

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

WORK SESSION

6:00 PM – Review the 2014 Organizational Appointments, Authorizations and Calendar of Board Meetings.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 re: **Local Law A of the Year 2014 amending sewer rents**

Section 1. Chapter 18, Article V of the Code of the Town of Vestal is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(a) Sec. 18-201 Definitions is amended by modifying the term “Sewer Rents” to read as follows: “Means a scale of charges established and imposed by the sewer district pursuant to this article for the use by a property of a sewer system or any part or parts thereof including charges to cover the cost of operation, maintenance, replacement and capital costs, bond and interest redemption and other authorized expenditures.”

(b) Sec.18-202(b) (1) Imposition and Computation is amended by deleting “...four dollars and eighty eight cents (\$4.88)...” and inserting in its place “five dollars and thirty cents (\$5.30)” and further amended by deleting “...forty nine dollars and zero cents (\$49.00)...” and inserting in its place “fifty three dollars (\$53.00)”.

(c) Sec. 18-202 is further amended by adding a new provision as follows: “(b)(4) The quarterly capital cost charge for each property within the sewer district is \$5.00 per account. Said monies collected shall be deposited in the Reserve Fund established for these purposes and no expenditure shall be made from this fund except pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law or by resolution of the Town Board as applicable.

COMMITTEES

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS

1. Request for the Town Engineer to sign the necessary paperwork to enter into an agreement with **Troy & Banks Consultants**, Buffalo, NY, to perform a utility accounts audit. They will receive no payment unless they find billing errors.

Electric and Gas – will go back 6 years and receive 40 % of the monies relating to billing mistakes they find (this will include street lighting)

Telephone – they will go back 6 months with payment of 20% of future saving for the next 18 months(6 months is all that is allowed by Public Service Commission)

Cable – they will review the cable franchise fees to determine if accurate franchise fees are submitted to the Town at a rate of 50%.

2. Request from Highway Superintendent Brock Leonard to pay **out of class pay** for:

Greg Burd	\$348.00	240.00 hours (November 11 – December 31, 2013)
Todd Ingersoll	\$287.66	108.50 hours (November 22 – December 16, 2013)
Donnie Younker	\$380.34	125.25 hours (November 24 – December 23, 2013)

3. Request from Highway Superintendent Brock Leonard for the following highway employees to carry over amounts of **vacation over 40 hours into 2014:**

Greg Burd	21.25 hours over 40	Richard Cady	10.50 hours over 40
Louise Smith	9.75 hours over 40	Rocco Turdo	7.75 hours over 40

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4. Discuss the reimbursement of an **insurance claim** for a vehicle that hit a temporary gas pipe installed during construction of the African Road Bridge project, as per memo from Town Engineer Gary Campo dated 12/26/13.

5. Request from Town Engineer Gary Campo to accept a donation in the amount **\$1,250.00 for the purchase and installation of a park bench on Section 2 of the Trail**. This cost covers to purchase of the bench, install a concrete pad, plus Park's Department labor and equipment for the new bench.

The family would like to have a plaque, landscape and roof structure. Normally we do not allow these, especially since we may have to maintain. Please advise.

Maybe as a possibility the plaque could be purchased and installed by the family with the understanding that if it gets damaged/stolen, they would have to arrange replacement.

6. Discuss placing a weight limit for State Line Road, as per memo from Highway Superintendent Brock Leonard dated 12/5/13.

He would like the Board to make a local law regarding the weight limit on State Line Rd. The sign would read - **10 ton weight limit unless local delivery** - this will permit garbage trucks, moving trucks and other local delivery vehicles access to the road.

7.2 FINANCE

1. **Warrants** - 2013-50, 50E, 51, 51E, 51L, 51M, 52, 52E, 2014-01

2. Request from Deputy Comptroller Pam Fitzgerald for approval of Budget Transfers, effective dates 8/9/13 thru 12/30/2013, as attached to her memo dated 12/30/13. These transfers were needed to cover 2013 budget deficits for a variety of reasons.

7.3 PERSONNEL

7.4 PLANNING & ZONING

1. Request from Town Engineer Gary Campo to amend the Zoning Code to permit a contractor's yard in the ID districts.

In a memo dated 12/23/12, Mr. Campo states that an applicant to the Planning Board wishes to use a portion of an existing building on Commerce Road for his contractors' yard. The lot is zoned ID which does not allow this use. The code should be changed to also allow a contractor's yard in the ID zoned areas.

The area of I and ID is limited in the Town. 2 maps showing the present zoning were provided (light brown is I and dark brown is ID). The lots are in well-established industrial areas and the addition of the permitted contractor's yard should not adversely affect the area.

2. Request from Town Engineer Gary Campo, in a memo dated 12/18/13, to review the NYSDOT's plans to eliminate most right turn lanes from SR 434 into Town roads. NYSDOT will be repaving all of SR 434 in 2014 and will include changes to the pavement stripping. Please advise the Town Engineer of any concerns with these plans.

3. Request for a Vehicle Service Station Special Permit to reoccupy the old Hess gas station/convenience store at 3151 Vestal Parkway East, BCTMP# 158.11-1-19. The station would reopen under a new name, not yet determined.

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Please arrange for advertisement for the public hearing, or if you wish, the applicant can attend a Monday night Work Session prior to setting public hearing date.

Possible dates: Advertise on January 29, 2014 with a Public Hearing on February 12, 2014.

7.5 PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Request from Fire Chief Patrick McPherson, in a memo dated 12/12/13, for approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners to move \$12,225.11 of the Fire District Insurance reimbursement to the Station #1 account (for losses during the 2011 flood); the amount of \$20,000 to be re-encumbered for use in 2014, with the remaining funds being put into the Fire District General Fund Balance. This will close out the flood insurance balance.

2. Request from Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners Susan Bowen for the Board of Fire Commissioners to acknowledge and accept the results of the **Fire Chief elections** and appoint **Christopher S. Lupold** as Deputy Fire Marshall. The positions are as follows:

Fire Chief: Patrick McPherson (second year of his 2 year term)

Elected Station Chiefs for 2014

Station 1: Douglas Rose
Station 2: William Stout
Station 3: David Harrington
Station 4: John Paffie

Fire Marshall: Carle Truman

Deputy Fire Marshall: Brian Mather

Deputy Fire Marshall: Christopher S. Lupold

7.6 ADMINISTRATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Local Law to Rezone of 4696 Vestal Parkway East** (Metroplex Student Housing) to Planned Development District (PDD). Public Hearing was held on October, 23, 2013.

2. **Community electronic signs** – Code Department directed to draft change to sign ordinance for consideration by the Board.

SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Winter Parking Hours – December 1st - March 31st - 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM

A MOTION WILL BE MADE TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF: 1) Contract negotiations with PBA and Operating Engineers 2) Review of water analysis contract

ADJOURNMENT