

Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board February 8, 2017

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 February 8, 2017.

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 18 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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilwoman Fitzgerald, 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 of the Town Board on February 25, 2017 are approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A speaker commented on a number of items on the agenda:

- We bond to buy new highway equipment and sell other equipment when it's still good.
- Questions the need for a new fire station. Why do we need a new fire station?
- Objects to sending people to the Association of Towns conference in NYC.
- The numerous tax settlements that we are reaching is evidence that property assessments are not correct. State assessment rules are not being followed.
- Council members who miss too many meetings should be asked to resign and there should be term limits.
- We are appointing unqualified people to the ZBA. Would like to review.
- The dog control position should be advertised.

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- The Board should be specific about what business is discussed in Executive Session that information should be in the minutes.
- What is the determination of things brought up in Executive Session? Why are we going into Executive Session? It should be stated in the minutes.

Supervisor Schaffer responded that as to the Executive Sessions, they are held to discuss issues where confidentiality is required by law or by a need to protect sensitive information. He further stated that he would not address the other questions because they are redundant and have been answered many times before. The speaker can also file a Freedom of Information (FOIL) request for any information that he feels he's not getting at the Board Meeting.

Responding to a question about the status of Magnolia Park, Supervisor Schaffer stated that the park has been decommissioned. We are currently exploring the possibility of selling the land to put it back on the tax roll.

A speaker asked about AIM funding referenced in a letter received from the NYS Association of Towns. Supervisor Schaffer replied AIM funds are distributed to municipalities by the State. He feels that the distribution formula is inequitable and agrees that it should not be held hostage to the Governor's misguided attempts to force consolidation.

A speaker expressed satisfaction with the development of the former Ken Wilson site on the Parkway. Many new businesses are now opening up and that means additional property taxes. Supervisor Schaffer agreed that this is a positive development and there is more activity to come, like the new dental office on Jensen Rd. Vestal is one of the few areas in the County that is showing growth.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

Bond for Highway Equipment

R039-17 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 adopt a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF \$205,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF VESTAL, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE

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COST OF THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT, FOR SAID TOWN.

Intent For Expenditure From Fire District General Fund Monies

R040-17 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 adopt a RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2017.
RESOLUTION OF INTENT REGARDING THE TEMPORARY EXPENDITURE OF FIRE DISTRICT GENERAL FUND MONIES PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED SALE AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF VESTAL, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$250,000 IN CONNECTION WITH PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION, IN AND FOR SAID FIRE DISTRICT.

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:

PUBLIC WORKS: Fitzgerald/Majewski

Award Under RFA # 16953: Drinking Water Fluoridation Component 2

R041-17 Approval to accept an **award under RFA # 16953: Drinking Water Fluoridation Component 2: Implementation Projects–Round 3 contract number T32336GG** in the amount of \$49,998.00 for the anticipated contract period of March 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018 from NYS Department of Health, Division of Family Health.

FINANCE: Agneshwar/Fitzgerald

Receive and File: Warrant Reports - 2017-04, 2017-04A, 2017-04E, 2017-04M, 2017-05, 2017-05A, 2017-05E

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Meals & Incidental Expenses for NYS Association of Towns Conference

R042-17 Authorization for the Business Office to issue expense checks to the following individuals to attend the **Association of Towns Conference in New York City**, February 19, 2017 through February 22, 2017:

John Schaffer -- \$428.00 Joseph Meagher -- \$428.00
David Berger -- \$428.00 Mark Johnson -- \$428.00
Nancy Olmstead -- \$228.00

PLANNING & ZONING: Messina/Agneshwar

Boy Scout Troop 225 to Hold Christmas Tree Sales

R043-17 Authorization **Boy Scout Troop 225** to use the library parking lot November 18 - December 24, 2017 to sell Christmas Trees.

ADMINISTRATION: Majewski/Messina

Sell the 1999 Chevrolet Venture Van

R044-17 Authorization for Recreation Planner Sue Jastran to sell the **1999 Chevrolet Venture Van** – Vin #1GNDX03EOXD259229 through Auctions International.

RECEIVE AND FILE

- 1/30/17: Notice from Town of Conklin terminating the **Intermunicipal Agreement for Dog Control Services** with the Town of Vestal as of 3/1/17.
- **Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad** Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.
- **2016 Town of Vestal Historian Annual Report** from Margaret Hadsell
- 2/1/17: Letter from **NYS Associations of Towns** opposing Governor’s plan to withhold AIM funding if Legislature does not approve county efficiency plans.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

The Board acknowledged former Town Supervisor Nasiatka’s statement that the Town needs to replace Fire Station # 4 and it needs to be done under careful oversight of the Public Safety Committee.

Councilwoman Fitzgerald announced that if anyone is interested in seeing the condition of Station 4, she would make arrangements for a tour of the building.

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SUPERVISOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Public Hearing February 15, 2017 on proposed **Local Law C** - “A local law placing a temporary moratorium on telecommunication towers within the Town of Vestal.”
- Public Hearing on March 8, 2017 on proposed **Local Law D** - “A local law to prohibit Smoking in all Town Parks.”
- We are continuing to accept expressions of interest for the sale of Magnolia Park.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the meeting was adjourned at **6:20 PM**. Carried unanimously.

Approved by _____
Emil J. Bielecki, Town Clerk