

The September 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 on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Present:** Supervisor Wightman, Councilmen: Gay, Wiedemann and Fanton, Clerk Buchholz, Highway Supt. Matteson, Code Officer Sturm, and Peter Havens, (to be appointed to fill Justin Ellison's vacated Councilman seat).

**Guests:** Residents: Karen Finnemore & Brian Newman  
Dorothy Fenske: running for Councilperson seat.

**Absent:** Bookkeeper Glass

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

**MINUTES:** Councilman Gay moved to accept the Public Hearing minutes and the Monthly Minutes for August 2021 as presented, Councilman Fanton seconded, **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

OSC Audit Update: Report released; board has 90 days to respond with corrective measures.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilman position:** Supervisor Wightman moved to appoint Peter Havens to fill the vacated Councilman seat by Justin Ellison, to complete his term which expires 12/31/2022. Councilman Fanton seconded, **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 4 ayes 0 nays **Carried.**

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Clerk Buchholz administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilman Havens.

**GUESTS:** Supervisor Wightman recognized our Guests

**Dorothy Fenske:** resident here to just observe

**Karen Finnemore & Brian Newman:** Resident's on Hallsport Road, ( Re: Feral Cats. )

-Ms. Finnemore explained to the board that she has been working on the Feral cat situation in her neighborhood for over 7 years. She has socialized and re-homed 39 cats. Explained that she believes only 5 cats are left, out of which 3 probably can be socialized. (Meaning they work with them to be able to catch them and take them to be fixed, shots given and then released.) This procedure is time intensive. At the time of tonight's meeting Linda Prusack from the SPCA had not been in contact with her. Supervisor Wightman explained the SPCA does have a low-cost program up and running. Ms. Finnemore is currently taking them to Hornell.

-She is also concerned about the speeding near her home. It's 35MPH then turns into 45 MPH, the concern is for the safety of residents, animals, and children. Councilman Wiedemann will contact Officer Howe about more patrolling in that area.

**AUDITS: CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR & PETTY CASH**

**CLERK, PETTY CASH & TAX COLLECTION ACCOUNTS 2nd Qtr. 2021 (April-June 2021) COVID Restrictions**

The Board was presented with the Clerks Check List for Review of her Petty Cash, Tax Collection and Clerk Accounts. Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursement, Accountability, Reporting, reconciliation, and

Security all in order. Councilman Fanton moved to accept the check lists as presented for the 3 accounts. Councilman Havens seconded. **VOTE:** Councilmen Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED.**

**Audit of Justice Books 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. 2021 (April-June) (covid restrictions)**

Board was presented with Justice records for the first Qtr. 2021. Cash receipts, disbursements, accountability, monthly reports, and all documentation were in order. No discrepancies noted. Councilman Gay moved to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. 2021 records as presented; Councilman Wiedemann seconded. **Vote:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED.**

**Supervisor and Bookkeepers books** will be audited at the October Board meeting

**AMISH BUGGY LIGHTS:** Councilman Havens expressed concerned about safety issue's due to lack off illumination of the Amish Buggy's in our community. Board shared that they have reached out to the Amish community and suggested Councilman Gay to reach out again. Board would Recommend reflective tape on both front and back of buggies.

Highway Supt. Matteson shared that the Amish buggy signs the county put up on Co. Rd's. 29 and 39 have been stolen.

**CORRESPONDANCE TO THE BOARD:**

- Legislator Dibble: Armstrong Cable & Cable Company in PA-Harder residence  
Currently the board declines to act on request by Mr. Dibble
- CD's came due beginning of month and automatically renew.
- NY Class Fund (\$30,000.00) statement emailed monthly
- NYMIR Insurance Set up Building Inspection with Supervisor and Superintendent

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Planning Board: Email from Mr. Dale BeeBee, Supervisor shared, well over 100 surveys have been returned.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Liaisons Report:** Verbal report, update on stolen fire truck, working on quarterly reports to be mailed to residents. Board discussed the Towns Security Camera. Supervisor Wightman moved to purchase a new Hard Drive for the camera, Councilman Gay seconded. **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

**Monthly Financial:** Accepted as presented

Clerks Report: Accepted as presented

Highway Report: Accepted as presented

Cemetery Report: Accepted as presented

Code Enforcement Report: Verbal report

Clerk to send encouraging card to Stebbins residence on Hallsport road from the board.

Assessor: Certification completed

Dog Control: accepted as presented

Police Report: Accepted as presented

Justice Report: Accepted as presented

Records Access Report: Accepted as presented

Historians Report: Accepted as presented

**PAY THE BILLS:** Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund Bills (vouchers #168-#186 and then #188 - #193) in the amount of \$10,288.46. Voucher #187 check written for incorrect amount. Highway Fund bills (vouchers #100-#117) in the amount of \$27582.54.54 Councilman Gay seconded **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

Councilman Gay moved to adjourn the September 13th, Monthly Board meeting, Councilman Havens seconded. Said meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah J Buchholz  
Town of Willing Clerk  
9/13/2021