

**Town of Willing Monthly Board Meeting
September 14th, 2015**

PRESENT: Supervisor Wightman, Councilwoman Roeske, Councilmen: Wiedemann, Fanton and Cook, Highway Superintendent Matteson, Bookkeeper Dave Glass and Clerk Buchholz

GUEST: Mr. Robert Ackerman-Town Resident

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Supervisor Wightman, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Councilman Fanton moved to accept the August 10th, 2015 minutes as presented, Councilman Wiedemann seconded. Board was poled, vote follows: Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann -aye, Fanton-aye, Cook-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

REVAL: At this time one response has been received, another was returned with no forwarding address. Bids opened at our October Monthly Meeting

SELF INSURANCE -salary's: Correct salary amount has been given to the County and they are sending on to the auditor for review. The Town awaits a corrected bill.

REPLACEMENT OF LOADER: John Deere Loader arrived on September 7th, due to inventory in yard the loader we received had additional options that the Town did not anticipate. (valued at \$10,000.00, at no additional cost to the town). Invoice has been received. The board discussed the plan of payment from the Special Meeting held on August 24th. Supervisor Wightman shared that the penalty for cashing in CD's being used was approximately \$123.00.

TOWN WEBSITE: Supervisor Wightman asked the Board to visit the Town of Belfast website to see how Southern Tier West developed and is maintaining. (Cost to develop \$250.00, maintain \$150.00 yearly)

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDANCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
August	Board	NYS Dept of Public Service	Low Income Programs Merger, Time Warner & Charter Communications
August	Supervisor	NYS Dept Taxation/ Real Property	Final Equalization Rate 2015
August	Supervisor	Assoc. of Towns	Municipal Energy Program. (Board discussed and agreed to look at this program again, Supervisor to get updated figures)
August	Supervisor	Senator Young	Rushford and Chenunda Creek top of work list
August	Supervisor	NYS Unified Court system (Clerk will follow thru on this request)	Recent Audit of Court
August	Board	Mr. Robert Ackerman	Stephens & Walden Cemetery's
August	Supervisor	Gov. Finance Institute	Workshop on Budgeting
August	Councilman Fanton	Occustar Testing Inc	No further reports sent unless a test is positive

GUEST: At this time Mr. Robert Ackerman was recognized:

-Mr. Ackerman handed a new letter to Supervisor Wightman in reference to the 7/29/2015 letter from Attorney Finn.

-He also questioned the board as to what constitutes their idea of “level of experience”, referencing the Town Boards approval of Mr. James Ball to complete survey at the Stephens Cemetery. Mr. Ackerman shared the State requirements for a licensed Surveyor, noting what the state would consider is “ level of experience”.

- He questioned Councilwoman Roeske's approval vote for Mr. Ball, possible conflict of interest, should she have excused herself. The board determined that according to the Code of Ethics policy this is not a conflict.

-He Questioned if the Board of Ethics committee has met, and who the chairperson is. The board responded with the Committee has met and a chairperson had been chosen. Clerk Buchholz will resend Special Meeting Minutes held on 8/24/2015 to Mr. Ackerman

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CEMETERY: Grass was mowed, flowers and clean up done.

Amish information from lawyer reviewed (deed, maintenance questions)

Mr. Ackerman questioned if its only the Stephens Cemetery or BOTH cemeteries, the Stephens and the Walden being transferred. (Corrected 10/13/2015)

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Accepted as presented

DOG CONTROL REPORT: none for this month

JUSTICE REPORT: 28 transactions for a total of \$3,822.00

FIRE LIASON REPORT: None for this month

POLICE REPORT: accepted as presented

CLERKS REPORT: Accepted as presented

RECORDS ACCESS REPORT: Accepted as presented

HISTORIANS REPORT: none for this month

HIGHWAY REPORT: Accepted as presented

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accepted as presented, money from CD's and 4 accounts for the loader will be transferred into the Highway Checking account this week by the Supervisor.

PAY BILLS:Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund monthly bills in the amount of \$7,53.28, vouchers # 194 - #212 and the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$143,846.58, vouchers #92 - #108. Motion seconded by Councilman Cook, board was poled, vote follows: Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Cook-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays Motion Carried

OTHER: Councilwoman Roeske opened discussion on having the Historian some how display records and items for the Public. The board discussed and will continue to pursue.

ADJOURNE: Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the month board meeting for September, Councilman Wiedemann seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah J Buchholz

Town of Willing Clerk

9/14/2015