

The December Monthly meeting of the Town of Willing, County of Allegany and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, located at 1431 State Route 19, Wellsville NY 14895 on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020 at 7pm.

**Present:** Supervisor Wightman, Councilmen: Gay, Wiedemann, and Ellison. Security Officer Howe, Deputy Clerk Mansfield, Code Enforcement Officer Sturm, Highway Supt. Matteson, and Bookkeeper Glass.

**Absent:** Councilman Fanton, Clerk Buchholz

**Guest:** Hartrick Brownell

Supervisor Wightman opened the meeting at 7:05 pm, all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

**MINUTES:** Councilman Gay moved to accept the November Monthly meeting minutes as presented, Councilman Wiedemann seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Ellison-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

**BUDGET:** Councilman Gay moved to accept the approval of the Public Hearing of the 2021 Budget, Councilman Wiedemann seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Ellison-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

**PLANNING BOARD:** Councilman Wiedemann moved to approve public hearing regarding establishment of Local Law #1 of 2020 for a Town of Willing Planning Board, Councilman Gay seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Ellison-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Planning Board:** Councilman Gay shared that there needs to be more members on the planning board. Several names were suggested. Brady Sturm was asked to attend a planning board meeting Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Councilman Ellison was hopeful to have a preliminary meeting in January 2021 regarding the pilot program.

**Wellsville Ambulance Contract:** Supervisor Wightman said MTS is not interested is giving us quote for services.

**GUEST:** At this time, the Supervisor recognized Mr. Brownell, Willing Hose Fire Chief. Mr. Brownell said he has changed the language in the operating procedure manual giving the Willing Hose Company authority as incident command for situations occurring in the Town of Willing that can be handled by his staff, who are sufficiently trained in Emergency Services Training. However, Supervisor Wightman said a meeting between the Willing Hose Company and Wellsville Ambulance Corps. still needs to take place to ensure all parties are in agreement with this procedure. Mr. Brownell said he will arrange a meeting as soon as possible and requested Councilman Gay's presence which Councilman Gay agreed to attend.

**BEECH HILL CEMETERY:** A signed statement from Mr. Rob Billings requesting the Town assume responsibility of the cemetery was received, however we are still awaiting pertinent paperwork including bank information.

**MR. ACKERMAN:** The Board agreed to refund the \$40.00 fee to Mr. Ackerman.

**POLICE REFORM:** Councilman Wiedemann mentioned that the addition of more diversity should be on the panel including clergy. Reform needs to be done by April 2021. He also mentioned that there could be a potential loss of CHIPS money if reform is not done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Wightman presented correspondence he has received since the last meeting. He shared that the Town is currently being audited by the state comptroller's office assuring the Board that our town was selected randomly and there were no issues pending to warrant the audit. The Supervisor mentioned that the auditor is working remotely and would likely only need assistance from Bookkeeper Glass and himself and possibly the clerk.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Planning Board:** Accepted as presented

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Cemetery:** No report. Councilman Fanton absent. However, Highway Supt. Matteson shared there was one burial in December.

**CEO:** Accepted as presented. CEO Sturm requested that the Board consider instituting a local law ensuring clearer and more detailed regulations, specifically when architectural drawings should be required. Supervisor Wightman asked Mr. Sturm to come up with his suggestions and present at the January or February meeting.

**Assessor:** Accepted as presented

**Dog Control:** No report. Councilman Gay said the Dog Control Officer will have a report by 12/31/20. Also, the resignation of the Dog Control Officer was accepted effective 12/31/20.

**Police:** Accepted as presented.

**Justice:** Accepted as presented

**Fire Liaison:** Accepted as presented

**Clerks:** Accepted as presented

**Records Access:** Accepted as presented

**Historians:** No report

**Highway:** Accepted as presented. Mr. Matteson added that CHIPS money should arrive within the next week or so.

**Financial:** No report

**Pay the Bills:** Councilman Gay moved to pay the General Fund bills (vouchers #203 thru # #226) in the amount of \$44,139.49 and the Highway Fund bills (vouchers #111 thru #131) in the amount of \$149,767.31. Councilman Ellison seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Ellison-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

Councilman Gay moved to adjourn the December monthly Board meeting, Councilman Ellison seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting will be held 12/28/20 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Mansfield

Town of Willing Deputy Clerk

12/16/20