

**TOWN OF WESTERLO
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OF
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held a meeting on Tue. May 4, 2018 at Westerlo Town Hall, 933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY. Supervisor Rapp opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDING WERE: Supervisor Richard H. Rapp
Councilman Richard B. Filkins
Councilman Anthony W. Sherman
Councilwoman Amie L. Burnside
Councilman Joseph J. Boone

Also attending were: Justice Robert Carl, Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator Edwin H. Lawson, Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander, Planning Board Chairwoman Dorothy Verch, Town Historian Dennis Fancher, Museum Director Mary Jane Snyder-Araldi, Grant Writer Dr. Nicole Ambrosio, CDRPC Jill Falchi, Clerk to the Supervisor Patricia Boice, Town Clerk /Tax Collector Kathleen Spinnato and fifteen residents.

MINUTES

Councilman Sherman made a motion to accept the Town Board minutes of 4/3/2018 as submitted, seconded by Councilwoman Burnside, motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Filkins made a motion to revise the draft Town Board Workshop minutes of April 17, 2018 regarding the Transfer Station portion of the minutes to amend two sentences, changing the word “plan” as had been originally stated by the Councilman, and to instead revise both to the word “idea”, seconded by Councilwoman Burnside, Councilman Sherman abstained, motion unanimously carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Councilman Sherman made a motion to accept the Supervisor’s report for the month of March as submitted. Councilman Filkins seconded, motion unanimously carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Councilman Boone made a motion to accept the Town Clerk’s monthly report for April as submitted. Supervisor Rapp seconded, motion unanimously carried.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to accept the Tax Collector’s report as submitted, seconded by Councilman Sherman, motion unanimously carried,

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Councilman Boone made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

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

RESOLVED: the following bills be paid

Voucher # 191 through Voucher # 241 in the amount of \$55,671.41

Councilwoman Burnside seconded the motion, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Boone, Councilman Sherman,
Councilwoman Burnside and Councilman Filkins

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 22-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

GRANT WRITER REPORT

Dr. Nicole Ambrosio reported that on April 17th she attended a NYS roundtable funding workshop. She brought back literature for the local officials. She was able to ask about what may be available for small municipalities and gained contact information for different State agencies that were very helpful. She also thanked Mr. Lawson, the Town Clerk's office, and Patricia Boice for their assistance in obtaining information for the grant application process moving forward. Supervisor Rapp made a motion to accept the Grant Writer's report, Councilman Sherman seconded, motion unanimously carried.

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Jill Falchi a town resident and a Sustainability Planner at the Capital District Regional Planning Commission provided information to the Board on the Clean Energy Communities Program an open enrollment program that provides rewards and recognition for communities that demonstrate clean energy leadership. To become designated a Clean Energy Community the Town would need to complete 4 out of 10 High Impact Actions (HIA) in order to receive funding for project Implementation- access up to \$35,000 of funding with no local cost share. Each region has funding for 18 projects-available for communities in Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia & Greene Counties on a first come, first served basis. She reviewed the 9 out of 10 HIA's which could apply to the Town of Westerlo:

- Benchmarking—Ms. Falchi is working on this from information obtained from energy bills over 3 yr. period
- Clean Energy Upgrades-Resulting from recent renovations to the Town Hall
- LED Street Lights
- Clean Fleets
- Solarize
- Unified Solar Permit
- Energy Code Enforcement Training-Mr. Lawson has completed.
- Climate Smart Communities Certification
- Community Choice Aggregation

Jill reported the Town is currently looking into or has completed three HIA's. Ms. Falchi also provided the Town Board with the following templates for their review should they decide to implement them at a later time:

- a resolution to adopt an energy benchmarking policy for certain municipal buildings
- a resolution to adopt NYS Unified Solar Permit

- permit application - NY State Unified Solar Permit
- field inspection checklist – NY State Unified Solar Permit

Deadline date is 9/30/2019. She then reviewed New York Power Authority (NYPA) street light buy-back program vs. Clean Energy Communities Program which allow a partial conversion to LED lighting while continuing to lease street lighting from Central Hudson. She can provide a contact for NYPA if the Town Board is interested.

Councilman Filkins made a motion to accept Jill Falchi’s report, Councilman Boone seconded, motion unanimously carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Virginia Mangold Chairwoman submitted to the Town Board the following report read by the Town Clerk:

TO: Town Board of Westerlo, New York
FROM: Virginia Mangold, ZBA Chairperson
RE: ZBA Report for May 1, 2018 Town Bd mtg
DATE: April 30, 2018

The Town of Westerlo Zoning Board met on April 23, 2018 for their regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m.

The Board reviewed two applications. Each applicant attended. The Board discussed and advised each applicant with our findings. The first applicant’s request is tabled due to uncertainty by applicant. Further discussions to follow. Second applicant provided Board with all necessary paperwork. The Board reviewed and accepted this application for further review and scheduled a Public Hearing for May 21, 2018.

The ZBA’s next monthly meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2018 at 7 p.m. a week earlier than normal due the fact that our normal meeting date falls on Memorial Day this year.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to accept the Zoning Board Report as submitted. Councilman Filkins seconded, motion unanimously carried.

BROADBAND RESEARCH COMMITTEE (BRC)

Dorothy Verch Chairwoman submitted and read the following report:

*BRC REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD
MAY 1, 2018*

There was no BRC meeting in April but we have a meeting with Dave Fingar at the Catskill office on Friday May 4th. Bob Wilcox and Rich Filkins will be going with me.

The discussion will be franchise monies. At the workshop Dick mentioned that his mailing address was Berne (12023) but he had MHC. Berne has no agreement with MHC so franchise monies collected from residents in that mailing address goes directly into MHC’s coffers. What is the status of the remapping of the Westerlo residents so that the correct franchise fees are applied correctly.

Eric has taken the census blocks that MHC was awarded and overlayed them on google map so that we can see approximate road coverage. We will be discussing this as well.

Councilman Boone indicated it was his understanding that the Town would be receiving franchise payments periodically in an amount near double what had already received. Ms. Verch advised that the Town had received approximately an additional \$3,000 in franchise fees from Mid-Hudson Cablevision. This is something we plan to discuss further Friday.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Dorothy Verch Chairwoman submitted and read the following report:

PLANNING BOARD REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

MAY 1, 2018

The Planning Board met on April 26th. There were 2 new applications;

Reinhardt Farmer's Market situated on RT85 next to the Shell Inn. A public hearing will be held on May 22nd.

The 2nd application – Cramer/DellaRocco subdivision was tabled because no representative was present.

The Public Hearing for Costanza /Cypress Creek was resumed. Cypress Creek was represented by Ann Waling, their attorney and representatives from Langan Engineering. A new access point has been selected in deference to the wishes of the residents of Strawberry Lane, Mr. Frank Sharkey and Mr. and Mrs. Maier. Brian Henchy, Maier's attorney was not present. An intense discussion of the newly proposed access ensued. The Langan group will be laying out the new access road for the Planning Board to see. We also want to view the farm from the vantage points of the Maier's home and those located on Strawberry Lane. Cypress Creek has suggested that not only a fence (residents want black) but they will plant 2 alternating rows of shubbery and trees the length of the property line between the farm and the residents of Strawberry Lane. (approx. 1000'). Cypress Creek has also offered to plant additional trees/shubbery between where the road cuts behind the Maier's home over to the existing Sunset Hill road to screen the road as well.

The Public Hearing was adjourned and will be resumed at the May 22nd meeting.

Old business, Tarpon Towers/ Verizon have confirmed that they are now ready to activate their building permit and should be contacting Ed this week.

Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to accept the BRC & Planning Board Reports as submitted. Councilman Filkins seconded, motion unanimously carried.

MUSEUM BOARD REPORT

Mary Jane Snyder-Araldi Director of the Westerlo Heritage Museum submitted and read the following report:

Westerlo Heritage Museum

Report to Town Board

April 2018

We continue to meet once a month on the second Thurs of the month.

We are meeting as time allows to sort through museum items. I have order shelving for the old town hall so we can start moving dome more things from the library. I am hoping to get some help from some girl scouts and boy scouts.

The museum was open during the April firemen's' breakfast with a display of old farm tools and the small maple syrup display. Only 3 people came through the museum.

The museum is open the first Sat of every month now through Nov.

Town wide garage sale days fundraiser will be taking place on Saturday, June 9. Flyers and sign-up sheets will be going up this weekend.

In an addition MaryJane reported that a security system has been installed.

Councilman Sherman made a motion to accept the Museum Report as submitted. Councilman Boone seconded, motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - APPOINTMENT

Councilman Boone advised that interviews of candidates for a vacancy on the ZBA had occurred at the last workshop during Executive Session. Councilman Sherman was absent for the workshop. Councilman Boone made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town Board had held interviews for a vacant position on the ZBA formerly held by Robert Beck who had resigned from his unexpired term, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board appoint Jillian Falchi to fill Mr. Beck's term due to expire on 12/31/2018.

Councilwoman Burnside seconded the motion, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Boone, Councilwoman Burnside,
and Councilman Filkins

Councilman Sherman abstained from the vote

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 23-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

UTILITY REPAIR CREW BID

Supervisor Rapp advised that Utility Repair Crew bids had been previously advertised, received and opened on April 27, 2018. He made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Utility Repair Crew Bids were submitted by three companies and opened on April 27, 2018, with Trinity Construction being the apparent low bidder with a properly submitted bid packet, be it hereby

RESOLVED: that the Town Board award Trinity Construction the Utility Repair Crew bid
Councilman Sherman seconded the motion, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Sherman, Councilman Filkins, Councilman

Boone and Councilwoman Burnside

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 24-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE-(HHW) Proposed by Town of Berne

Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander informed the Board as a follow-up that he had spoken with Jeff today from the Berne Transfer Station. The Town of Berne has not voted on whether or not they will host a HHW day yet. Berne is still waiting to hear from the Town of Knox whether they are interested in participating. Grant monies would need to be applied for in January or February of 2019 in order to be reimbursed for a proposed 2018 HHW day.

PROPOSED NEW FEE SCHEDULE (see attached)

Councilman Sherman advised that at the April 3, 2018 Town Board meeting he submitted a proposed fee schedule for the Board to review. He and Councilman Boone had met to go over the current fee schedule for the Town. The current fees on some items do not meet today's standards ie; Peddler's Permit is currently \$2.50 based upon a 1960's Peddler's Ordinance. The language in the ordinance is outdated. We propose the Peddler's Permit be raised to \$100 based upon comparison to other area communities this would be the most drastic change. Dog License fees currently \$5 for each spayed/neutered dog we propose that increase to \$8 and unspayed & unneutered dog license is currently \$13 propose that this increase to \$15. Marriage License fee is currently \$30 that would increase to \$40. As laws have been updated the fees have been updated so some fees may not change. He mentioned if anyone would like a copy of the current price vs. proposed new fee price he could provide one. Some fees will remain unchanged.

The Town Clerk questioned whether or not the Board would also be increasing the Dog Redemption fee due to the increase in the animal shelter contract, it appears to be omitted from the fee schedule provided, the redemption fee is currently \$350 per dog. Discussion followed on Mohawk & Hudson Humane Society 2018 Contract & fee increase. Councilman Boone mentioned this had been discussed and should have been included on the fee schedule. He thought the shelter contract per dog increased to \$375, the Town Clerk said she would need to check recent contract to confirm, but thought he was correct. The clerk asked, if the Peddler's Fee is being raised would the Peddler's Ordinance language be revised as well? Councilman Sherman responded he believed it would be. Supervisor Rapp asked for a motion to accept the Fee Schedule. Councilman Boone asked if it was feasible to accept the fee schedule and then retroactively adjust the wording in the law itself. The Town Clerk suggested that she would need a date specific from the Town Board when the revised fees would become effective so that she would have time to update & enter any increased fees into the computer program. A resident inquired if the fee schedule was independent of any law, Councilman Sherman responded yes. Councilman Sherman suggested if everyone was in agreement the Board could adopt the fee schedule minus the Peddler's Fee now effective 5/15/2018.

Zoning Administrator Lawson asked the Board to review the following portions of the proposed fee schedule with him for his clarification and for clarification of the schedule presented:

- Subdivision fee for final plat major and minor subdivision current price \$10, new price N/A.
- Subdivision or Variance fee current price is \$40 for application.
- Under subdivision, \$250 is for additional lots plus escrow for engineering fees that is so much per lot, there is no change.

Councilman Sherman concurred.

Discussion followed regarding when the new fees should become effective. Councilman Sherman amended his suggested on an effective date to 6/1/2018. Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town of Westerlo Town Board has reviewed a proposed fee schedule to to revise some fees, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board adopt the fee schedule and has identified that the proposed fee schedule should:

1. Include a revision adding the Dog Redemption fee from: \$350 to: \$400.
2. Not include the Peddler's Fee at this time, (a proposed fee increase from: \$2.50 to \$100) but would provide a revision to the language of the Peddler's Ordinance to the Town Attorney at a later time
3. The proposed increase in certain fees to become effective 6/1/2018.

Councilman Boone seconded, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Sherman, Councilman Boone,
Councilwoman Burnside and Councilman Filkins

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #25-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Library Director Sue Hoadley had submitted a letter to the Supervisor dated April 15, 2018 regarding an appointment made by the Library Board of Trustees at their meeting of 4/9/2018.

Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Town of Westerlo Public Library has made an appointment to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the position vacated by Nicole Egan on 11/4/2017, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board accept the appointment of Maureen Sikule to the of Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term through 8/23/2020.

Councilman Boone seconded the motion, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Boone, Councilman Filkins, Councilwoman Burnside and Councilman Sherman

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 26-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

WATER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Councilman Boone advised that two applicants had been interviewed to fill a vacancy on the Westerlo Water Committee. Since the interview, one candidate has decided to withdraw. Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: there is a vacancy on the Water Committee for a
position that was formerly held by William Bichteman Jr., be it hereby
RESOLVED: the Town Board appoints James Loux as a member of the Water
Committee to fill the position

RESOLUTION # 27-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

SEQR-TOWN HIGHWAY BUILDING (attached)

The Town Board reviewed & answered short form SEQR PART I, II & III for the Highway Garage Building located at 671 County Route 401, necessary in order to apply for grant monies for proposed renovation to the present building. Councilman Sherman made a motion that the Town Board declare the project a negative declaration for the short form SEQR, Councilwoman Burnside seconded, a vote resulted as follows:

Supervisor Rapp	AYE X	NAY
Councilman Boone	AYE X	NAY
Councilman Sherman	AYE X	NAY
Councilman Filkins	AYE X	NAY
Councilwoman Burnside	AYE X	NAY

RESOLUTION # 28-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

Discussion followed concerning questions raised by a resident regarding contamination of an undisclosed homeowner's well water due to salt. Another resident suggesting there may be a grant available for the well at the Highway Garage. Mr. Lawson indicated that prior homeowners may have received a settlement from Albany County on this issue years ago. Councilman Sherman added before purchasing a property a water test is normally performed.

NEW BUSINESS

LANDLORD AUTHORIZATION REQUEST -Special Event Liquor License for Westerlo Vol. Fire Co.

The Town Clerk advised the Board that Fire Co President Kelly Keefe was unable to attend Tom Diedrich is here to represent the Fire Co. in her absence. President Kelly Keefe of the Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company had previously made application to the Town of Westerlo to reserve the Westerlo Town Park for two dates. The first date is for a Special Event they are planning on June 30th to hold and sell tickets to a Comedy Club fundraiser to benefit the Fire Co. They also want to sell beer/wine from 6PM-9PM for the event. There will be a limit of 3 drinks per person ticket max., proof of ID will be required. The Fire Company is requesting a Landlord Authorization form be signed by Supervisor Rapp in order to apply for a Special Event Liquor

License from the NYS Liquor Authority at the Town Park location. The second park date they have requested is in August for the Fire Company picnic on that park application they also made a request to have alcohol. Tom Diedrich has confirmed that this event is a BYOB situation, with no sale involved. The Fire Company will be completing the application for the NYS Liquor Authority per Mr. Diedrich. He advised Councilman Boone that there would be designated servers who had taken training class through their insurance company 5 yrs. ago when they held their anniversary celebration. The show is 1 ½ hrs. long.

Councilman Sherman asked if the Fire Company is willing to sign a hold harmless for the Town. Mr. Diedrich advised he cannot speak for the entire Fire Co. but he couldn't see why they wouldn't. Councilman Sherman explained that this is a different case from that of the Westerlo Library they were covered by the Town's insurance, the Fire Company has their own insurance policy. Discussion followed regarding the Fire Company's insurance Councilman Sherman asked if Mr. Diedrich would look into the hold harmless. Councilman Sherman then made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Westerlo Vol. Fire Co. has requested a Landlord Authorization form be signed by the Town Supervisor in order to apply for a special event liquor license, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Landlord Authorization form for the Special Event scheduled to be held by the Fire Co. at the Westerlo Town Park on 6/30/18

Councilman Boone seconded the motion, a vote follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Boone, Councilman Sherman, Councilman Filkins and Councilwoman Burnside

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 29-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

ALBANY COUNTY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT CONTRACT

Supervisor Rapp asked the Board for a motion authorizing him to sign the 2018 Albany County ALS/EMT Contract. Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Albany County has provided the 2018 ALS/EMT Contract, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Rapp to sign the 2018 Contract

Councilman Boone, seconded, a vote follows:

AYES: Supervisor Rapp, Councilman Sherman, Councilman Filkins Councilwoman Burnside and Councilman Boone.

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #30-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

Councilwoman Burnside announced the Berne Knox Westerlo school band won second place in Orlando FL.

Resident Anita Marrone indicated that there wasn't a lot of people present at the past workshop meeting. Would it be discussed again tonight what took place so more residents are made aware? Councilwoman Burnside reported that the Town Board discussed doing a multi-year plan, offered ideas on the Transfer Station, and discussed an economic committee. The Board is not trying to hide anything. Councilman Boone countered he thought that more people should plan to attend the workshop which is open to the public. He was disappointed only Mr. & Mrs. Sefcik & Mr. & Mrs. Marrone, Planning Board Chairwoman Verch and Mr. Lawson chose or were the only people that attended, especially since after public comment had been voiced pushing that these topics be brought up. It is disappointing that we did not get the turnout that we may have anticipated. This was the first time the Board has convened since the workshop. Open Meeting Law (OML) addresses that there are limited circumstances and times the Town Board can meet to convene and discuss or make decisions on subjects. These ideas are better discussed at a workshop where the Board can spend more time to discuss them rather than at a regular meeting where there may be 15 business items the Town needs address which can take 1 hr. 45 minutes. Councilman Sherman commended the residents that stay informed by regularly attending the meetings/workshops. He mentioned that when something comes up that residents feel strongly about like, the formerly Proposed Dog Law or the Safe Act, the Town Hall was packed with standing room only. Councilman Filkins advised he had spoken at the workshop about his ideas for the Transfer Station. He needs to have further discussions with Jody Ostrander and also with the Supervisors in the Towns of Berne and Knox concerning how they recycle. Westerlo does what is called single stream recycling, he was unsure whether Berne & Knox does the same or not. He needs to gather more information before he can discuss his ideas further.

Mr. Laub commended the Board for making themselves available twice a month for workshops and meetings and for handling much more in further detail than in the past. It is a great service the Board is providing to the Town. The workshops are as big a deal as the regular Town Board meetings. The minutes are being published and every effort is being made to have the workshops and provide more information to the public.

Mrs. Sefcik reported the communication is much improved between the Town Board and residents. There seems to be much more free flow of ideas and attentive listening which is appreciated. There has been an effort to get the minutes on the website in a timely manner.

MaryJane Araldi announced the Town of Westerlo Heritage Museum is having its 13th Annual town wide garage sale on June 9th. Registration forms will be posted throughout Town and on the town's website.

Dawn Gibson of Kenneth's Army a 501c3 Not for profit organization presented information and details on the 4th Annual Kenneth's Ride to be held on June 2nd. Preregistration is from April 1-

May 20th. Registration is at 9 AM at new location starting at the Berne Town Park. Proceeds benefit a Scholarship Fund, adopt a BKW student, and other charitable donations to keep Kenneth's memory alive. We ask the community for your support. Councilman announced he had attended last year it was a very special day.

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL GARBAGE CONTAINERS

Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander reported there are two old garbage containers he would like to place on Auctions International. He is looking for Town Board approval to place them on auction as they are beyond their usefulness. Councilman Boone inquired if the Town would then be short on containers. Jody advised no, the Town would have three containers remaining that are still in current use. He would like to try this to see how well the auction works. Eventually, he would like to do the same with the grader if it works out well. Supervisor Rapp made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Highway Superintendent has requested the authorization from the Town Board to sell on Auctions International two garbage containers, be it hereby

RESOLVED: the Town Board authorizes Highway Superintendent to sell two outdated containers on Auctions International.

Councilman Boone seconded, motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION # 31-2018 was thereby duly adopted.

A resident asked if the Town had ever thought of offering a small tax deduction to volunteer fire and ambulance members. Supervisor Rapp said he had not thought about it. Tom Diederich of the Fire Co. reported that they do receive a small tax deduction on their NYS income tax for being an active volunteer fire person, about \$200.

Pastor Christine Allen of the Westerlo Reformed Church announced their Chicken BBQ will be held on Sat., May 12th from 4 PM-7 PM.

Councilman Boone thanked everyone for their time attending tonight's meeting including former Councilman Al Field and former Town employee Charles Benninger.

Richard Umholtz Trustee of the Westerlo Cemetery Association informed the Town Board that the six trustees of the Westerlo Cemetery Association for the Westerlo Rural Cemetery located North of the Town on County Route 143 has a two-part request that they want to address and get advice from the Board. The association would like to work with the Town to consider limited funding for cemetery projects and for maintenance. The second request is they would appreciate assistance in grading and maintaining the roadways within the cemetery. They are trying to go through the cemetery to determine which plots have been sold. They would also like to come up with a nice spot where relatives could sit to reflect. We would like the Town Board's advice on how to proceed with the request for roadway maintenance. Supervisor Rapp

advised that this is something the Board would need to consult the Town Attorney about for an opinion. This may involve a lot of red tape. We will need to get back to you about this.

MaryJane Araldi asked who is doing the input on the website called Find a Grave in the Town. There is misinformation about her mother's grave on the website. Another resident responded anyone can post on the site.

TOWN HISTORIAN

Dennis Fancher read the following information.

It is known that Philip Myers, one of the first settlers came to Westerlo at age 19 circa 1763. Not long after this hamlet, now known as Van Leuvans Corners, in the Northwest part of Westerlo was also being settled. This hamlet was located on the old Delaware Turnpike which connected Albany with Rensselaerville and the Schoharie and Susquehanna Turnpikes. The old Delaware Turnpike, physically changed in the late 1880's, is now State Route 85. It went from County Route 1, through Van Leuvans Corners, crossed County Rt. 408, previously know as Fancher Rd, and joined Albany Hill Rd. which was also known as Still Hill because of a distillery located there. It is known to us as Van Leuvans Corners but it was previously called Sacketts Corners named for Col. James Sackett who fought in the War of 1812 and is buried in Westerlo Rural Cemetery. It was then called Prestons Corners named for a John Preston who owned an inn and a tannery. Then it became Van Leuvans for an early settler Isaac Van Leuvan. His son Peter married Philip Myers daughter Catherine in 1815. This settlement was a serious rival Westerlo for commerce. The community had a Turnpike Road, several taverns, a public school, a general store, several mills including a steam saw mill, a tannery and a Presbyterian and Reformed Church. The decline of Van Leuvans can be attributed not only to the failure of the supply of hemlock bark used for tanning but to the expensive transportation of products and supplies. At this time the only cheap transportation of hay & grain was by Hudson River barges. Westerlo became the western terminal of the Coeymans and Westerlo Plank Road giving Westerlo geographical superiority over Van Leuvans Corners.

Supervisor Rapp mentioned that State Route 85 is the only State Rt. that ends nowhere, it doesn't end on another State road. It was done like that for a Civil War General who lived in Rensselaerville.

Dotty Verch announced in March the 2018 Paralympics Games were held in Pyeong Chang, South Korea. A young man from Westerlo, Luke Mc Dermott #16, was on the sled hockey team. In 2010 he came back from the war with injuries. I asked the Town Board if we could Honor him and she was advised that he no longer lived in Westerlo. It has taken her all of March and April and she has just received a letter from Mr. McDermott. In it he apologized that her letter had gone into his junk file. Several people she had previously contacted had referred her message to him. He said it was very neat to hear her story about watching the last game. He wrote he was extremely honored the committee would like to honor him. The Town of

Westerlo has always been very supportive of me and my family. Although I would be honored to attend I'm unsure at the moment if I can. His fiancé and he are having a home built and the key ceremony to present the house to them in their present community may fall on the same day which the Hometown Hero's committee had planned to Honor him. He will update them as soon as he has more information. They had also invited some very special people to the ceremony they planned for Mr. McDermott. Dennis Fancher added he is having a plaque made.

There being no further business to discuss and no further public comment, Councilman Sherman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Burnside, motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Spinnato Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WESTERLO
FEE SCHEDULE
ADOPTED 5/1/2018**

<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Proposed New Price</u>
Dog license of Spayed or Neutered animal	\$5.00	\$8.00
Dog license of Unspayed or Unneutered animal	\$13.00	\$15.00
Marriage License	\$30.00	\$40.00
Peddlers Permit	\$2.50	\$100.00
Residential Solar Permits	\$50.00	\$50.00
Commercial Solar Permits	N/A	\$150.00 for permit plus escrow
Westerlo Town Park Fee	\$50.00 residents/\$100.00 non resident	same
South Westerlo Park Fee	\$25.00 residents/\$50.00 non resident	same
Westerlo Park Deposits	refundable \$200.00 if park is in proper order after event	same
South Westerlo Park Deposit	refundable \$100.00 if park is in proper order after event	same
Building Permit for any Swimming Pool	\$25.00	\$50.00
Building Permit for Garages or Sheds	\$50.00	\$50.00

Residential Building Permit for Structures Less than or Equal to 1,600 Sq. Ft.	\$100.00	\$150.00
Residential Building Permit for Structures Greater than or Equal to 1,601 Sq. Ft.	\$150.00	\$200.00
Initial Fee for Subdivision or Variance Application	\$40.00	\$50.00
Initial Fee for Special Use Permit		\$100.00
Subdivision Fee for final plat major or minor Subdivision	\$40.00	N/A
Fee for Inspection of required improvements	\$250.00 plus escrow for any engineer fees ie. Driveway or road installed	same
Land annexation/Lot line adjustment	\$10.00	\$25.00
Transfer Station Hauler License Fee	\$50.00 annually	same
Cell Tower Application		\$150.00