

The meeting commenced after the Public Hearing by Supervisor Tyler at 6:33 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Kirkby (Excused)
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, Highway Superintendent (arrived at 6:42 pm)
Gloria Luciano, Deputy Town Clerk
Laura Piasecki
Susan Bulloch
Michael Fergot
Wendy Meguid

PUBLIC COMMENT: Michael Fergot expressed his appreciation for the Town Board members.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Submitted an email request for the Town Board to approve and hire Youth Commission Board members. Also submitted for review is the Monthly Statement of Treasurer for January 2023 and Regular Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2023.

RESOLUTION #43

APPROVE AND HIRE YOUTH COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve and hire the Boquet Valley Youth Commission Board Members, as requested, as follows:

Chairman: Amy Connor
Vice Chairman: David Napper
Secretary: Paul Pulsifer
Member: Shannon Baumann
Member: Micah Stewart
Member: Dana Marshall
Member: Paige Saltamach

**RESOLUTION #44
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the January 24, 2023 Regular Board Minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION #45
REMOVE DWIGHT ANSON FROM PLANNING BOARD AND AUTHORIZE A
PLAQUE TO RECOGNIZE SERVICE**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to remove Dwight Anson from the Planning Board and authorize Supervisor Tyler to order a plaque to recognize his many years of service to the Town of Westport.

**RESOLUTION #46
APPROVE THE BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the following abstracts:

- Abstract #4 for \$1,000.00; voucher #65
- Abstract #5 for \$74,386.34; voucher #66-101
- Abstract #6 for \$665.00; voucher #102

RESOLUTION #47

APPOINT ROBERT KING TO THE PLANNING BOARD

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint Robert King as a member of the Planning Board.

Discussion: Susan Bolloch asked how many members are on the Planning Board. Supervisor Tyler stated there were six members and two alternates.

SUPERVISOR TYLER advised the Board that the Town Clerk is in receipt of the 2022 AUD-Annual Update Document. The Town Clerk is instructed to place an ad in the newspaper to notify the public.

The Board received the January 2023 Town Clerk Report. The Court Report and Supervisor's Report will be submitted for review at the next Regular Board Meeting.

SUPERVISOR TYLER presented the Board with the 2023 Budget as of January 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION #48

APPRECIATION PLAQUE FOR ROBIN CRANDALL

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of a plaque for Robin Crandall for 22 years of service to the Town of Westport.

RESOLUTION #49

ACCEPT DAVID KIRKBY'S RESIGNATION AS TOWN COUNCILMAN

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept David Kirkby's resignation as Town Councilman for the Town of

Westport effective February 9, 2023.

RESOLUTION #50

ADD DAVID KIRKBY TO THE TOWN BOARD FOR REMAINDER OF 2023

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to add David Kirkby as a Town Councilman for the Town of Westport for the remainder of 2023. A Town Councilman position will appear on the next election ballot.

SUPERVISOR TYLER presented the Board with a document prepared by Deb Pastore advertising for an appointment of a lifeguard at Ballard Park this summer. The Town proposes employing one lifeguard 4-5 days a week, 5 hours a day @ \$18 – \$22 an hour, depending on experience. The Town will advertise in the newspaper. The lifeguard position would be from July 1st until Labor Day weekend

COUNCILPERSON VIENS supported trying one more year.

WENDY MEGUID commented that there will be 18 people certified as lifeguards in April. Ballard Park must provide maintenance, will plan to build a lifeguard stand, provide equipment and hopefully, provide much needed sand. She suggested two lifeguards could split the hours each day, with only one lifeguard at a time on duty. She proposed social media advertising and also in the schools. She stated that it would be beneficial to try a couple of years to promote use of the beach.

RESOLUTION #51

APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR LIFEGUARD POSITION

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to advertise for a lifeguard position for Ballard Park.

SUPERVISOR TYLER stated that he is in receipt of a Westport/Wadhams inspection reports from NYSDOH. The reports were good, with minimal issues.

RESOLUTION #52

ACCEPT AND SIGN 2023 POST-CLOSURE MONITORING PROGRAM

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept and authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the 2023 Post-Closure Monitoring Program agreement for a total cost of \$2,300.

The Board is in receipt of the notice from Judge Markwica advising the Board that the Audit of the Westport Town Court for Calendar Year 2022 is available for examination.

RESOLUTION #53

ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2023.

DPW SUPERINTENDANT REPORT: Superintendent Severance stated that road work on Goff Road and Boyle Road is completed. He stated that the machine works well, when asked by Supervisor Tyler, and the teeth can be sharpened. Brush on Decker Road was removed by sawing, because the brush was on the edge of someone's lawn. The Dept. recently worked on vehicle maintenance and salt supply. There has been issues at the Pump Station, with hopes to tackle the issues tomorrow. A manhole was installed on the other side of the underpass today and the Dept. is looking for other possible manhole placements.

Superintendent Severance presented the Board with a snow removal expense report comparing years from 2017 to present (two weeks ago). He stated that the 300 tons of salt is almost gone. The quota is 600 tons. The Dept. must take at least 420 tons.

Truck #7 is back in service and running well. Truck #2 is still in the process of repairs with unsolved issues (noise). A dealership representative will check the air compressor.

Discussion: Susan Bulloch inquired into how many road crew the town employs. Superintendent Severance stated that there are five crew members, including himself. Supervisor Tyler responded that in the past, the Village employed 8-10 and the Town employed 8-10. He also stated that in comparison to other towns, people comment on how well our roads are maintained.

Susan Bulloch asked if our crew all have CDL licenses. Superintendent Severance responded that they do, and the water and sewer crew do as well, allowing them to assist with snow removal, if needed.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: In receipt of communications from Charter.

RESOLUTION #54

HALVORSEN VS WESTPORT TAX ASSESSMENT REDUCTION LAWSUIT

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the entry into the Consent Order by Daniel T. Manning, Esquire, consenting to the reduction of the tax assessment to \$315,000 for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024 in the lawsuit by Halvorsen vs Westport.

COUNCILPERSON MORRISON wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

SUPERVISOR TYLER informed the public that the next Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for February 28th at 3:00 pm and March 7th at 7:00 pm (a week early).

RESOLUTION #55

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on an all in favor vote the meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Gloria Luciano, Deputy Town Clerk