

The March 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 March 8th, 2021 at 7pm (Covid 19 guidelines)

Present: Supervisor Wightman, Councilmen: Gay, Wiedemann, Fanton, and Ellison. Code Officer Sturm, Dog Control Officer Sue Merkwa, Highway Supt. Matteson, Bookkeeper Glass, Clerk Buchholz.

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

Minutes Councilman Wiedemann moved to accept the March Meeting minutes with the following corrections.

--Planning Board: Report given by Councilman Gay:

The following new members are for board approval:

- Mr. Steve Antes 2 -year term expires 2/8/23 (replaces Pat Gays original term)
- Mr. Craig Martin 3-year term expires 2/8/24
- Mr. Eric Smith 4-year term expires 2/8/25
- Mrs. Pat Gay 5-year term expires 2/8/26
- Mr. Dale Beebee 1 year term expires 12/31/21

And

--Bills: Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund bills (vouchers #23 thru #38) in the amount of \$13,308.61 and the **Highway Fund** bills (Vouchers #9 thru #25) in the amount of \$19,881.34.

Councilman

Councilman Ellison seconded. Vote: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

POLICE REFORM: (RE: Governors Exec. Order 203) Supervisor shared that Constable Howe recently held a meeting with a panel of residents selected from the Towns of Willing and Independence. He presented the group with a handout, went over the results of the survey that was sent out to random residents. The group scheduled a Public Hearing for 3/15, here at the Willing Town Hall-this is open to residents from the Towns of Willing and Independence to express concerns or suggestions for their Police departments.

The Town of Willing Board will hold a Special Meeting on Monday 3/22 at 7pm for the purpose of approving a reform Plan for submission to the Governor's Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

NYS CLASS ACCOUNT: Supervisor Wightman shared information relating to this type of Account. Safe investments, no Minimum balance, no penalties, Int. rate 8%. Board discussed; **Resolution #6** was offered by Councilman Gay to invest the Fund Balance money from year ending 2020 into a NYS Class Account. Giving authority to Supervisor Wightman to handle all transactions on behalf of the Town of Willing. Councilman Fanton seconded. Vote: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-nay, and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 4 ayes 1 nay **CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Waterfront Grant Meeting	Meeting first of March-will meet every 2 months.

Kier Dirlam
NYS Ag & Markets

Info on raising sheep on Solar Panel sites
Municipal Dog Shelter report-passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING BOARD: Clerk read highlights submitted by Dale Beebee. Full board of 5 now on Planning Board, they are working on Moratorium Law and will meet the 4th Monday of every Month at 6pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Highway: Accepted as presented

Cemetery: Verbal, accepted as presented. Councilman Fanton was given permission to have the Beech Hill Union Cemetery insured and pursue a survey of the property.

Code Enforcement: verbal, accepted as presented. Annual report has been submitted.

Assessor: none

Dog Control: Sue Merkwa shared she is getting organized, received info, and equipment from Pat Gay. Board discussed purchasing a cell phone for her use. Supervisor Wightman will follow thru on this.

Police Report: Accepted as Presented

Monthly Financial Report: None

Justice Report: Accepted as presented

Fire Dept. Report: Accepted as presented

Clerks Report: Accepted as presented

Records Access Report: Accepted as Presented

Historians Report: Accepted as Presented. Brief discussion pursued on Historical Grant information that was presented.

Bills: Councilman Fanton moved to add the Hartford Bill to the General Fund Abstract for March in the amount of 223.26, Councilman Gay seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye. Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED.**

Councilman Gay moved to pay the General Fund bills (vouchers 39-60) in the amount of \$42 884.41 and the Highway Fund bills (vouchers 26-35) in the amount of \$4,907.87, Councilman Fanton seconded. VOTE: Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Ellison-aye. Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED.**

SPECTRUM: Board discussed need for another dedicated line for the Justice Office. Councilman Gay shared that Spectrum could do but would raise our monthly rate dramatically. Supervisor to check on other options, such as Verizon cellular.

Councilman Gay moved to adjourn the monthly board meeting for March 2021, Councilman Ellison seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully:
Deborah J Buchholz
Town of Willing Clerk
3/8/2021