

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

In Attendance: Town Board Members Majewski, Marnicki and Fitzgerald
Absent: Supervisor Schaffer, Councilman Milkovich

Also Attending: Highway Superintendent Brock Leonard, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki and several members of the community.

WORK SESSION - Deputy Supervisor Majewski convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

11/06/2013 – Special Permit - Michael Mastro of New Holland Equipment for a vehicle service station to occupy 2807 Vestal Road (Old Airgas Building)

11/06/2013 – 2014 Town Budget Hearing

COMMITTEES

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS

1. Request from Brock Leonard, Highway Superintendent to pay out of title pay to Eric VanFossen for Sept. 25 to Oct. 10 in the amount of \$156.16 and Clayton Roosa for Aug. 14 to Oct. 14 in the amount of \$319.64.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

2. Request from Gary Campo, Town Engineer to add the following roads to Town maintenance:

- N. Stage Road, from Vestal Road to dead end, a distance of 0.04 miles
- Service Road, from Plaza Dr to dead end, a distance of 0.09 miles
- Stiles Road, from State Line Rd to dead end, a distance of 0.06 miles

Highway Superintendent Brock Leonard noted that these roads have been maintained by the Town for years, but they were not included in the NYS Department of Transportation inventory spreadsheet. Adding these road will benefit the Town because inventory mileage determines the amount of funding that we receive from CHIP's.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. Request from Brock Leonard, Highway Superintendent to transfer \$7550.00 from D5130.4230 Repair Machinery Line to the D5130.2200 Machinery & Equipment Line to purchase a 12" FFC LA F5412 Asphalt Cold Planer.

Highway Superintendent Brock Leonard explained that this piece of equipment is used on every road project to clear out the areas around manholes and to prepare intersections for blacktopping. The existing asphalt cold planer has been used by the Department since 1999. The drums and bearings on the machine are shot and it would cost about \$5,000 to fix it. It does not make sense to fix it when we can buy a new cold planer for about \$7,500.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

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4. Authorization for the Town Attorney to advertise on November 27, 2013, for a Public Hearing on December 11, 2013 regarding the establishment of Consolidated Water District No. 1, Extension # 195. Petitioners: Stephen and Brenda Wayman. Address: 2108 Glenwood Road.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.2 **FINANCE**

1. Warrants - 2013- 43, 43E, 44, 44E

OK - This item will be placed on the Agenda as a Receive and File item at the next Regular Meeting.

2. Request for supervisor to sign a contract with Vestal Veterinary Hospital for boarding and veterinary care for the Town of Vestal, the agreement covers January 1, 2014 -December 31, 2014. The agreement is in the amount of \$12,000 per year and has no changes from 2013.

- a. \$12,000.00 per year, payable monthly installments of \$1000.00
- b. For each dog boarding day in excess of seventy-five (75) dog boarding days during any calendar month: \$12.00
- c. For each dog in excess of one hundred fifty (150) dogs during the term of this agreement vaccinated with DHLPP/CPV: \$12.00
- d. For each dog vaccinated against rabies during the term of this agreement: \$15.00;
- e. For each dog in excess of forty (40) dogs during the term of this agreement upon which euthanasia is performed: \$10.00
- f. For each disposal of carcass in excess of forty (40) during the term of this agreement: \$25.00

Councilman Marnicki noted that the price of this contract has not increased for many years and it appears that we are getting a good deal for these required services.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. Request to pay Town Attorney \$7,150.00 for billable hours for the month of October 2013.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

4. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign Renewal, Extension and Modification of Water Service Agreement with Binghamton University.

Several Board members noted that they have not seen this contract. Deputy Supervisor Majewski stated that this item will be put on hold for consideration at the next Work Session on November 18th.

7.3 **PERSONNEL**

1. Request to authorize re-appointment of Ross Geoghegan to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective January 1, 2014.

Councilman Marnicki asked that this item be put on hold until the Work Session on November 18th.

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2. Request to authorize re-appointment of Shep Bennett, Cynthia Westerman, Victor Lamoureux, and Curt Pueschel to the CAC (Conservation Advisory Commission).

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.4 PLANNING & ZONING

1. Request from Boy Scout Troop 225 to use the front part of the library parking lot from November 23 – December 31, 2013 for their annual tree sale.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.5 PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Request from John Butler, Chief of Police to accept a \$1000.00 grant to participate in the statewide “Child Passenger Safety” Program.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

2. Request from Pat McPherson, Fire Chief to approve the following training requests:

a. Captain Andrew H. Nazak to attend NYS Fire Fighters weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, MD March 8-9, 2014 at a cost of \$190 for meals and Lodging at the Academy. This is Budgeted for 2014 under line F3410 4030.

b. FF Jason Stupski to attend Fire Officer II at the NYS Fire Academy on November 15-17 or in 2014 when the course is available as there is currently a waiting list to get into this class. The cost of this class is \$49 for registration fees and meals. Mileage reimbursement if a fire department vehicle is unavailable.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. Police Chief John Butler submitted a letter to inform the board that Corey Shirley will replace Stace Kintner as the new School Resource Officer.

The Board members acknowledged this update from the Police Chief.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Scrap Metal Policy** – not addressed at this meeting

2. **Storm Easement on Juneberry Road** – not addressed at this meeting

3. **Special Permit Request – 2520 Vestal Parkway East (Cornelius Enterprises)**

Deputy Supervisor Majewski acknowledged the receipt of a letter from the property owner and stated that this item will be discussed when we have the full Board present.

4. **Local Law F – Rezone of 4696 Vestal Parkway East (Student Housing)**

Deputy Supervisor Majewski noted that the Planning Board has submitted a letter to the Town Board recommending the approval of the rezoning as requested.

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5. Local Law to increase Sewer Rents

Deputy Supervisor Majewski stated that according to Comptroller Laura McKane, the Joint Sewage Treatment Plant has billed us an additional \$100,000 that we did not anticipate. As a result, the option that was previously considered for increasing sewer rents will not raise adequate funds. She now recommends Option 4 as the preferable choice for increasing the sewer rents. Under this option, the rates would increase 6.6% on the minimum and 7.6% on the usage over 10,000 gallons. There would be no change in the flat rate.

Councilman Marnicki stated that he still would like to see rates increased to a level that would permit the funding of a reserve fund for infrastructure repairs.

By consensus, the Board authorized the Town Attorney to prepare a Local Law to increase sewer rents through a formula identified as Option 4 by the Comptroller.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wheel Spins Round Exhibit thru Nov 22: Museum open Wed - Sat 10am - 3pm, Free Admission

Fire Rescue Vehicle Presentation

November 7 – Vestal Middle School Auditorium 7:00pm

November 12 – Vestal Hills Elementary 7:00pm

November 14 – Vestal High School 7:00pm

*The vote is November 19 12:00- 9:00 Town Hall Board Room

A MOTION WILL BE MADE TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF: Litigation

Deputy Supervisor Majewski stated that he would not be asking for a motion to go into Executive Session because the Town Attorney is not available due to the ongoing Candlehouse trial.

Adjournment

On a motion of Councilman Marnicki, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Emil Bielecki, Town Clerk