

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
Town of Westfield
July 1st, 2009**

Supervisor Bills called the meeting to order at 7:32pm in Eason Hall, 23 Elm Street, Westfield, NY, with the following members and guests present:

Supervisor:	Martha R. Bills	Alex Gerould	Janet Nass	Joel Seachrist
Councilmen:	Raymond Schuster	Jim Pacanowski	Harold Nass	
	David Brown	Claude Abbey	Cheryl Gulvin	
	Carl Vilaro, Jr.	David Babcock	Fred Johnson	
		Marybelle Beigh	Jennifer Johnson	

Raymond Schuster moved and David Brown seconded a motion to waive the reading of the minutes inasmuch as all members received a copy thereof and that the minutes be approved. Unanimously carried.

The Town Clerk's report together with a check in the amount of \$8862.35 representing fees for the month of June 2009 was turned over to the Supervisor. State and County agencies received checks totaling \$2429.55.

The Supervisor's report is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Checking Balance</u>	<u>HSBC - MM Balance</u>
Gen. A	\$497,509.00	\$253,459.00	\$8466.00	\$832,766.88
Gen B	82,148.00	38,019.00	55.72	114,567.89
Hwy DA	238,170.00	123,457.00	198.62	315,735.95
Hwy DB	110,018.00	166,808.00	533.88	234,415.10
Sewer HO1	22,265.00	21,259.00	-0-	17,530.28
Water HO2	41,890.00	33,765.00	-0-	96,110.18
Wfd. Fire	68,821.00	-0-	-0-	69,532.49
Sherm. Fire	8,020.00	7,858.00	-0-	435.96
Totals:	\$1,068,841.00	\$644,625.00	\$9,254.78	\$1,681,094.73

The Dog Warden's report for June 2009 was received and placed on file.

The Fire Department Report for June 2009 was not available.

The Historian's report for June 2009 was received and placed on file.

The Town Court report for June 2009 was received and placed on file.

Highway:

- The Town Highway Superintendent provided a written report and highlighted the summer work currently being done (Blacktopping, mowing, weed eating, etc.).

Code Enforcement:

- The Code Enforcement Officer submitted a written report for June 2009 and highlighted that 20 permits were issued in the Town, along with 17 Inspections, and 9 complaint inspections.

Barcelona Harbor:

- The Pier continues to be open daily. The "Place Mat" ad submitted for the harbor has been completed and distributed. There was a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers at the Lighthouse to discuss current and future needs of the harbor. Also discussed was a Video Teleconference with other Lake Erie harbors sponsored by the Army Corps and attended by the Harbor Master and Town Supervisor.

In Public Comment, Mrs. Janet Nass read (and submitted in hard copy) a request that the Town Board require Westfield-Ripley Wind LLC to provide proof it has signed a Wind Industry Ethics Code.

Announcements:

- Supervisor Bills announced that 'First Friday' is July 3rd, 2009.
- It was announced that the Transfer Station will be open July 4th, 2009.
- Celebrate Westfield, July 11th, 2009
- WACS Reunion Spirit Day Celebration (Pier), July 12th, 2009.
- Tire Amnesty on-going through 7/10/2009.

Old Business:

- Supervisor Bills provided a project update including the East Main Road water project, the fact that work on the DEIS continues for the Wind Project, and that a Grant workplan for the Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt Management Plan is ready to be submitted to the NYS DOS.
- A new Dog control officer will be selected in the near future and will work for the Town.
- It was decided to hang onto the Town's voting machines.

New Business:

- David Brown offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No. 33 of 2009
Approval for WFD Training Exercise (7820 Portage Rd.)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Westfield hereby authorizes the Westfield Fire Department to conduct a controlled burn of the facility at 7820 Portage Road as a training exercise.

This was seconded by Raymond Schuster. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilardo, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye.

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- Raymond Schuster offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No. 34 of 2009

Acceptance of Final Report of Records Inventory and Destruction Authorization

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Westfield hereby accepts the Final Report of the Records Inventory and authorizes destruction of identified duplicate copies, obsolete correspondence, and interim reports that do not have a long-term retention requirement.

This was seconded by Carl Vilardo. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilardo, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye.

- Raymond Schuster offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No. 35 of 2009

Great Lakes Harbors Coalition Membership

WHEREAS, there are approximately 120 federally authorized small Great Lakes harbors; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is responsible for maintaining boater access to these harbors through adequate dredging and maintenance of navigation infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as maintenance); and

WHEREAS, small harbors perform other valuable functions such as ports of refuge during inclement weather, ports for U.S. Coast Guard rescue stations, ports for law enforcement, ports for commercial fleets, ports for Great Lakes research vessels, and ferry terminals; and

WHEREAS, many of the 120 federally authorized small harbors in the Great Lakes require regular maintenance because of natural sedimentation, low water levels, storm events, and littoral drift, among other factors; and

WHEREAS, longstanding federal policy prevents the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from allocating funds for the maintenance of small harbors in its operation and maintenance budget for the Great Lakes, thus forcing these harbors to seek Congressional assistance or “earmarks” to secure funds for maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this inefficient, inequitable system has resulted in maintenance backlogs that have hindered, or in some cases totally blocked access to Great Lakes small harbors, causing significant economic loss and increased risk to human health and safety; and

WHEREAS, small harbors in the Great Lakes have not, to date, had an organization through which to unite and speak with one voice to address concerns about maintenance and other shared interests to federal and state agencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield supports and commits to being a member of the Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield urges the Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition to advocate for a more equitable, sustainable, needs-based system to allocate funds for adequate maintenance of small Great Lakes harbors.

This was seconded by David Brown. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilardo, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye.

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- David Brown offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No. 36 of 2009
Authorization for the Supervisor to Sign Agreement with NYS DOS
(Concord Grape Belt Heritage Area Management Plan)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Westfield hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the NYS DOS in order to execute the Concord Grape Belt Heritage Area Management Plan.

This was seconded by Carl Vilaro. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilaro, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye.

Martha Bills moved and Carl Vilaro seconded a motion that the Supervisor be directed to draw the necessary checks to cover the warrant as audited. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilaro, aye.

At 8:50pm Supervisor Bills moved and David Brown seconded a motion to move to Executive Session to in order to discuss a proposal for acquisition or lease of Real Property. Unanimously carried.

At 9:05pm Supervisor Bills moved and David Brown seconded a motion to return to regular session. Unanimously carried.

- Raymond Schuster offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No. 37 of 2009
Authorization for the Supervisor to Retain an Appraiser

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, Town of Westfield hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to retain Bruce Robinson to appraise certain properties at a price not to exceed \$600.

This was seconded by David Brown. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilaro, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye.

The next Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th, 2009 @ 7:30pm.

There being no further business, at 9:15pm Carl Vilaro moved and Martha Bills seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Timothy C. Smith, Town Clerk