

**PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Westfield
October 7th, 2009
(Westfield Fire District)**

Supervisor Bills called the public hearing to order at 7:20pm in Eason Hall, 23 Elm Street, Westfield, NY, with the following members and guests present:

Supervisor:	Martha R. Bills	David Babcock	Sara Herrman	Claire Quadri
Councilmen:	Raymond Schuster	Marybelle Beigh	Claude Abbey	David Spann
	David Brown	Joel Seachrist	Lyle Holland	Steve Rednicki
	Carl Vilaro, Jr.	Jim Pacanowski	Jack Gulvin	Herb Marker
	James Herbert			

Supervisor Bills explained that the Public Hearing was being held to hear all persons in regard to the proposed Westfield Fire District Budget of \$66,699 for 2010. This is a slight decrease from 2009. She provided a brief description of the budget highlighting that as always this was split with the Village. There were some questions from the audience which were answered satisfactorily.

There being no further business, David Brown moved and Martha Bills seconded the motion that the public hearing be closed at 7:24pm. This was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
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Timothy C. Smith, Town Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Westfield
October 7th, 2009
(Sherman Fire District)**

Supervisor Bills called the public hearing to order at 7:25pm in Eason Hall, 23 Elm Street, Westfield, NY, with the following members and guests present:

Supervisor:	Martha R. Bills	David Babcock	Sara Herrman	Claire Quadri
Councilmen:	Raymond Schuster	Marybelle Beigh	Claude Abbey	David Spann
	David Brown	Joel Seachrist	Lyle Holland	Steve Rednicki
	Carl Vilaro, Jr.	Jim Pacanowski	Jack Gulvin	Herb Marker
	James Herbert			

Supervisor Bills explained that the Public Hearing was being held to hear all persons in regard to the proposed Sherman Fire District Budget of \$8700 for 2010. She stated the budget reflects an increase from the previous year and highlighted that the Stanley Hose Company has not increased the rate in 3 years. They requested a 10% increase, the amount to remain the same for 3 years. There were some questions from the audience which were answered satisfactorily.

There being no further business, James Herbert moved and Raymond Schuster seconded the motion that the public hearing be closed at 7:29pm. This was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
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Timothy C. Smith, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Town of Westfield
October 7th, 2009

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:30pm in Eason Hall, 23 Elm Street, Westfield, NY, with the following members and guests present:

Supervisor:	Martha R. Bills	David Babcock	Sara Herrman	Claire Quadri
Councilmen:	Raymond Schuster	Marybelle Beigh	Claude Abbey	David Spann
	David Brown	Joel Seachrist	Lyle Holland	Steve Rednicki
	Carl Vilardo, Jr.	Jim Pacanowski	Jack Gulvin	Herb Marker
	James Herbert			

The Town Clerk's report together with a check in the amount of \$4218.09 representing fees for the month of September 2009 was turned over to the Supervisor. State and County agencies received checks totaling \$5801.13.

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	\$516,423.00	\$379,647.00	\$8471.41	\$744,953.18
Gen B	85,389.00	52,876.00	55.72	100,452.09
Hwy DA	238,568.00	142,660.00	198.62	316,728.26
Hwy DB	200,198.00	353,761.00	533.88	71,861.38
Sewer HO1	22,287.00	24,650.00	-0-	14,453.62
Water HO2	42,010.00	38,788.00	-0-	91,207.63
Wfd. Fire	68,909.00	-0-	-0-	69,620.82
Sherm. Fire	8,020.00	7,858.00	-0-	163.10
Totals:	\$1,181,804.00	\$1,000,240.00	\$9,259.63	\$1,409,440.15

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

The Fire Department Report for September 2009 was received and placed on file.

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

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

Highway:

- The Town Highway Superintendent provided a written report for September 2009 and highlighted current projects which included the progress for the East Main Road Water Project and clean up of debris from recent wind storms.

Code Enforcement:

- The Code Enforcement Officer submitted a written report for September 2009 highlighting that 13 inspections were done, 7 permits issued, and 1 Certificate of Occupancy issued.

Barcelona Harbor:

- Pier operations from a Town perspective have ceased for 2009. Jim Herbert that there is one more Harbor Commission meeting scheduled.

In Public Comment, there were no questions.

Announcements: No announcements.

Old Business:

- Supervisor Bills set a Budget Hearing for November 4th, 2009 at 7:20pm to review the Town's tentative 2010 Budget.
- Supervisor Bills also provided updates on projects including the East Main Road water project which began in mid-September, the fact that work on the DEIS continues for the Wind Project, and the status of Grants in support of the Lakefront Plan.
- Martha Bills moved that Edward LeBarron and David Babcock be appointed as Safety Officers while Edward LeBarron be appointed as Technical Inspector for the East Main Road Water. This seconded by David Brown. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilardo, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye; and James Herbert, aye.

New Business:

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

Resolution No. 47 of 2009
Heritage Area Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield, in partnership with the Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association, Inc., ("Association") is preparing a Heritage Area Management Plan for the Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt Heritage Area pursuant to Section 35.03(1)(s) of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to produce the Management Plan by the Office of Coastal Management, Local Government and Community Sustainability of New York's Department of State, and

WHEREAS, the Association's advisory committee has reviewed several proposals from consultants to assist with the plan and anticipates hiring one or more consultant in the near future, and

WHEREAS, as part of the grant conditions the Town Supervisor will be required to execute an agreement with the consultant(s) selected,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the firm or firms selected by the Association to provide the necessary consulting services during the preparation of the Association's Heritage Area Management Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the New York State Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Project #1237PW93-08 (East Main Road).

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

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

Resolution No. 48 of 2009
Support of Westfield Memorial Hospital

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has mandated that by June 30, 2010 the Westfield Memorial Hospital must close its emergency room and convert to a 12-hour urgent care facility, and

WHEREAS, an urgent care facility with limited hours would not be able to accept ambulances carrying patients in true emergency circumstances, and those patients would have to be transported instead to emergency rooms in Dunkirk, New York, Jamestown, New York, or Erie, Pennsylvania, all more than 30 minutes from Westfield in the best of weather, and

WHEREAS, the mandate would impose a severe hardship on the elderly, our significant Amish population, and anyone else in need of immediate medical attention, by delaying the provision of such treatment, it inevitably will result in greater injury or loss of life that could have been avoided with the immediate attention available at a true emergency care facility in Westfield, and

WHEREAS, the emergency room is a vital part of the Town of Westfield's economy, providing employment to more than 50 people, and its closure would have a severe negative effect on the tax base of the Town of Westfield in a time of economic downturn,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Westfield believes it is imperative for the health and welfare of its constituents and the surrounding area that Westfield Memorial Hospital continue to provide emergency room services and that the quality of life in our community will be imperiled without access to this critical facility, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Westfield strongly urges the Department of Health to re-examine the life-safety impact of this decision and withdraw its mandate.

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

David Brown moved and Carl Vilaro seconded a motion that Amanda Ferguson be appointed as a Town Dog Control Officer. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilaro, aye; and James Herbert, aye.

A Public Hearing was set for November 4th, 2009 at 7:25pm in Eason Hall based on a request from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ceci to extend an existing SUP for 1 year.

Martha Bills moved and James Herbert seconded a motion authorizing the bookkeeper to attend a Software Update seminar on the 19th of October 2009 in Rochester. Voting was as follows: Martha Bills, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye; David Brown, aye; Carl Vilaro, aye; and James Herbert, 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; and James Herbert, aye.

The next Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 @ 7:30pm.

There being no further business, at 8:50pm David Brown moved and Martha Bills seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Timothy C. Smith, Town Clerk