

The November 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 November 8th, 2021, at 7pm.

Present: Supervisor Wightman, Councilmen: Gay, Wiedemann, Fanton and Havens, Sue Merkwa (DCO), Brady Sturm (CEO), Highway Supt. Matteson and Clerk Buchholz.

Absent: Bookkeeper Glass

Guests: Dorothy Fenske (Councilwoman Elect 2022) and Legislator Wm. Dibble from District 111

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

MINUTES: Councilman Havens moved to accept the Monthly minutes from October 2021 as presented. Councilman Gay seconded. **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye, Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays Carried

INTERNAL AUDITS FOR 3rd QTR. 2021 (COVID RESTRICTIONS)

Clerk: 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 Gay moved to accept books as presented, Councilman Wiedemann seconded. **VOTE:** Councilmen Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye, and Supervisor Wightman-aye. 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED.**

JUSTICE: Board was presented with Justice checklist for the 3rd Qtr. 2021. Cash receipts, disbursements, accountability, monthly reports, and all documentation were in order. No discrepancies noted. Councilman Fanton moved to accept the 3rd qtr. 2021 records as presented, Councilman Havens seconded. **VOTE:** Councilman Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye. Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED**

SUPERVISOR: Board was presented with the Supervisor books for the 3rd Qtr. 2021. Cash receipts, deposits, disbursements, accountability, reconciliation of Bank records, all documentation appears to be in order. No discrepancies noted. Councilman Wiedemann moved to accept the Supervisors Books as presented, Councilman Gay seconded. **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye Fanton-aye, Havens-aye. 4ayes 0 nays 1 abstention **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Information regarding new Amendment to Public Officers Law-posting of items relating for open public meetings. Clerk to get clarification
- Assoc. of Towns-yearly invoice, Training for new Officers-(virtual) Clerk to give to newly appointed and elected officers

-Tax Exemption for 65 and older limited incomes. Board discussed:

Resolution #15: Motion by Councilman Havens to raise the partial tax exemption for the Town of Willing from \$9,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Councilman Wiedemann seconded. **VOTE:**

Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye. Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

2022 Budget: Resolution #16. Councilman Fanton moved to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. Councilman Gay seconded. **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye. Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays 2022 Final Budget **CARRIED.** Clerk to take to County.

GUESTS: At this time Supervisor Wightman recognized Legislator William Dibble.

Mr. Dibble reminded the board of the upcoming District 111 meeting on 11/18 7pm at the Genesee Library.

-He presented maps, and quotes to encourage the Town of Willing to apply for \$20,108.50 from the American Rescue Plan for the Robert Harder/ Knox farm Fiber broadband build project. This would require new underground fiber between Nat. Grid electric poles to the PA Rural Electric poles up on the 11 mile towards Millport. Armstrong is rebuilding infrastructure of RGE & Nat. Grid. Board suggested that Mr. Harder see if he could connect with the Tower in Alma using LSTAR. Board will discuss further as this involves property located in the Town of Alma.

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDANCE:

-11/18/21 Zoom meeting Waterfront Development-supervisor to send to planning board as well.

--Notification of possible sale to DEC of taxable property located on the Mapes Road

-National Grid Proposal of new rates

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

-**Highway:** Met on 11/1/2021 Discussed future projects. Accepted as presented.

-**Planning:** Met on 10/25/21 Review of open meeting laws, continuing work on Solar Local Law. Accepted as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Dept. Verbal Report accepted

Financial: None

Clerks: Accepted as presented

Highway: Accepted as presented (new truck being built end of Nov.)

Cemetery: Accepted as presented (help from County-2 trees cut/new pipe installed at York's Cemetery. No cost to town.

Code Enforcement: Verbal Report accepted Supervisor shared that whether cash deal or bank loan, septic's are inspected.

Assessor: none

DCO: verbal accepted as presented

Police: Councilman Wiedemann shared recent email from BJ Howe. Has been out with COVID. Police car needs muffler, brakes, check Power steering issue.

Highway Dept. will do all except for the muffler.

Justice: accepted as presented

Records Access: accepted as presented

Historians: accepted as presented

Pay the Monthly Bills: Councilman Fanton moved to pay the General Fund Monthly bills (vouchers #211 to #228) in the amount of \$7,533.18 and the Highway Fund bills (vouchers #127 to #137) in the amount of \$13,914.43. Councilman Gay seconded. **VOTE:** Councilmen: Gay-aye, Wiedemann-aye, Fanton-aye, Havens-aye. Supervisor Wightman-aye 5 ayes 0 nays **CARRIED.**

Board discussed the dedicated telephone line for the Justice Office and what can be done to resolve that situation with the Fire Alarm System. Councilman Gay shared that he would talk with the Willing Fire Chief and see if there are other alarm systems available to use. In the meantime the clerk will contact our maintenance person to see if he is available to run the telephone line thru the ceiling.

Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the monthly board meeting for November 2021, Councilman Gay seconded and said meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah J Buchholz

Town of Willing Clerk

11/8/2021