

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

TOWN OF WESTERLO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

The Town of Westerlo Town Board met on the 4th of December, 2012 in the Westerlo Town Hall located at 933 County Route 401 in Westerlo. The regular meeting was opened by Supervisor Rapp with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Richard H. Rapp
Councilman Edward A. Rash
Councilman Alfred L. Field
Councilman Anthony W. Sherman

Also present were Justice Kenneth Mackey, Zoning Administrator & Code Enforcement Officer Edwin H. Lawson, Planning Board Chairperson Dorothy Verch and Planning Board members Gerry Boone & Edwin (Ned) Stevens, Albany County Legislature Deborah Bush, Town Clerk Kathleen Spinnato, several town employees and approximately 18 residents.

Supervisor Rapp asked for a motion to approve the November 7th & November 14, 2012 minutes. Councilman Field made the motion seconded by Councilman Sherman and motion carried all in favor.

Supervisor Rapp announced the appointment of Keith W. Wright Sr. Highway Superintendent and made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Town Board interviewed applicants and needs to appointment a Highway Superintendent due to the retirement of John S. Nevins be it
RESOLVED: to appoint Keith W. Wright Sr. to the position of Highway Superintendent.
Supervisor Rapp will notify the applicants who were not chosen by mail.

Councilman Rash seconded the motion and a roll-call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Rash, Councilman Sherman and Councilman Field.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 38-2012 was thereby duly adopted.

Supervisor Rapp asked Planning Board Chairperson Dorothy Verch to give her announcement. Dorothy Verch presented the Town of Westerlo Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for their review and pending approval. The Planning Advisory Committee members included Gerry Boone, Rich Kurylo, Doyle Shaver, Ned Stevens, and herself, also the previous Planning Board Chair Anthony Sherman and former Planning Board member Kristen Slaver had worked on the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Rash thanked the Planning Advisory Committee for all their work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Rapp advised that at a previous meeting a speed limit reduction request had been made by a resident for County Route 312 in the Dormansville hamlet. Councilman Rash asked if the request was for a particular portion of CR 312, and were residents in that area polled. Supervisor Rapp advised yes. The Town Clerk reported in the past when a request was made to the NYS Dept. of Transportation the Town Board needed to provide in its request the particular portion of the road to be covered by the speed limit reduction, from starting where to ending where. Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: a speed limit reduction request has been received by the Town Board for County Route 312 in the hamlet of Dormansville be it

RESOLVED: the speed limit reduction request be made to Albany County DPW for County Route 312 between the intersection of County Route 411 and State Route 143.

Councilman Alfred Field seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Richard H. Rapp, Councilman Field, Councilman Sherman

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 39-2012 was thereby duly adopted.

Resident Deana O'Hare asked for an area extension of the speed limit request to cover more of County Route 312. Discussion between Councilman Rash and Mrs. O'Hare regarding a speed limit reduction extension followed. No action was taken on an area extension of the speed limit reduction.

Supervisor Rapp reported that Tax Collector, Kathleen J. Spinnato has requested petty cash in the amount of \$200 for the 2013 Tax Collection period. Councilman Sherman made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Tax Collector will need petty cash in the amount in the amount of \$200 be it hereby

RESOLVED: that the Tax Collector receive \$200 petty cash for the purpose of making change during the 2013 property tax collection period.

Councilman Field seconded the motion a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Field, Councilman Rash, Councilman Sherman.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION #40-2012 was thereby duly adopted.

Supervisor Rapp reported that a Special Town Board meeting needs to be scheduled for the purpose of the payment of bills for the year ending in 2012. After a brief discussion of potential dates Councilman Sherman made a motion to hold a Special Town Board meeting for Friday, December 28, 2012 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of paying bills for the year ending in 2012. Councilman Rash seconded the motion and carried, all in favor.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to transfer funds and to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: some accounts have been overdrawn, be it

RESOLVED: that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to increase the following appropriation accounts from the available fund balance:

A 1110.4	\$ 425.00
A 1410.4	100.00
A 1620.4	4,000.00
A 4540.4	36,268.43
A 7620.4	2,300.00
A 9040.8	2,300.00
DA 5130.4	5,000.00
DA 9040.8	2,300.00
DA 9089.8	200.00

Councilman Sherman seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Sherman, Councilman Rash, Councilman Field.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION #41-2012 was thereby duly adopted.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to pay the monthly bills and to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board has audited the monthly bills be it

RESOLVED: the following bills be paid:

Voucher #482 through Voucher #514 in the amount of \$64,589.98

Councilman Field seconded the motion and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Field, Councilman Rash

ABSTAINED: Councilman Sherman

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION #42-2012 was thereby duly adopted.

Supervisor Rapp was asked by Jack Milner to report that Mr. Milner has been appointed the Republican Chairperson for the town. Mr. Milner then read a speech he had prepared & letter of thanks to the Republican Party, former Councilmen, former Highway Superintendent, and Supervisor Rapp. He then thanked local Republicans for their public donations for truck seals.

Albany County Legislature Deborah Busch reported on the meeting held on Dec. 3rd, advising the county did vote with a large majority to increase taxes 7.64%. She voted no to the increase and then detailed the reasons for her decision. She then answered several questions from the public and welcomed anyone to contact her office if there were any questions.

The Town Clerk advised the Town Board that the first Tuesday in January (Jan. 1st) was a holiday and asked if they wanted to hold the Organizational and Town Board meeting on January 1st or if they wanted to reschedule the meeting, if they decide to change the meeting date it needs to be advertised. Councilman Sherman made a motion to move the January 2013 Organizational meeting followed by the Town Board meeting to Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 7:30 PM. Councilman Field seconded the motion and carried all in favor.

Councilman Rash advised this would be his last Town Board meeting and thanked everyone who comes to the meetings for their input and interest. He has worked with a lot of great people over 25 years on committees and boards and a lot of hard work goes into their efforts (not just on meeting nights). It has been a good twenty five years! He received a round of applause from those attending.

Edwin Lawson thanked the Community Activity Committee for the holiday decorations and all their efforts on the Tree Lighting activities held on Dec. 1st.

Albany County Sheriff's Sgt. Tracey Henry reminded those present of the Open House on Saturday Dec. 8th from 12-3 PM at the new location in Clarksville.

There being no further business Councilman Rash made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Field seconded and the motion carried all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen J. Spinnato

