

Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board December 4, 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 December 4, 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 Engineer Vern Myers, Director of Human Resources Nancy Olmstead, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Rose, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki and five members of the general public.

Supervisor Schaffer called the Regular Meeting to order at **6:13 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 November 20, 2019 are approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A resident whose property abuts the Warren Realty office on the Vestal Parkway stated that the company still has not complied with installing the shrubbery and the fence buffer as required by the Planning Board. She is asking about the status of this case. Town Engineer Vern Myers responded that that the property owner was cited for the violations but has not complied. An appearance ticket to appear in Town Court will be issued tomorrow.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

Met Life Selected for Employee Disability and Life Insurance Benefits

R221-19 On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, the following resolution was

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

Resolved to authorize Town Comptroller Laura McKane to sign all documents changing the Town's disability and life insurance carrier for employee benefits to Met Life. Met Life will hold life insurance rates for 3 years and disability insurance rates for 2 years beginning December 1, 2019. The signing of the documents is subject to the final review by the Town's Insurance Consultant.

Kelcy Wickman Appointed as 1st Deputy Town Clerk

R222-19 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 to authorize the appointment of Kelcy Wickman as Clerk (Part-Time) effective 12/2/19 for the purpose of training and full-time as 1st Deputy Town Clerk effective 1/1/20. Her rate of pay will be \$21.31 per hour. The 1st Deputy Town Clerk position is a grade 4 CSEA position.

Cash-In of Vacation Time for Non-Union Employees in 2019

Councilman Fletcher asked where the money will come from to pay for this benefit. Supervisor Schaffer responded that the money will likely come from the contingency account.

R223-19 On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Messina, Schaffer
Nays 1 Majewski

Resolved to authorize non-union employees to cash in up to five (5) days of vacation. Such request to be submitted to the Business Office no later than December 13, 2019. Payment to be made in the paycheck of December 27, 2019 and at the employee's 2019 rate of pay. This is for 2019 only and will be reconsidered for future years.

COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilwoman Fitzgerald thanked the Fire Department for their dedicated work in responding to the many calls about downed wires after the recent snow storm. Supervisor Schaffer added that a thank you should also be extended for the response to the big fire on Mark Court.

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SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUCEMENTS

- **Winter Parking Hours** are in effect from December 1 thru March 31. No parking of vehicles on any town streets and roads from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM.
- The annual *Christmas Tree Lighting* is this Friday, 6:30 PM, at the Gazebo at Vestal Memorial Park, Four Corners. Join us for singing and hot cocoa, cider and doughnuts sponsored by the Vestal Fire Department. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will arrive at 7:00 PM.
- After the recent heavy snow storm, many households are dealing with downed branches. As the weather clears over the next week, the Highway Department will be picking up branches that are put out at the curb.
- Town Engineer Vern Myers has asked for feedback on the new LED lights that are being installed throughout the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, **the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.** Carried unanimously.

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