

The February Monthly Board Meeting for the Town of Willing, County of Allegany and State of New York was held at the Town of Willing Hall, located at 1431 State Route 19, Wellsville NY 14895 on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm.

**Present:** Supervisor Wightman, Councilmen: Gay, Wiedemann, Fanton, Ellison, Highway Supt. Matteson, Clerk Buchholz, CEO Strum, Bookkeeper Glass and Security Officer Howe.

**Guests:** Richard Ewell from Richardson & Stout Ins. Rep., Alan Carlin-Resident, Henry Mast-Resident and Atlee Wengerd-Resident

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

**MINUTES:** Councilman Gay moved to accept the Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board minutes as presented, Councilman Ellison seconded. *VOTE:* Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Insurance Quote:** Mr. Ewell from Richardson & Stout presented the board with renewal information of the Towns Insurance thru NYMIR. He summarized information and presented 3 Coverage options to the board to review for 2020.

#### **AUDITS 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER CLERKS AND JUSTICE BOOKS**

**Clerk/Collector & Petty Cash Accounts:** Paperwork was in order, monthly reports done timely, duplicate receipts all accounted for, bank reconciliation was done monthly, no discrepancies were found and supporting documentation was found to be in order. Security measures are in place. Councilman Gay moved to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Clerk/Collector and Petty Cash Books for 2019, Councilman Wiedemann seconded. *VOTE:* Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. **Carried**

**Justice Accounts:** No issues, or discrepancies found, Duplicate receipts and checks were numbered and in order, monthly reports were done timely and supporting documentation was found. Bank reconciliation was done monthly. Councilman Fanton moved to accept the Justice books for the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Of 2019, Councilman Ellison seconded. *Vote:* Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sterling Bullet replacement:** Supt. Matteson shared the following quotes:

International Truck: \$57,743.00

Plow/Body from Viking, All stainless \$78,467.91

Plow/Body: Stainless dump, underbody not stainless \$72,490.00

Board discussed and agreed upon the International Truck and the Plow/Body bid of 130,233.00 Supt, Matteson to check on the Warranty provided. Councilman Gay moved to give Supt. Matteson authority to pursue the purchase of the new truck contingent on the Warranty issued, Councilman Fanton seconded. *VOTE:* Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

**GUESTS:** At this time Supervisor Wightman recognized our Guests:

**Henry Mast:** Questioned the board as to the following: Any guidelines on where to place manure on your own land. Board explained that they have no rules governing this but would suggest the GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY. (Talk with your neighbor and hopefully resolve issues). Mr. Mast shared that someone had been on his property and moved his pile of manure into his hedge row.

Board then recognized Mr. Alan Carlin: He asked the board if he had rights to protect his property. A Large pile of manure was dumped near his property line. Board shared that they have no jurisdiction in such matters, and there is no Town Ordinance covering this issue. CEO Sturm was not clear on any regulations and stated that DEC regulates environmental issues. Mr. Carlin also suggested that the board should check NYS AG & Mkts law Sec. 377 as it pertains to manure and the dumping of it, and the proper disposal of animal carcasses.

Mr. Carlin also brought up the construction debris site that has now been taken care off. Stating it is buried, but asbestos shingles were buried as well. CEO Sturm will check on environmental debris issues, but stated depending on the amount of debris present, as long as the items are buried on the owner's property, nothing more needs to be done. CEO also stated that he met 3 times with the owners (Kosa's) that Mr. Mast's Lease's and felt that the household items were cleaned up and the rest was buried satisfactorily.

Mr. Carlin also shared his concern over his FOIL requests #2 & #3 both in regard to Ag Exemptions for property on Beech Hill and Brandes Road. Upon receipt of the Assessors response he noted that the application on Beech hill was incomplete and not signed, and no such document could be found for property on Brandes Road. Board shared that this was the prior Assessor's responsibility and Mr. Dannheim is in the process of bringing files to compliance.

Mr. Carlin is also concern about the drainpipe off the veal barn and how the land slopes downwards to his property. Again, the board stated this would be under the jurisdiction of DEC.

**Mr. Wengerd** shared that recently he met with a Health Dept. person due to his spreading manure close to his neighbor and was told he should keep manure at least 200 ft from a well or water source to be sure no seepage occurs.

Supervisor shared with Mr. Carlin that if he felt he was not getting satisfactory results from Environmental Agencies; his next option would be to take legal action.

**KING PROPERTY:** Councilman Fanton shared that Mr. King has contacted him and wants to work with the neighbors with the Manure that is dumped at the grain elevators. He will be moving manure up to his property on Burnt Hill.

**INSURANCE QUOTE:** Board approved in increase our Umbrella coverage to 2,000,000. And decrease the Supplemental Uninsured Coverage to \$50,000. Councilman Fanton to meet with Mr. Ewell and inform him of the Towns decision. Councilman Fanton moved to accept the quote from NYMIR Insurance with the 2 changes in coverage, Councilman Gay seconded. *VOTE:* Councilman Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5ayes 0 nays **CARRIED** Councilman Fanton to contact Mr. Ewell.

**HITCHEN POSTS:** Board agreed to put in hitching post in by the dumpster for the Amish to tie buggies up to. Councilman Ellison, Supt Matteson and Supervisor Wightman will oversee.

**SOLAR /WIND FARM:** Councilman Ellison suggested the board change name of agreement to Renewable Energy to cover all possible forms of energy. Board discussed the different Tiers, bonding, possible bankruptcy and what if there is a change in ownership. Board will continue to read over material and will discuss further at our March meeting.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Stop DWI Contract	Board discussed, Councilman Gay moved to accept the contract for 2020, councilman Fanton seconded. <i>Vote:</i> Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5ayes 0 nays <b>CARRIED</b>
Email-Darr Pace	Copy of letter he sent to NYS Cemeteries

Email-Bill Dibble

Reminder to attend Hoody Hoo at Mamma's on 2/15.

Also need for Republican Committee members

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None for January 2020

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Cemetery Report:** Accepted as Presented

**Code Enforcement Report:** Accepted as Presented

**Assessor Report:** Accepted as Presented

**Dog Control Report:** Accepted as Presented

**Police 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

**Historians Report:** Accepted as Presented

**Highway Report:** Accepted as Presented.

**Financial Report:** Verbal, nothing to report

**BILLS:** Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$15,528.75 (Vouchers # 25-#43) and the Highway Fund Bills in the amount of \$25,461.51 (Vouchers #4-#17). Councilman Gay seconded. *Vote:* Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5ayes 0 nays  
**CARRIED**

Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the monthly board meeting for February 2020, Councilman Gay seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully:

Deborah J Buchholz

Town of Willing Collector