

**VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**

**WORK SESSION**

**6:00** Review of 2015 Town Budget with Comptroller Laura McKane.

**UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING**

October 21, 2014 – 2015 Fire District Budget

**COMMITTEES**

**7.1 PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Request from Water & Sewer Department Superintendent Scott Groats to approve a change order for the High Avenue sewer project in the amount of \$1,485.26, as per the invoice from ZMK Construction, Inc. There was additional work needed to complete the project.

**7.2 FINANCE**

1. **Warrants:** 2014-42, 2014-42E, 2014-42S

2. Request to pay \$437.50 to Town Attorney David Berger for billable hours for September 2014.

3. Request from Town Comptroller Laura McKane to accept a \$400.00 wellness grant from PERMA to be used for Blue4U program with Excellus.

4. Request from Town Comptroller Laura McKane to accept that an annual audit of the records and dockets of the Town Justices that was conducted for the year 2013.

5. Request to approve Local Law F, "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C" to be published on October 29, 2014 with the public hearing to be held on November 5, 2014.

6. Request to accept from DiRienzo Brothers Bakery a gift of the land parcel known as 561 Vestal Parkway West, Tax Map #173.21-1-4, containing approximately 0.16 acres of land.

**7.3 PERSONNEL**

1. Request to authorize Museum Director Ramona Kacyvenski to grant an unpaid internship to Kasia A. Kieca. Ms. Kieca is a graduate student at Binghamton University and will work on a project of organizing the museum collection. She will begin immediately and it is anticipated that she will continue through the end of May 2015.

**7.4 PLANNING & ZONING**

1. Request from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to use the library parking lot on May 16, 2015 for a chicken barbeque fundraiser.

2. Request from Boy Scout Troop 225 to use the library parking lot for the Troop's annual tree sale from November 22, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

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**7.5 PUBLIC SAFETY**

**1.** Request from Police Chief John Butler to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign Joint Police Tactical Team (SWAT) Agreement between the City of Binghamton, the Village of Johnson City and the Town of Vestal.

**7.6 ADMINISTRATION**

**1.** Request from Recreation Planner Sue Jastran to increase the Town Picnic fees for Shelters at Arnold Park for 2015 as follows:

\$30.00 – Resident fee Monday – Thursday

\$40.00 – Non Resident fee Monday – Thursday

\$75.00 – Resident Fee Friday – Sunday

\$85.00 – Non Resident fee Friday - Sunday

\$50.00 - Alcohol –any day

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Kopernik Tower**

A meeting with representatives from the Town, the County and Kopernik Observatory was held on October 15, 2014. Broome County Emergency Services Director Brett Chellis indicated a willingness to proceed with the construction of a tower at the Kopernik Observatory location if an agreement can be reached with the Town concerning the construction of a new tower at the Andrew Road location. The funding for the project is in place. The Town is to submit to the County information about the users of the existing tower at Andrews Road so that bid specs could be prepared for the construction of a new tower at that location.

**2. Replacement of Fire Station 4**

The Supervisor has indicated to the Fire Department that the estimated cost of the proposed facility is too high. On behalf of the Board, he has asked the Fire Department to look at alternative designs (perhaps from other consultants) that are scaled down to reduce costs.

**3. Purchase of Town land by Vestal Veterinary Hospital**

In a letter dated 9/9/14, the Vestal Veterinary Hospital has submitted a formal bid of \$5,000. The bid is under review.

**4. Medical Services**

The Board is continuing to review proposals for services from Lourdes and UHS.

**5. Gateway Sign application at 912 Vestal Parkway East.**

The Town is waiting to receive the 239 L and M review from the County at which time the Board will determine if it wants to ask the ZBA and/or the Planning Board for input on the application prior to making a decision.

**6. Request from Walmart for a special permit to place up to 8 ‘sea box’ type trailers of on the west side of the building for temporary storage of merchandise for the holidays.**

The Board placed this request on hold on 11/6/14 to get additional information concerning the specific dates for the use of the trailers and if the proposed location of the trailers interferes with the fire lane.

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**7. Awarding of bids for generators at Murray Hill and Lyndale Dr.(opened on 10/2/14)**  
Water and Sewer Superintendent Scott Groats has recommended that the bids for the stand-by generators be awarded to the low bidder, Matco Electric at \$39,149.00 for Lyndale Drive and \$56,000.00 for Murray Hill Road.

**SUPERVISOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Public Hearing – October 21, 2014 on the 2015 Fire District Budget
2. Leaf Pick Up – until snow falls, place leaves along the curb but AWAY FROM STORM DRAINS!  
No yard waste or branches. For more information contact Highway Department 607-785-4616

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

**ADJOURNMENT**