

**Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board
March 13, 2019**

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 March 13, 2019.

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

**Supervisor John Schaffer
Councilman Fran Majewski
Councilwoman Patty Fitzgerald
Councilwoman Sue Messina
Councilman John Fletcher**

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Attorney David Berger, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki and 4 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 Messina, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following resolution was

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

Resolved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2019 are approved.

BID OPENINGS

A single sealed bid for a 35 ton paver style lowboy trailer was received by the Town Clerk from **Five Star Equipment, Inc.**, Kirkwood, NY and was publicly opened at 2:00 pm on March 13, 2019. The bid amount was \$65,620.00. The results were forwarded to the Highway Department for review and recommendation.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A speaker stated that a member of VRSA (Vestal Residents for Safe Energy) contacted authorities in Pennsylvania and was told that two of the gas wells to be drilled in the Little Meadows area will be very close to the NY border. One well will be 130 feet from the border and another 150 feet.

A speaker whose property abuts the rear section of Warren Realty on the Vestal Parkway stated that the trees and shrubbery that were supposed to be in place to serve as a buffer are no longer there. He has notified the Code Department about

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the issue but nothing has been done. Supervisor Schaffer responded that he would look into it and get back to the speaker with an answer.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

Bid for Police Vehicle Parts and Service Rejected and Rebid

R045-19 On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following resolution was

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

Resolved to reject the sole bid received from Bush Electronics for ***Police Vehicle Parts and Service***, opened on February 19, 2019, and to authorize the Town Attorney to re-advertise same on March 27, 2019 with the bids to be opened on April 9, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

FINANCE: Messina/Majewski

Receive and File

- **Warrant Reports:** 2019- 09, 2019-09A, 2019-09E, 2019-10, 2019-10E
- **Town Clerk Monthly Report,** February 2018 – Local Shares Remitted: \$4,183.68

PUBLIC SAFETY: Messina/Fletcher

George Blank and Robert Morency Accepted as Members of Fire Dept.

R046-19 Authorization from the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve new members to the Vestal Fire Department as follows:

- George Blank as a member of Company No. 2
- Robert Morency as a member of Company No. 3

Background checks on new applicants to the Fire Department were done by the Broome County Sheriff's Office.

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RECEIVE AND FILE

- Notification from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding the Route 434 Pedestrian Enhancements (PIN 903823/D263813). Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2019 and last one construction season. Temporary closures of shoulder lanes, landscaping activities, and nighttime work may be required.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilman Majewski shared a comment from a resident who expressed the need for additional LED lighting near the bus stop located on Rano Boulevard. Supervisor Schaffer noted that this request would not be anything that could be incorporated into the recently approved NYSEG contract to upgrade lighting throughout the Town. This is a Broome County Transit bus stop and perhaps they can be asked to look into the need for additional lighting in this location.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Department of Environmental Conservation has an OPEN BURNING BAN policy in place from March 16th to May 14th. Burn Permits will not be issued during this time.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. Carried unanimously.

Approved by _____
Emil J. Bielecki, Town Clerk