



TOWN OF WILLSBORO

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TOWN OF WILLSBORO TOWN BOARD MEETING WILLSBORO TOWN HALL November 13th, 2024

ATTENDEES- Win Belanger, Polly Belanger, Greg Gordon, Krissy Leerkes, Victor Putman, Travis Crowningshield, Bud Wilson, Hannah Carson

BOARD MEMBERS- Steve Benway, Lorilee Sheehan, Lane Sayward, Scott Christian
Shaun Gilliland- Excused

CALLED TO ORDER @ 6:30pm
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Supervisors Report- Shaun is home and he is doing good. He is very sore and begins his walking regimen tomorrow.

Review of minutes- The question was asked by Sheehan what paper was used for the Public Notice and if the notice could be Foiled? Susan Thompson stated it was the Press Republican and that the notice could be Foiled. Grubb was added to the last name of Tess as a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee member. Unanimously accepted with a change of name done.

Sheehan made the motion to accept the warrant. Sayward seconded the motion.

Roll Call-

Benway, Sheehan, Sayward, Christian

Ayes-3

Nyes-1 (Christian)

Correspondence- None

Town-None

County-None

Clerks Report-

The clerk's office in the month of October took in \$5,937.67. Decals for the month took in \$6,167.00 of which \$5,850.62 went to the State and the town's commission was \$316.38. Water and sewer took in \$61,348.97.

Text my Gov packets were given to the board to review with prices and description. This is a way to communicate to get notices out to the public that always seems to be a problem. The board wanted more information and to look into other options. A lot of discussion was talked about and Win Belanger has agreed to look into this for the town and Thompson agreed to contact Text my Gov to see if they will extend the contract dates.

Sheehan made a motion to table the Text my Gov contract and get more information and to have further discussion at the December meeting. Christian seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Christian made a motion to accept the Town Clerks report. Sayward seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Benway, Sheehan, Sayward, Christian

Ayes-4

Nyes-0

DPW-

-Bay Road and Nolette Road were paved and the remainder was put on Ellsberry Lane. Black topping is done for the year.

-All sand has been hauled for the season

-all trucks are serviced for the season and one truck is dressed.

-still cutting shoulders on dirt roads to prepare for winter.

Water/Sewer-

Written report submitted by Patrick McCauliffe.

Ambulance District Report- Written financial report submitted.

Youth Commission Report-

-Soccer season completed and very successful.

-An annual under the lights game was very successful. This is a very good experience for the children to have an opportunity to play soccer under the lights. The high school teams participated in this experience with the younger children.

-basketball sign-ups has happened and they will be starting in mid December

Parks Commission Report-

A wonderful, very informative and visual presentation was given by Krissy Leerkes of the Parks Commission with their mission and vision and explained in detail what they want to do with the Hathaway Park. They have focused on health and wellness for all ages and that all 9 parks are in their future plans. This will take time and will not be all done at once. Their goal is to have children playing on this playground by July of 2025.

OLD BUSINESS-

Sheehan made the motion to Adopt Town of Willsboro Local Law #1 of 2024. This local law allows the exceedance of the tax cap for 2025. Sayward seconded the motion.

Roll Call-

Benway, Sheehan, Sayward, Christian

Ayes-3

Nyes-1 (Christian)

NEW BUSINESS-

Sayward made the motion to adopt Town of Willsboro 2025 Preliminary Budget as 2025 final budget. Sheehan seconded the motion.

Discussion- Sheehan asked to be able to clarify that in the presentation from the parks committee that it was on the visual presentation that it is a 10 cent per thousand assessment of the 2025 budget and she wanted to make sure that people understood that when they get their tax bill they will see more. She

explained that part of the tax bill is county, that the town board has no control over that part of the budget. The supervisor can possibly have an effect on that part of the tax. She further explained that on her 2023 tax bill that it was \$3.06 per thousand. She stated for clarification, for the town it is \$.10 per thousand in district and water, fire and EMS.

Roll Call

Benway, Sheehan, Sayward, Christian

Ayes-3

Nyes-1 (Christian)

Comments/Resolutions from the Board-None

Public Comment-

-Win Belanger asked if there was any update on the golf course. Christian stated that a letter in response from Diddle LLC stated the town could operate the 2025 season under the old contract and then the town would be done with the golf course. The board agreed that a decision would be decided in the December meeting after consulting the lawyer.

-Krissy Leerkes asked if the Town was going to still have the lease of the soccer fields? Crowninshield stated that they did separate the soccer field from the golf course and just a few items needed to be discussed.

-Victor Putman gave a BRASS update. The executive director was hired. Cribben logs were replaced at the salmon pool. The lamprey treatment in the river is still scheduled, the permit with the APA for 5 years has not yet been approved.

Sheehan stated that for the record the parks commission's intent is to bring specs to the town board in December in hopes of going out for RFP in January.

Adjourned @ 7:34pm

Submitted by Susan Thompson