

The July 2017 Board Meeting for the Town of Willing, County of Allegany and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1431 St. Rt. 19 S., Wellsville, N.Y. on the 10th day of July 2017 at 7pm.

Present: Supervisor Wightman, Councilwoman Roeske, Councilmen: Wiedemann, Fanton and Smith. Highway Superintendent Mattison, Clerk Buchholz and Security Officer Howe.

Absent: Bookkeeper Glass

Guest: Mr. Robert Ackerman-Town of Willing Resident.
Mr. Roy Gay-Town of Willing Resident

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wightman at 7pm, all rose as he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

LOCAL LAW #1 of 2017: Councilwoman Roeske moved to approve **Resolution #7 of 2017, Local Law #1 of 2017.** Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code. Councilman Smith seconded. Board was poled. Councilwoman-Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **Resolution #7 Carried.** Clerk will complete paperwork necessary to be filed with the State of New York.

COUNTY WIDE SHARED SERVICE: Meeting held on June 27th, 2017. Meeting highlights listed below.

- agreed to be completed in 2018
- Legislators were present to give opinions. (keep to just a few items)
- discussed renewable energy, solar Park
- NYSERDA Project: Group Power Company to buy in bulk and sell to residents
- will split into small groups at next month's meeting
- discussion on Allegany County Tax rate compared to other counties.
- Shared Service Survey completion requested: Board completed and clerk will mail in. Copy in Clerk's Office for viewing.

DRUG TESTING: Councilman Fanton reported there was a recent test and the Town employee passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

JUSTICE POSITION: After review of the Towns Original Home Rule of hiring a Justice with adjoining municipalities Justice Guiney recommended that the Town begin the process to amend our Home rule to state, "Hiring a Justice anywhere in Allegany County." **Resolution #8** offered by Supervisor Wightman entitled "Directing Town Supervisor to contact our 57th District State Senator and 148th District Assemblyman. Councilwoman Roeske moved to accept **Resolution #8:** Town Supervisor is directed to contact NYS Senator Catharine M. Young and Member of Assembly Joseph M. Giglio regarding a request by the Town for Home Rule Legislation permitting an individual/person who is not a resident of the Town to serve as Town Justice. Councilman Smith seconded, board was poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **Resolution #8 carried.**

CORRESPONDANCE: For June 2017

From

-8-point Wind Energy

Subject

Stipulations on Wind Farm (Independence/West Union)

-NYS Real Property	Tentative Equalization Rate at 100%
-Association of Towns	NYS Fireman's Act. Voted against.
-NYS Ag & Markets	Municipal Shelter Report: Satisfactory
-Allegany Self-Insured Ins.	New figure for 2018 is \$13,250.00 (10%) increase (Board discussed that The Town of Birdsall opted out and went thru the State. 9% decrease for them, and no increase in over 3 years. Supervisor will get quote prior to Budget time.)
-Dept. Public Service	Requested Rate hikes for both Electric and Natural Gas
-NYMIR	Sample Anti-Harassment Policy-copy given to all board members for review prior to next month's meeting.
-Various emails	Verizon billing issues-representative stated "keep paying \$40.01 until issue is resolved."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: None for the month of June 2017

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Cemetery Report: Accepted as presented

Code Enforcement Report: Accepted as presented

Board discussed the property at 3099 Hallsport Road, Councilwoman Roeske will get in touch with Code Enforcement Officer to discuss.

Dog Control Report: Accepted as presented

Justice Report: Accepted as presented

Fire Liaison Report: Accepted as presented

Clerks Report: Accepted as presented

Records Access Report: Accepted as presented

At this time, the Board recognized our Guest Mr. Ackerman.

1. Mr. Ackerman questioned Councilman Fanton regarding a burial that took place at the York's Cemetery back in January of 2012. Mr. Ackerman would like the board to consider that the same treatment a past York's Cemetery Association member received be extended to him for his wife and sister when the time comes for burial. He requested response in writing.

2. Mr. Ackerman than referenced the **Records Access reports** for April and May of 2017. Recorded is the amount of time, the rate per hour and the cost to tax payers for FOIL requests. He feels that this is not a cost to tax payers, he further explained that Mrs. Buchholz is salaried, NYS Freedom of Information Act was created to provide information, to make Government more transparent and it is part of her job. He is requesting that, that information be removed from those Town Board Minutes. The board thanked him and will discuss these items further.

Historians Report: Accepted as presented

Highway Report: Accepted as presented

Financial Report: None for this month

The Board continued discussion of Mr. Ackerman's request for the same treatment extended to him for his wife and sister at York's Cemetery. Councilman Fanton and Clerk Buchholz will check records to be sure what was done in January 2012. The Board decided that what they did back in 2012 for the York's Cemetery Association member they will do for Mr. Ackerman. Supervisor Wightman will prepare a letter for response once all information is received.

The board also discussed Mr. Ackerman's request to remove the information from previous minutes regarding FOIL requests. Councilman Wiedemann moved to remove information, Councilman Smith seconded. Board was Poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes Onays **carried.**

Clerk Buchholz will strike this information from the above-mentioned Town Board Minutes.

LEGISLATORS CLAMBAKE: Friday July 28th. Tickets available from County Legislators.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund bills (vouchers #141-#156) in the amount of \$7,476.43 and the Highway Fund bills (vouchers #75-#87) in the amount of \$121,092.09. Councilman Wiedemann seconded, board was poled. Councilwoman Roeske-aye, Councilmen: Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn the July 2017 monthly board meeting offered by Councilwoman Roeske, Seconded by Councilman Fanton. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully:
Deborah J Buchholz
Town of Willing Clerk
7/10/2017