

## **Regular Meeting of the Vestal Town Board December 18, 2013**

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, New York December 18, 2013.

### **TOWN BOARD PRESENT:**

**Supervisor John Schaffer  
Councilman Fran Majewski  
Councilwoman Patty Fitzgerald  
Councilman David Marnicki  
Councilman Steve Milkovich**

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Town Attorney David Berger, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Town Clerk Kathie Young and approximately 9 members of the community.

The Supervisor 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 Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Milkovich, Schaffer  
Nays 0

Resolved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 11, 2013 are approved.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Agenda Items Only)**

A speaker expressed concern about the possibility of increasing sewer rents. He feels that the Joint Sewage Treatment should be held accountable. Supervisor Schaffer noted that we are doing all that we can to influence the actions of the Sewage Plant, but as outside users of the plant, we can only do so much.

In response to a question about using an intern in the Police Department, Supervisor Schaffer noted that this is an unpaid position and the person is a student in criminal justice.

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**RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS**

**Museum Director to Submit Grants**

**R357-13** On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Milkovich, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Milkovich, Schaffer  
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the Vestal Museum Director, Virginia Wood, to submit grants towards the Museum's 2014 budget related to the following:

- Additional funding for the 2014 labor line to support exhibits, programs and events (Chenango Arts Council/NYSCA-Dec/Hoyt)
- Provide materials related to those exhibits, programs, and events (Broome County Arts Council-United Cultural Fund)

At this time, the amount to be requested had not been determined. The grants are due January 8, 2014.

**Draw Local Law and Advertise to Amend Sewer Rents**

**R358-13** On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Milkovich, Schaffer  
Nays 0

Resolved to authorize the **Town Attorney to draw a local law** amending Chapter 18, Article V, Section 18-202 of the Town of Vestal Code (Sewer Rents), and to advertise on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for a Public Hearing to be held on January 8, 2014.

**Jonathan Macko – Member Company No. 4**

**R359-13** On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Milkovich, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Milkovich, Schaffer  
Nays 0

Resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve **Jonathan Macko** as a member of the **Vestal Fire Department at Company No. 4.**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5     Majewski, Fitzgerald, Marnicki, Milkovich, Schaffer  
                 Nays 0

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

**PUBLIC WORKS: Milkovich/Majewski**

**Highway Out of Title Pay**

**R360-13**     Authorization for Brock Leonard, Highway Superintendent to **Out of Title Pay** as follows:

- Richard Martin \$204.96 - 84 hours (November 1 – December 4, 2013)
- John Angelo \$552.05 - 215.5 hours (September – November 30, 2013)

**FINANCE: Fitzgerald**

**Receive and File: Warrant Reports – 2013 – 50, 50E**

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Fitzgerald**

**David Goetz to Intern in the Police Department**

**R361-13**     Authorization for Police Chief John Butler to grant an **unpaid internship** to **David Goetz** of Kirkwood, New York. He will begin on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 and will complete the internship on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. Mr. Goetz will be riding with patrols, assisting with records retention, work with detectives, observe K-9 and SWAT training, and learn other aspects of Law Enforcement.

**Fundraiser for Fire Station #4**

**R362-13**     Approval from the Board of Fire Commissioner for the **Vestal Fire Department Membership and Auxiliary of Station #4** to hold a Brooks Barbeque Fundraiser on January 4, 2014 at Station 4 on Vestal Parkway.

**RECEIVE AND FILE**

- Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad Financial Statements for Years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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## COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilman Majewski noted that Vestal was recently named as one of the safest 50 cities in New York State by Safewise.com.

## ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

A speaker reiterated the following issues that concern him:

- Town Board members should not be paid when they are absent from scheduled meetings.
- The filing of an appeal on the UHS lawsuit is a waste of money.
- The Highway Department will not pick up his branches at the curb.
- The drainage system in the Imperial Woods neighborhood needs to be better maintained to avoid future flooding problems.

## SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Winter Parking Hours** - December 1 to March 31, 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM

Supervisor Schaffer noted that Councilman Marnicki and Milkovich will be completing their terms of service on the Board at the end of the year. He thanked them for their service to the Town

## OLD BUSINESS

### **13.1 (Public Hearing was held on October 23, 2013)**

**Local Law "F" of the Year 2013 Entitled:** A Local Law to change the zoning map of the Town of Vestal regarding 4696 Vestal Parkway East within the University Plaza, BCTMP #159.2-21.1 from Community Business (C-2) to Planned Development District (PDD) (Metroplex Student Housing, Vestal Park, LLC).

Councilman Marnicki stated that this project is being advertised as if it's a done deal even before the Board has voted to approve the rezoning. He is offended by this disrespectful attitude of the developer.

## ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Councilman Majewski, seconded by Councilman Milkovich, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18PM. Carried unanimously.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

**Emil J. Bielecki, Town Clerk**