

Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board April 27, 2016

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 April 27, 2016.

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

**Supervisor Schaffer
Councilman Majewski
Councilwoman Fitzgerald
Councilwoman Messina
Councilwoman Agneshwar**

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Attorney David Berger, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki, 1st Deputy Town Clerk Kathie Young and 9 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:

Supervisor Schaffer announced that he has changed the format of the Board meetings to include only one *Privilege of the Floor* section. This is being done to better manage some unruly behavior that has been exhibited by a frequent attendee. Although the Board is under no legal obligation to allow public comment, it is something that is encouraged if done in a manner that is respectful to all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Agneshwar, Messina, Schaffer
 Nays 0

Resolved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2016 are approved.

BID OPENINGS

West Hill & Carnegie Water Storage Tank Repainting

The following bids for the West Hill & Carnegie water storage tank repainting were received and opened at 2:00 PM on April 20, 2016 in the Town Clerks Office. The first numbers are the base bids for interior of both tanks. The other two numbers are alternates for the exterior of each tank.

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NAME	ADDRESS	BID \$
Amstar of Western New York, Inc.	825 Rein Road	\$400,000.00
	Cheektowaga, NY 14225	\$138,000.00
		\$138,000.00
Global Contracting & Painting	7350 Cole Road	\$389,145.00
	Colden, NY 14033	\$151,630.00
		\$ 54,023.00
Spensieri, LLC	15 Dwight Park Drive	\$545,000.00
	Syracuse, NY 13209	\$215,000.00
		\$215,000.00
Atlas Painting and Sheeting	465 Creekside Drive	\$590,000.00
	Amherst, NY 14228	\$100,000.00
		\$100,000.00
Erie Painting & Maintenance Inc	999 Rein Rd	\$668,404.00
	Cheektowaga, NY 14225	\$183,000.00
		\$191,000.00
R DeVincentis Construction	One Brick Avenue	\$424,000.00
	Binghamton, NY	\$165,000.00
		\$173,000.00
World Wide Industries	470 Mitchell Hill Road	\$359,900.00
	Butler, PA 16002	\$134,800.00
		\$134,800.00
Chesapeake	6310 Cove Avenue	\$540,000.00
	Baltimore, MD 21226	\$170,000.00
		\$170,000.00
Utility Service Group	535 Courtney Hodges Blvd	\$421,131.00
	Perry, GA 31069	\$ 75,000.00
		\$ 75,000.00

Bid Results for Highway Materials:

The bids for Highway Materials were received and opened at 2:15 PM on April 27, 2016 in the Town Clerk's Office. The results have been provided to the Highway Superintendent for review and recommendation and are available for public review in the Town Clerk's office.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A speaker noted that the Board was postponing a decision concerning the granting of tax benefits to solar farms and wonders why. Supervisor Schaffer explained that the Board wanted to attend an upcoming information session on the topic before making a decision. One of the main concerns is with the disposal of damaged panels or ones that have reached the end of their useful lives. There are issues with toxicity

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and it appears that no one is willing to take them. Another speaker took issue with that assertion and asked the Supervisor to provide the source of his information.

A speaker stated that based on his conversation with a representative from a solar panel company named *Renovus*, the manufacturers of solar panels provide a 25 year guarantee and take care of the disposition of the glass.

A speaker reiterated his call for a town-wide property reassessment and for the Board to increase the income limit for age based property tax reduction. Also, he is asking for the resignation of any Board member who does not fulfil their obligation to attend all meetings. Another speaker challenged the assertion that most properties in Vestal are being sold under their assessed value. A number of properties in the vicinity of his home have sold for above their assessed value. Broad assertions of this sort should not be made without providing documentation to back them up.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

License/Easement Agreement for 2809 Vestal Road

R104-16 On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Agneshwar, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign necessary documents to extend the license/easement agreement with the new owners of 2809 Vestal Road, Vestal, NY. Said agreement provides Town additional access to Moore Park and is at no cost to the Town.

Verizon Communications to Test Communications Towner

R105-16 On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilwoman Agneshwar, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Agneshwar, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the Town Supervisor, acting as Fire Commissioner, to sign permission for **Verizon Communications to perform a site survey at the Fire Station 1 Siren Tower, Main Street, Vestal NY** provided that a release and indemnification agreement is signed by Verizon prior to the visit. Said survey is to determine whether the site is suitable for an extension of Verizon's network.

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Broome County Humane Society Signs

R106-16 On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilwoman Agneshwar, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Agneshwar, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the installation of 2 *goal thermometers* indicating the monetary amount reached towards a new building construction for the **Broome County Humane Society**. One sign to be placed on Northstar Group property across from the University Plaza and the other at 3005 Vestal Road. The signs are each 4' 6" X 8'6" and will be securely fastened to resist wind and weather. The signs will not be illuminated and may be installed for the period April 28, 2016 through May 18, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Agneshwar, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 0

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

FINANCE: Agneshwar/Fitzgerald

Receive and File:

- **Warrant Reports:** 2016-15, 2016-15E, 2016-16, 2016-16E, 2016-16L

PUBLIC SAFETY: Fitzgerald/Messina

Hire Steven Frost School Crossing Guard

R107-16 Approval for Vestal Police Chief Butler to hire **Steven Frost** of Birch Street, Vestal as a **School Crossing Guard** at a rate of \$10.15 per hour effective immediately.

Approve New Fire Members

R108-16 Approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners to accept the following as new members of the respective Fire Companies:

- Peter Saladis – Company No. 1
- Peter Sladky – Company No. 4
- Carter Wasley – Company No. 4
- Jordan Case – Company No. 3
- Michael Langeland – Company No. 3

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Fire Apparatus and Personnel to Parade in Little Meadows, PA

R109-16 Approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners to send one piece of Station 3 apparatus and members to Little Meadows, PA for their **Grand Opening Ceremony Parade** of their new station. The parade is on May 1, 2016 at 2:00 PM.

Fred Singer Training Site Lease Agreement

R110-16 Authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners approving a \$600 payment from the **Broome County Fire Chief's Association** for their Annual Lease agreement for the Fred Singer Training Site.

ADMINISTRATION: Majewski/Messina

Museum to Accept Grant

R111-16 Authorization for Museum Director Ramona Kacyvenski to accept a \$4,308.00 grant from the **Chenango Arts Council**.

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- 2016 04 15 – Letter of Resignation from Vestal Museum Director Ramona Kacyvenski.
- 2016 03 21 – Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citizens Police Academy:** Classes end May 26th and are held on Thursday nights from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, in the Town Board room. Email skintner@vestalny.com to sign up. Signups are always welcome!
- Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has an **OPEN BURNING BAN** policy in place from March 16th to May 14th. Burn Permits will not be issued during this time.
- **Vestal Museum Presents "Musical Memories"**
This series will honor the music from pre 1940's to the 1960's. There will be an exhibit from the collection corresponding to each era. Bands will perform at the Vestal Museum. Events will be Rain or Shine. If the weather is nice, we'll be on the deck so bring a blanket! If the weather is not so good, we will be inside!

Band Line-Up Saturdays 1-3pm

May 28th - The Rusty Doves with pre 1940's music

June 25th - Molly and the Badly Bent Bluegrass Boys with 1940's music

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July 30th - Genesee Ted with 1950's music
August 27th - The Cadleys with 1960's music

Brush Pick Up for 2016

Monthly Brush Pickup –

May 2nd, June 6th, July 5th, August 1st & September 6th.

We will have two teams: One team will start in the West working East.

The second team will start in the East working West.

- Branches must be piled neatly at curb/roadside all in one direction facing the road, **not in the street.**
- Leave branches as long as possible
- Branch diameter limit is 6"
- NOT ACCEPTABLE: Tree trunks, vines (they plug our chippers), lot clearings, or work done from a contractor.
- ABSOLUTELY NO LAWN CLIPPINGS OR THORNY BRUSH

Please - No vines - No thorns - We recycle our wood chips to residents of Vestal, who often use them in play areas for children.

The Town of Vestal Highway Department mows 25ft. from the center of road.

We DO NOT go on private property!!

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat Roberts and her family as they cope with her serious health issue.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, **the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.** Carried unanimously.

Approved by _____ **Emil J. Bielecki, Town Clerk**