outages.

2. Request from Town Attorney David Berger, in a memo dated 11/12/14, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a permanent easement for 473 Echo Road.

7.5 PUBLIC SAFETY

7.6 ADMINISTRATION

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Kopernik Tower

The Town is to submit to the County information about the users of the existing tower at Andrews Road so that bid specs could be prepared for the construction of a new tower at that location.

Update on 11/3/14: IT Director Dan Williams has provided the requested information to the County.

2. Replacement of Fire Station 4

The Town and the Fire Department are continuing to explore less costly alternatives for the replacement of the Station 4 building.

3. Purchase of Town land by Vestal Veterinary Hospital

In a letter dated 9/9/14, the Vestal Veterinary Hospital has submitted a formal bid of \$5,000. The bid is under review. Supervisor Schaffer has scheduled a meeting with the interested party.

4. Request to accept from DiRienzo Brothers Bakery a gift of the land parcel known as 561 Vestal Parkway West, Tax Map #173.21-1-4, containing approximately 0.16 acres of land. Town Attorney David Berger is waiting for return of one additional item having to do with a search for liens or judgments.

5. Transfer of Vestal Emergency Squad 1997 pick-up truck to the Town in exchange for \$12,000 in payment due on the squad building.

Supervisor Schaffer stated that two departments are interested in this vehicle (Parks, Maintenance). Retrofitting this vehicle for Town use could save us up to \$50,000 in capital expenditures. Town Attorney Berger noted that the Board should get an independent valuation of this vehicle.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Public Hearing on 2015 Preliminary Special District Budget-** Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM.
- **Leaf Pick Up** – until snow falls. Place leaves along the curb but **AWAY FROM STORM DRAINS!** No yard waste or branches. For more information contact Highway Department 607-785-4616
- **Winter Parking Reminder** – Parking of vehicles is prohibited on all Town and County roads in Vestal between the hours of 2:00 AM TO 6:00 AM from December 1st through March 31st.

BUDGET REVIEW

Comptroller Laura McKane will review her presentation for the Public Hearing on the Special District Budget and discuss final changes to the 2015 Preliminary Town Budget.

A MOTION WILL BE MADE TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF: Labor negotiations

ADJOURNMENT