

The October 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 12th day of October 2020 at 7pm.

Present: Supervisor Wightman, Councilmen: Gay, Wiedemann, Fanton and Ellison. Security Officer Howe and Clerk Buchholz

Absent: Highway Supt. Matteson and Bookkeeper Glass

Guest: Mr. Robert Ackerman-Resident

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

MINUTES: Councilman Ellison moved to accept the September Monthly meeting minutes as presented, Councilman Gay seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Board: Supervisor Wightman shared that he has 3 residents interested in being on Planning Board. The board continued discussion on need and duties of planning board members. **Resolution #6** of 2020 was offered by Councilman Wiedemann, for the establishment of a Town of Willing Planning Board, seconded by Councilman Ellison. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-nay, Ellison-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes 1 nay **Carried**

(Public Hearing scheduled for Monday Nov. 9th at 6:30pm)

Wellsville Ambulance Contract: Board continued discussion on Ambulance duties. Councilman Gay reported that the Willing Vol. Hose Company is now fully trained in all areas of rescue and they have 2 EMT's, thus can handle rescue situations. The Fire Dept. is requesting the Town Board compile a letter to the Wellsville Ambulance stating that when Willing Vol. Fire Dept is toned out they are in command of the scene. After discussion, the Town Board decided to hold a Special Meeting to meet with area Emergency Services (Willing Hose, Wellsville Ambulance, and Jeff Lucky) to discuss options best suited for the Town of Willing. Supervisor will contact MTS Services to see if they want to send a quote to provide ambulance service.

(Special meeting scheduled for Monday Oct. 26th, 2020 at 7pm)

Solar Ordinance: Councilman Ellison shared his findings on the Pilot program and Real Property Law 487. Pilot program available thru Assessor up to 25 kilowatts. 15-year tax exemption. At this time, the Town decided not to opt out.

Fanton Property: Supervisor Wightman updated the board on the situation, and suggestion made by Mr. Leonard from Soil & Water. Currently Mr. Fanton has reopened a drainage ditch on Shear Rd that drains onto his property. (Supervisor to stay in contact with Mr. Fanton and his lawyer Mr. Scott)

GUEST: At this time, the Supervisor recognized Mr. Robert Ackerman, Town Resident.

Mr. Ackerman shared he was here to recover a burial site at the York's Corner Cemetery. He passed out a sketch map of his Lots #24, #23 and #23A, which Councilman Fanton signed off on, on 9/8/2014.

In Question is Lot #24 sites N, O, & P, vacant but sited for Mr. Ackerman Heirs. Mr. Ackerman read his letter and gave a copy to Supervisor Wightman regarding footers that have been poured for 2 double lots. Mr. Ackerman shared this was not his directive and would like the Town to consider making this right by pouring a footer between the 2 existing footers on portions of sites N & O & P for one continuous footer at the Towns cost. The Board thanked Mr. Ackerman for his time and will discuss this further and promptly get back to Mr. Ackerman.

Councilman Ellison moved that at the Towns cost, fill in a footer between the existing footers per Mr. Ackerman's request, and at some future date if a footer is required for Site "P" it would be Mr. Ackerman responsibility. Councilman Wiedemann seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 Ayes 1 Nay **CARRIED**

(Supervisor Wightman will communicate the Boards decision with Mr. Ackerman)

NEW BUSINESS:

HALLOWEEN: The board approved Halloween hours for Saturday Oct. 31st from 6-8pm. Recommending COVID-19 guidelines, Masks, and social distancing. Residents wishing to participate leave a Porch light on.

2021 Budget: Work Session scheduled for Monday Oct. 19th at 7pm. Budget due by 11/13.

(Public Hearing to be held on Monday Nov. 9th at 6:00pm)

POLICE REFORM: Officer Howe presented to the Board Gov. Cuomo's declaration on Community involvement in Police Reform for NY State. Reform Guidelines were gone over and consequences if guidelines are not met and completed by 4/2021. (State Money to be withheld)

Outline would be as follows:

- advertise, Posting and random surveys done within community
- Board of Stakeholders created from Town of Willing residents, Business's, Clergy.
- Open Public Forum Meetings (discussion on Policies, procedures, and training of Law Enforcement)

Board discussed working in conjunction with the Town of Independence. Supervisor Wightman will communicate with Town of Independence Supervisor.

Councilman Gay is willing to help pass out random surveys, he also mentioned to Officer Howe the Fire Dept's concern with the Amish not yielding the right of way to Emergency Vehicles in the Town. They asked if he would get the word out to the Amish to make sure they are beholding to NYS Vehicle and Traffic laws as well.

WELLSVILLE DOG SHELTER CONTRACT: Only change is harboring dogs for 10 days instead of 5 days. Cost \$500.00 per year. Councilman Gay moved to accept the 2021 contract; Councilman Ellison seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

DISTRICT III MEETING: Supervisor Wightman attended. Discussion on Armstrong Communication, Trails to draw more tourism, State arears 6 million to County, Solar power.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Cemetery: Accepted as presented. Clerk Shared that Caretaker Mr. Rob Billings is interested in turning over the Beech Hill Union Cemetery located on the Fortner Rd. to the Town. Clerk will communicate with Mr. Billings for more information and report back to the board in Nov.

CEO: Accepted as presented

Assessor: Accepted as presented

Dog Control: Accepted as presented

Police: Accepted as presented. Monitor not working in office. Councilman Wiedemann will contact Shane at Computer Solutions.

Justice: Accepted as presented

Fire Liaison: Accepted as presented

Clerks: Accepted as presented, Board willing to investigate possible rehab monies for the Town. Clerk will contact Monica at Andover Historic Preservation.

Records Access: Accepted as presented

Historians: Accepted as presented

Highway: Accepted as presented

Financial: no report

Pay the Bills: Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund bills (vouchers #168 thru # #182) in the amount of \$24,083.61 and the Highway Fund bills (vouchers #89 thru #96) in the amount of \$19,820.49. Councilman Gay seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the October monthly board meeting, Councilman Ellison seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully:

Deborah J Buchholz

Town of Willing Clerk

10/12/2020