

The monthly 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 9th day of July 2018 at 7pm.

Present: Supervisor Wightman, Councilmen: Gay, Fanton and Smith, Highway Supt. Matteson, Bookkeeper Glass, CEO Sturm, Security Officer Howe and Clerk Buchholz

Absent: Councilman Wiedemann

Guests:

Fire Dept: Matt Whitesell

Armstrong Communication: Representative Donna Graybeal

Shongo Residents: Randall Smith, Felicia Smith, Darlene Knox Riley, Ed Riley, Joe Smith, Yolanda Smith, Sandra and Cory Guenter, Mary Linza, Andrew and Ada Cavagna, and Bonnie Wilson

Resident: Alan Carlin

Supervisor Wightman opened the meeting at 7pm, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Councilman Gay moved to accept the Monthly minutes for June 11th, 2018 as presented, Councilman Fanton seconded. Vote: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent **Carried**

Councilman Gay moved to accept the Public Hearing minutes (Franchise agreement) on June 11th, 2018. Councilman Fanton seconded. Vote: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent **Carried**

Armstrong Communications: Ms. Graybeal shared that Armstrong has been awarded contract to supply NYS Broadband-Fiber optic phone and internet services for areas in Independence and Willing. They are using 3 separate contractors to complete Phase 1 & 2 of contract. Phase 3 will start sometime in early 2019. She shared that the area will be busy soon with trucks placing lines. She also shared a map and information packet of services. It was noted that much of the Town of Willing is not included in this project

SHONGO FLOODING:

Supervisor shared information as to the flooding in Shongo due to the Storm on 7/4/18. Due to heavy rains, bank was washed away, several homes were affected with water damage. 7/5/2018 a bulldozer was brought in to shore up bank and clean up stream where breach was above the check dam. Supervisor Wightman and the board would like to extend a heartfelt Thank-you to the following individuals that came to the aid of the Town and residents.

1. Mr. Charles Joyce who donated the large Bulldozer to do clean up work in the creek.
2. Mr. Meehan who volunteered his time to run the bulldozer
3. Soil & Water from the County for being present
4. Mr. Jeff Lucky, from Emergency Services
5. County Legislator William Dibble to be on scene
6. The Willing Volunteer Hose Company for their 40 hours of pumping cellars nonstop so that possessions on 1st floors were not damaged.

Supervisor Wightman then shared that Mr. Lucky requested estimates from residents affected by the flooding to see if Low Interest Loans could be obtained from the Small Business Administration.

Residents were to bring to Town Board meeting. Discussion was also held between County agencies and Town as to whether a State of Emergency should be issued thru the State. After discussion it was determined that a declaration should not be made due to the amount of red tape involved and it would not free up any extra money. Supervisor shared that the work done in the creek bed was over seen by Soil and Water as they had access to an Emergency Permit. The creek bed was straightened and made wider near the breach area which is above the check dam. Highway Supt. Matteson shared that the State DOT can only go up 200 ft from the bridge on St Rt. 19. Also, The Town would need to get a permit to take any gravel from creek bed above the check dam and probably would only be allowed to take 700 cubic yards. Supt. Matteson also shared that at this time he has found the State to be re-active and not pro-active when it comes to projects such as this. Supervisor also asked Supt. Matteson and his department to try and go in with the Towns roller to smooth out tracks made by the dozer on the Truax and Riley properties.

Mr. Cory Guenter shared that the storm of 7/4/2018 did not cause the breach in the creek, but the Storm in June of 2014 caused the breach, the Guenter's have pictures that show the work that was done on the creek in 2014 with State funds that were secured with the help of Senator Young. Most of the work that was done at that time was done near the bridge on St. Rt. 19.

Shongo Residents shared the following:

- The Riley's have lost 3 acres of property over the years due to flooding and they are still paying taxes on the lost property.
- Randy Smith wondered if the State and DEC are really working together to remedy this situation. He shared several incidences of work done in creek beds by the Town, the State and DEC in the past and when he was Highway Supt. He also shared his own personal experience with the flooding of Mc Curdy Creek back in 1981 from a cloud burst.
- Matt Whitesell shared his frustration as a Fireman trying to communicate with the proper authorities to get the necessary help for the Fire Dept and Shongo residents.
- Residents wondered if Kathleen Kos from Natural Resource was contacted?
- Many residents wondered what took so long for responders to come. Especially Emergency Services. Mrs. Guenter suggested that rip rap be placed along bank of creek bed, as the work done on 7/5/18 is just a band aid over what needs to be done. She would also like Senator Young to be contacted again.
- Mr. Smith also questioned whether the County Highway Superintendents Association could be of help and would be grateful if Highway Supt. Matteson would check into this.
- Mr. Guenter shared that the residents of Shongo are deeply appreciative of the Willing Vol Fire Dept. and all they're efforts during the flooding.

At this time the Supervisor summarized what the Town will continue to do:

- Will contact DEC to see what exactly the Town can do in creek.
- Will work with Legislator Bill Dibble
- Investigate whether it is possible for Soil and Water to possibly get one of their engineers to help with proper design of what should be done with the creek bed.
- Communicate with County and Towns as far as a possible shared service project to clean creek bed and distribute gravel amongst towns.
- Stay in contact with Shongo residents, (emails were requested at this time).

Matt Whitesell from Fire Dept and board discussed having sand bags on hand and reaching out to the Amish along the East side of Rt. 13 S, just above Shongo to make sure their slab wood is not piled in the drainage ditch, as this caused some issue's during the 7/4/18 storm as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charter Contract: Have not heard anything since signed agreement sent in. Clerk followed thru on extra paperwork that was requested.

Shared Service Update: Supervisor was unable to attend last meeting. There is a meeting scheduled by Heather Trask over concern with the States Consolidation plan. Meeting is on 8/6 at the Allentown Fire Dept. at 6pm

NYSERDA GRANT: Town has completed 2 out of the 4 requirements. CEO Sturm will be taking Solar Training on 7/19 as per the 3rd requirement.

JUSTICE COURT REMODEL: Justice has printed off the JCAP Grant information and requirements. Money is now available, and paperwork needs to be in no later than Oct. 11, 2018. Plans have not been finalized. Supervisor Wightman will contact Councilman Wiedemann to follow thru on this.

IT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY: Board reviewed sample from Southern Tier West and outlined areas pertinent to the Town's needs. Clerk Buchholz will type and present at the next board meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: None currently

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD:

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mr. John Czyz (Phone call)	seasonal property on the Fitzstephens Road, concerned over noise from Nat. Fuel Gas Compressor.
Eliza Carmen (Email)	Permit or Zoning for a massage parlor in the Town
Gina Cacioppo (Email)	From Tompkins County, Protect the Children from Climate change. Would like Town to sign a petition for restriction on Dominion Gas Co.
8 Point Wind Energy	Update-deficiency letter.
Pinsky Law Group	Letter of support requested for Independence Vol Ambulance Serv. Board approved expansion. Clerk will send letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None for June 2018

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Cemetery Report: Accepted as Presented

Dog Control Report: Accepted as Presented. Clerk noted that the Town of Willing will host a FREE RABIES CLINIC on 8/4 from 1-3pm Vet: Dr. Lopez.

CEO Report: Accepted Verbal report from CEO Brady Sturm

Police Report: Accepted as presented

Justice Report: Accepted as presented

Fire Liaison Report: meeting is scheduled for Wed. July 11th. Will report next month.

Clerks Report: Accepted as presented-reminded board of Workers Comp. in Belmont needs copies of recent/current physicals from anyone on the payroll.

Records Access Report: Accepted as presented

Historians Report: Nothing for this month

Highway Report: Accepted as presented

Financial Report: Accepted as presented. Board approved the following transfer of funds”

\$277.47 from (3120.2) Police Equipment to (3120.4) Police Contractual

\$134.80 from (A1420.1) Attorney Cont. to (A4540.4) Ambulance Contractual

PAY BILLS: Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund Bills (vouchers #144 thru #167) in the amount of \$25,951.91 and the Highway Fund Bills (vouchers #64 thru #79) in the amount of \$92,902.33. Councilman Smith seconded. Vote: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Fanton-aye, Smith-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent **Carried**

Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the monthly board meeting for July 9th, 2018, Councilman Smith seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah J Buchholz

Town of Willing Clerk

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