

The March 2017 Board Meeting for the Town of Willing, County of Allegany and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1431 State Route 19 South, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017 at 7pm.

**Present:** Supervisor Wightman, Councilwoman Roeske, Councilmen: Wiedemann, Fanton and Smith, Highway Supt. Matteson, Bookkeeper Glass, Clerk Buchholz and Security Officer Sherman.

**Guests:**

**Allegany County Land Bank Representative:** Mr. Greg Schnurle

**Willing Residents:** David Roeske, Tim Bradford, Kevin Murphy, Marie Ackley, Don Pakis and Randy Smith.

**Dog Control Officer:** Patricia Gay

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

**MINUTES:** Councilman Fanton moved to accept the February 2017 minutes as presented, Councilman Smith seconded. Board was poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried**

Supervisor Wightman opened the floor to Mr. Greg Schnurle from the Allegany County Land Bank: Mr. Schnurle went over the handout passed to all Board members explaining who they were, and what the Land Bank is all about. Their Objective is to make vacant/abandoned properties productive again and put back on the Tax rolls. They are Non-profit, Grant funded and are seeking sustainability. They have done an assessment of the Local areas in the County and would be willing talk further if the Town felt it had properties that would fit their criteria.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**REVAL:** Supervisor Wightman shared a brief overview of the Town's Equalization Rate history and how this affects the tax rate for the Town residents. He also explained that Generations Appraisal was hired to only update data, this was given to the Assessor and she then set the new assessment figures.

Floor was opened to:

**David Roeske,** stating he understood the reason for the reval, but felt that Town did not get what they paid their money for from Generations Appraisal. He shared that he wrote and communicated to them that he wanted to be present when they were at his property. They never responded. He has 3 parcels, and they went up 42%, 149% and 45% respectively. Concerned that data was not collected correctly.

**Marie Ackley** questioned her assessment as it doubled and questioned if the Hearing Officers would have the information available to show the reason for this. (Comparable, Data, Sales)

**Tim Bradford** questioned what the going value is on acreage. Is there a difference in the type of acreage and does the price differ? Board will ask the Assessor for Code listing of different acreage and pricing to be made available to the public.

**Randy Smith:** Felt that the comparable's used to increase the assessment on his property actually had more acreage and square footage than his. Hearing Officers could not offer any similar sales.

**Don Pakis:** Stated his assessment went up \$18,000. but noted he has done work on his home and was ok with the new value.

The Board thanked everyone for their input and gave information about the Hearing Officers and making appointments.

**COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM:** The board reviewed the survey each board member completed. The following categories were highlighted for this area: Ag & Farm Land, Logging, Small Manufacturing, and Wind Power. As far as Tourism, they felt that History, Hunting, Education, Fishing, Camping, Hiking and Boating were important. Supervisor Wightman will send in the results.

**MICROSOFT OFFICE:** Bookkeeper Glass will start installation soon

**DUMP TRUCK REPLACEMENT:** Highway Supt. Matteson shared again that the Truck is 20 years old, he believes that a purchase thru the Municipal Lease agreement would work. At this time, the Board has tabled until this fall at Budget time.

Highway Committee report dated 3/10/2017 was read to board by Clerk Buchholz, and accepted as read.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

**MAIL**

2/2017	Supervisor	Water Board-Heights	Thank-you Note
2/2017	Supervisor	Alleg. Co. Real Property	Tax sale -properties
2/2017	Supervisor	So. Tier West	CAP member certificate
2/2017	Supervisor	Community Renewal	Grant officially closed
2/2017	Supervisor	NYMIR	-Site visit & Spring Training information
2/2017	Supervisor	So. Tier West	May 10 <sup>th</sup> Local Gov. Conference
2/2017	Supervisor	8 Point Wind Center	Visual Impact survey

**EMAIL**

2/2017	Supervisor	Town of Binghamton	Gov. Cuomo, Complaints on 2% property tax cap, information to local Towns
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**REPORTS:**

**Cemetery:** Verbal report. Nothing at this time

**Code Enforcement:** no report. Clerk shared that 2 complaints received, 2650 Hallsport Road and 3099 Hallsport Road. Mr. Cagle has contacted both parties.

**Dog Control Report:** Report for January 2017 was handed in, along with Dog Seizure report and disposition. Officer Gay working on the delinquent dog list, putting dog names on face book and contacting owners by phone to update status of dogs. She also explained the process of how she issues appearance tickets for Town Court. (Verbal -Written -Issue Ticket usually 2 to 3 weeks in between each) She also shared the conflict between the Clerks part time schedule and pick up and licensing of impounded dogs.

The Town Board discussed the following:

-permission to Dog Officer to collect money on dogs boarded/seized granted due to Clerks schedule. (She should use duplicate receipt book for auditing purposes.)

-a form letter to be developed to leave with dog owners to contact her if dogs are being harbored or not. (Keep a ledger of contacts.)

-post signs and legal notice in Wellsville Pennysaver.

(Clerk will order recipe book and Supervisor will communicate the Boards decision to the Dog Control Officer)

**SHELTER CONTRACT:** Councilman Wiedemann moved to accept the Town of Wellsville Dog Shelter Agreement in the amount of \$500.00 for the year 2017, Councilman Fanton seconded. Board was poled: Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried.**

**Police Report:** Accepted as presented

**Justice Report:** Accepted as presented

**Fire Liaison Report:** Accepted as presented

**Clerks Report:** Accepted as presented, noting that Mr. John Lewis may not seek another term on the Town of Willing Board of Review.

**Records Access Report:** Accepted as presented. Noting that 4 hours were spent by Access officer to document and respond to FOIL requests at a cost of \$40.00 (4@\$10.00hr)

**Historians Report:** Accepted as presented. The board enjoyed the History questions at the beginning of Mrs. Wightman's report.

**Highway Report:** Accepted as presented: Supt. Matteson shared the letter he received from the State DOT about Shared Services with the State. The board would like to review before making any decision. Supt. Matteson will make sure each board member has copies of agreement and the board will discuss further at our April board meeting.

**Financial Report:** Accepted as presented  
The board approved the Transfer of the following:  
\$68.00 from A190.4 to A1920.4.

**Pay the Bills:** Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund bills (vouchers #53 thru #73) in the amount of \$92,972.42 and the Highway Fund bills (vouchers #24 thru #34) in the amount of \$6,403.60. Councilwoman Roeske seconded. Board was poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye. Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried**

**TABLES:** Board discussed the purchase of the final 7 tables to replace the remaining old ones. Board approved Councilman Fanton to purchase and deliver the tables.

**Door Sweeps:** Board approved the placement of 2 door sweeps for the 2 front doors. Clerk will contact the maintenance man Mr. Pakis.

Councilman Wiedemann moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, Councilwoman Roeske seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully:  
Deborah J Buchholz  
Town of Willing Clerk  
3/13/2017