

The December 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 19S, Wellsville NY on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December at 7pm.

**Present:** Supervisor Wightman, Councilwoman Roeske, Councilmen: Wiedemann, Fanton and Smith, Bookkeeper Glass, Security Officer Howe, Superintendent Matteson and Clerk Buchholz

**Guests:** Marshall and Heather Stebbins, representing Willing Vol. Fire Company

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

**MINUTES:** Councilman Smith moved to accept both the Public Hearing minutes and Regular Board Meeting minutes from November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Councilman Fanton seconded, Board was poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FIRE CO. CONTRACT:** The revised contract was handed to each board member. Supervisor Wightman explained that it was voted down by the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. agreed with the 3-year contract and being paid quarterly, they disagreed with the request for financial reports and monthly minutes.

**The Board discussed the following:**

- if other Fire Dept.'s give governing bodies reports and minutes.
- New law going into effect Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Dealing with increased transparency in Fire Protection Contracts.
- Fire Departments subject to FOIL requests, meetings open to the Public per NYS Committee on Open Government

**Marshall Stebbins shared the Fire Dept.'s concern over the following:**

- that the Board might be trying to run the Fire Dept.,
- possible leaks of information from Firemen,
- having the ability to handle in house issues on their own and not getting the Town Board involved.
- Contract payments quarterly and how this would affect their mortgage payments.

Supervisor Wightman handed information sheets to Marshall Stebbins to take back to Mr. Brownell and the Fire Company in reference to what the Board discussed, and to have Mr. Brownell contact Supervisor Wightman to set up another meeting as soon as possible. Marshall also shared that maybe a Town Board member could come to their next regular meeting to help explain the Open Meetings Law and meeting procedures.

**STANDARDS METHODIST CHURCH:** Board members toured the church this evening at 6pm. Church was built in 1912 and is under the guidance of the Methodist Conference.

**The board discussed the following:**

- size of church, what would the Town use it for?
- ability to maintain, utilities, roof, furnace
- parking availability
- tax role status

After discussion the board unanimously decided that it would not be in the best interest of the Town to pursue any further action to acquire the building.

The board discussed possibly building on to the northeast corner of the hall for additional room for the Town's Historian.

**ATTORNEY COMMITMENT:** Councilman Fanton handed the board a letter of commitment from Attorney Mike Finn for the 2018 fiscal year. The board will discuss at the Organization meeting in January 2018.

**TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS:** Councilman Wiedemann moved to keep exemption as is, Councilman Fanton seconded. Board was poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried**

**CORRESPONDANCE TO BOARD:**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>
NYMIR INS.	Quarterly publication
Allegany Co. Treasurer	Chargebacks to Town of Utilities
Skill path	Administrative seminars
NYS Board Electric	Regarding 8 PT Wind Energy
Deferred Comp.Training	options available
Board of Elections	Possible 2018 Election Schedule
Dept. of Public Service	Flyers on heating costs etc./
8 Point Wind	Submission of Application
NYS DEC	Planting and seeding after EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
Local Union	Contract for the Highway Dept. Adding to contract Death, Accidental and Dismemberment option

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

NONE FOR NOVEMBER

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Cemetery:** nothing to report (verbal)

**Code Officer:** Accepted as presented

**Dog Control:** Accepted as presented

**Police Report:** Accepted as presented

**Justice Report:** Accepted as presented

**Fire Liaison:** Accepted as presented

**Clerk's Report:** Accepted as presented

Supervisor Wightman moved to use Expresspay.com (Credit Card) for the payment of the County and Town Taxes only. Councilwoman Roeske seconded, Board was poled. Councilwoman-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried.**

**Historians Report:** Accepted as presented

**Highway Report:** Accepted as presented

**Monthly Financial Report:** Accepted as presented with the approval of the following account transfers:

**GENERAL FUND**

Move from	Amount	Move
-Reval A1355.45	132.72	Supervisor Contractual A1220.4
-Reval A1355.45	1235.64	Election Contractual A1450.4
-Reval A1355.45	715.40	Garage Contractual A5132.4
-Reval A1355.45	20.00	Cemetery Contractual A8810.1
-Assessor Contractual A1355.4	850.00	Cemetery Contractual A8810.4

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Bridges DA5120.4	4404.27	Machinery Contractual DA5130.4
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**PAY THE BILLS:** Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund Bills (vouchers #240-#262) in the amount of \$41,734.02 and the Highway Fund Bills (vouchers #131-#142) in the amount of \$16,238.47. Councilman Smith seconded. Board was poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried**

**FINAL MEETING OF 2017:** Wednesday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Councilwoman Roeske moved to adjourn the monthly board meeting, Councilman Wiedemann seconded, said meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Supervisor Wightman reopened the December monthly board meeting at 9:45pm, Councilman Fanton moved for Highway Superintendent Matteson to purchase Hams/Turkeys for the Highway crew for Christmas. Councilman Wiedemann seconded. Board Poled, Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **Carried**

Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, Councilwoman Roeske seconded, meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm

Respectfully Submitted:  
Deborah J Buchholz  
Town of Willing Clerk  
12/11/17