

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Town of Westfield
December 7, 2016

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

Supervisor:	Martha R. Bills	David Babcock	David Cochran
Dep. Sup:	David Brown	Tom Tarpley	William Bauer
Councilmen:	Raymond Schuster	Marybelle Beigh	Ann Kneer
	James Herbert	Nancy Walker	Ed Kneer
	David Spann	Carol Landon	

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Raymond Schuster made the motion to waive the reading of the November 2 and November 16th, 2016 minutes inasmuch as all members received a copy thereof and the minutes be accepted. Councilman David Spann seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk's report together with a check in the amount of \$2527.58 representing fees for the month of November 2016 was turned over to the Supervisor. State agencies received checks totaling \$1192.72.

The Supervisor's report is as of October 2016 follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Checking Balance</u>	<u>MM Balance</u>
Gen. A	\$648,455.71	\$473,692.10	\$16,118.41	911,073.92
Gen B	76,699.32	65,459.71	75.18	72,035.52
Hwy DA	311,663.67	316,909.90	385.59	424,449.50
Hwy DB	234,681.80	404,177.54	737.64	56,641.80
FP SS1	23,629.50	24,141.56	-0-	3,741.39
FP SW1	15,618.68	16,777.07	-0-	43,972.05
EWSW2	65.54	-0-	-0-	53,524.07
SHSW3	4.76	39.25	-0-	3,871.43
ER20SW4	1,958.31	-0-	-0-	6,782.30
BSW5	50,961.46	41,391.74	-0-	19,633.95
Wfd. Fire	54,066.94	-0-	-0-	54,665.85
Sherm. Fire	9,860.04	9,788.27	-0-	180.01
Totals:	\$1,427,665.73	\$1,352,377.14	\$17,316.82	\$1,650,571.79

The Dog Warden's report for November 2016 was received and placed on file.

The Fire Department Report for November 2016 was received and placed on file.

The Historian's report for November 2016 was available and placed on file.

The Town Court report for November 2016 was received and placed on file.

Highway:

- The Town Highway Superintendent provided a written report for November 2016 and highlighted current projects which included roadside mowing, sand and salt mixed, and fuel usage.
- Highway Superintendent requests the Town board to authorize the sale of the dog control officer's car, the 1990 Ford Crown Vic LTD. Deputy Supervisor David Brown made the motion to go out to bid and Councilman David Spann seconded. Unanimously carried.
- Highway Superintendent requests board approval to order a Cat Case Loader after January 1st, 2017. The Highway Supervisor has received 3 bids from the State bid list. The Highway Superintendent is requesting approval for A 2017 John Deere 624K-II 4WD loader less trade value of \$125,000.00 with a difference of \$38,425.34 to be paid in the year of 2017. Deputy Supervisor David Brown made the motion to allow and Councilman Raymond Schuster seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Martha Bills commended the Highway department for completing the Barcelona, Hamlet project work.

Code Enforcement:

- December report has not yet been received

Barcelona Harbor:

- Pier operations are closed for 2016.
- Dean Marine continues to work on the breakwall, weather dependent.

Public Comment:

- Tom Tarpley commended Code Enforcement officer Bonnie Rae Strickland for a job well done. An abandoned old truck has been removed from the old bowling alley located in Barcelona.
- North Gale residents asked about the status of Bentley Tree Care.

Supervisor Bills made the following announcements:

- Town Employee Christmas party Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Noon

Old Business:

Project updates:

- Hamlet Grant, paperwork has been completed and filed with the State for payment
- Shorehaven, response has been received that the project may move forward starting early spring with funding approval.

New Business:

Councilman Raymond Schuster offered the following resolution and moved its adoption

Resolution No. 52 of 2016
Town of Westfield
2017 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	Monday, January 2
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20
Good Friday	Friday, April 14
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29
4 th of July	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 4
Columbus Day	Monday, October 9
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25
Day after Christmas	Tuesday, December 26

This was seconded by Councilman David Spann. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Martha Bills, aye; Deputy Supervisor David Brown; aye; Councilman Raymond Schuster, aye; Councilman James Herbert, aye; Councilman David Spann, aye

Councilman David Spann offered the following resolution and moved its adoption

Resolution No. 53 of 2016
Town of Westfield

Authorize the supervisor to execute a new water supply agreement with the Village of Westfield

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a new water supply agreement with the Village of Westfield to extend the existing agreement for no more than 45 years.

This was seconded by Councilman James Herbert. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Martha Bills, aye; Deputy Supervisor David Brown; aye; Councilman Raymond Schuster, aye; Councilman James Herbert, aye; Councilman David Spann, aye

Councilman Raymond Schuster offered the following resolution and moved its adoption

Resolution No. 54 of 2016
Town of Westfield
CHIPS Funding

WHEREAS, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York’s travelling public and its economy; and

WHEREAS, 85% of New York’s roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and

WHEREAS, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally transportation assets means that they beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, estimates by the State Comptroller, DOT and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the state are rated structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be \$89 billion in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own 15 year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of \$1.3 billion for the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

WHEREAS, funding for our local system has been far short of what is needed and we’ve fallen further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990’s the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems’ capital programs; and

WHEREAS, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed that the NYSDOT and MTA five year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

WHEREAS, through 2005-09, both five-year capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a five-year capital program for the MTA but not the DOT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield calls upon the Governor and the state Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges; and increase CHIPS funding in the 2017-18 state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield calls upon the Governor and members of the state Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT five-year transportation capital plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield calls upon the Governor and members of the state Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT five-year programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

This was seconded by Councilman David Spann. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Martha Bills, aye; Deputy Supervisor David Brown; aye; Councilman Raymond Schuster, aye; Councilman James Herbert, aye; Councilman David Spann, aye

Supervisor Martha Bills offered the following resolution and moved its adoption

**Resolution #55 of 2016
Town of Westfield
Special meeting**

Set special meeting to audit remaining December vouchers for 2016, on Thursday December 15th, 2016 at 11:30am

This was seconded by Councilman Raymond Schuster. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Martha Bills, aye; Deputy Supervisor David Brown; aye; Councilman Raymond Schuster, aye; Councilman James Herbert, aye; Councilman David Spann, aye

Supervisor Martha Bills offered the following resolution and moved its adoption

**Resolution #56 of 2016
Town of Westfield**

Move January 4th, 2017 Town board meeting to the following week, January 11th, 2017

This was seconded by Councilman Raymond Schuster. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Martha Bills, aye; Deputy Supervisor David Brown; aye; Councilman Raymond Schuster, aye; Councilman James Herbert, aye; Councilman David Spann, aye

Warrants dated December 7th, 2016 (voucher #'s 298-353) in the amount of \$206,988.02 were drawn on the following funds:

General	\$78,229.14	Shorehaven Water Project	\$5.55
General Part-Town	\$16,168.33	Westfield FD	\$54,000.00
Highway	\$40,255.55	Sherman FD	\$0.00
Highway Part-Town	\$18,308.81	Barcelona Water	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$20.64	Welch Building	\$0.00
		Welch Building Plantrol	\$0.00
		Barcelona Water	\$0.00

Warrants dated December 7th, 2016 (voucher #'s 61-76) in the amount of \$36,273.34 were drawn on the following funds:

Welch Bldg Operating \$36,273.34

These were presented and audited by the Board members. James Herbert moved and Martha Bills 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; James Herbert, aye; Raymond Schuster, aye; David Brown, aye; David Spann, aye.

The next Town Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11th, 2017 @ 7:30pm.

At 8:20pm Supervisor Bills moved and David Brown seconded a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Unanimously carried.

At 8:45pm David Spann moved and Raymond Schuster seconded a motion to return to regular session. Unanimously carried.

There being no further business, at 8:48pm James Herbert moved and Raymond Schuster seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Andrea L. Babcock, Town

Clerk