

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenwich, Washington County, New York was held at the Town Office Building, 2 Academy Street, Greenwich, New York on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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| PRESENT: | Donald Wilbur | Supervisor |
| | Bob Jeffords | Councilman |
| | Steven Patrick | Councilman |
| | George Perkins | Councilman |
| | Eric Whitehouse | Councilman |

Others Present: Elaine Kelly, Kellie Blake, Alan Wrigley, Rick Sullivan, Stanley Mattison, Tony Basile - The Journal Press, Dawn Sharts and Jeffrey Sharts.

Supervisor Wilbur led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Clerk called the roll.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-09
Payt. of Bills 02/10/09

Resolution by Councilman Whitehouse
Seconded by Councilman Jeffords

and passed unanimously by said Board

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #9002 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from their respective funds:

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>BILL #</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
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| General Town-wide (A) Pre-pay: | 0019-0020 | \$ 812.67 |
| General Town-wide (A): | 0021-0054 | \$ 7,650.35 |
| General Outside Village (B): | 0055-0057 | \$ 545.42 |
| Special District Lighting (SL): | 0058 | \$ 1,018.65 |
| Highway Town-wide (DA) Pre-pay: | 5007 | \$ 88.55 |
| Highway Town-wide (DA): | 5008-5011 | \$32,232.72 |
| Highway Outside Village (DB): | 5012-5027 | \$ 3,728.86 |

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09
App. of Minutes 1/6 & 1/20/09

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the minutes of January 6 & 20, 2009 be approved and accepted as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Letters were received from Middle Falls Fire Department and Green Acres Tavern advising the Board that they are applying to the NYS Liquor Authority for renewal of their liquor licenses.

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2) Chamber of Commerce-Whipple City Festival: The Whipple City Festival will be held on June 19, 20 and 21, 2009. The Chamber made several requests of the Town and the following action was taken:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-09
Whipple City Festival 2009

Resolution by Councilman Jeffords
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

WHEREAS, the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Whipple City Festival on June 19, 20 and 21, 2009, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Greenwich as an additional insured in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000, the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce be granted permission for the following requests for the period of June 19 thru June 21, 2009:

Use of

- the Town parking lot for a "Fireman's Type" carnival;
- the Town lawns adjacent to Academy Street and along the parking lot for vendors and/or the carnival;
- water and electric from the Town Office Building;
 - The Commons and the adjacent electrical source for entertainment.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1) Dieter Drake - Tour of the Battenkill Bicycling Race: Not present.

2) Dawn and Jeffery Sharts addressed the Board concerning Larry Burch's proposal for a carcass composting business on Ryan Road. In question was: a) where does the issue stand; b) why is it taking so long; c) who will enforce it whether approved or denied and d) isn't the Town Board taking any responsibility in this?

Supervisor Wilbur stated a) that the issue is still before the Planning Board and they (the Planning Board) had provided Mr. Burch with a list of requirements that still needed to be addressed; b) Mr. Burch had not always provided things in a timely manner thus prolonging the time line; c) the Code Enforcement Officer will enforce it either way; d) at this time it is still in the hands of the Planning Board; Councilman Jeffords stated that it will be the Town Board's responsibility to make sure the Code Enforcement Officer is doing his job. It was also noted that the Planning Board has until February 18th (62 days after the public hearing) to make a decision on Mr. Burch's application unless he asks for an extension, which he has not done as of yet. If no extension is requested, the Planning Board will make a decision at the workshop meeting on February 12, 2009.

REPORTS:

1) Greenwich Fire Department Report: Activity reports for December 2008 and January 2009 were received from the Greenwich Fire Department.

2) Planning Board Report: Board members received the minutes of the Planning Board meetings that were held on January 8 & 15, 2009 as well as the minutes of the ZBA meeting that was held on January 20, 2009.

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3) Assessor Report from Assessor Colleen Adamec: *This letter is a recap of my office. We are busy getting the exemption renewals into our office. They are due by March 1, 2009. Next week we will be calling the people we have not heard from. I am currently working on values. The commercials that are low are being raised this year. I am also looking at all the properties, if their assessed value varies \$20,000 or more from the sales comparables, I am reviewing and possibly changing them. This will give us a better Coefficient of Dispersion (COD). It makes it more fair and equitable to all. By next month I should have a better idea on how many have changed. I will be out collecting new construction very shortly.*

4) Code Enforcement Report: No building permits had been issued during the month of January.

5) Highway Report by Highway Superintendent Rick Sullivan:

- 2124.4 gallons of fuel used in January.
- Tough month with the ice storms which caused for alot of repairs; woodstove is still not working well.
- Highway garage is in need of insulation. 1" foam board for 9 overhead doors would cost \$310; weather-stripping for 9 doors would cost \$990 and four overhead fans would cost \$380 for a total of \$1680 plus installation costs for the fans. Rick stated that this can wait until next year.
- Highway employees did an outstanding job during December and January.
- Truck G-8 needs its 3-stage telescopic cylinder repaired. Quotes were as follows:

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| Capital Tractor | \$1275 |
| Reed's Hydraulics | \$ 955 |
| T & T | \$1200 |

RESOLUTION NO. 15-09
Highway Truck G-8 Repair

Resolution by Councilman Patrick
Seconded by Councilman Perkins

and passed unanimously by said Board,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Reed Hydraulics to repair a 3-stage telescopic cylinder on Truck G-8 at a cost of \$955.00.

6) Supervisor Report: Supervisor Wilbur reported that he had spent the last two days at a New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) conference. Governor David Patterson gave a very bleak outlook for the State budget stating that the State has never been in such bad shape. CHIPS funding to the Counties is estimated to decrease by 26% this year and the funding to the Town looks to decrease by 42%. Last year the Town received approximately \$150,000 so this year's funding could fall to around \$87,000. Paving projects for 2009 will definitely be affected.

Clerk to Supervisor Kellie Blake distributed the 2008 Financial Report to the Board members.

7) Youth Report: Councilman Perkins stated that the Youth Committee will begin its work early this year due to NYS Youth Camp guidelines that need to be met. Discussion on the new requirements, additional paperwork, etc. will take place at their first meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 3:30 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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1) ZBA Alternate Member Vacancy. An advertisement to fill a 4-year Alternate Member position on the ZBA was published for 2 weeks but no applications were received. It was decided to advertise for an additional two weeks.

2) A letter was received from NYS Department of Transportation regarding the Town's speed limit request for Snell Drive. DOT researched their records and noted that Snell Drive is already located within the boundaries of an existing 30 mph speed limit that was established by their office in 1979.

During their investigation, they noted that there has been additional residential development to the west of the existing 30 mph area speed limit. Thus, they have amended the area 30 mph speed limit to include the additional development. DOT also observed some inconsistencies in the posted speed limit signs throughout that area and requested that the Town review the signage to be in conformance with the current National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

A second letter was then received detailing the area description for the 30 MPH speed limit. Councilman Perkins spoke with DOT to verify the boundaries so the correct signs would be in place.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion by Councilman Perkins
Seconded by Councilman Whitehouse

and passed unanimously by said Board,

that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Kelly, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk