

Town of Essex

Board Meeting

July 14, 2016, 6:00pm

Supervisor Gardner called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:	Present	Excused
	Councilperson LaPine	Councilperson Garvey
	Councilperson LaForest	
	Councilperson Schueller	
	Supervisor Gardner	

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to the audience. Ken Hughes gave an update of Essex Initiatives and commented on the paving in the town. Jan Terlouw talked of the Open House for Rev. and Mrs. Hunn. She asked if the state would be mowing down the Wild Mustard. Brad said they would be here next week.

Supervisor Gardner asked for a motion to accept the minutes of June 9, 2016. A motion was made by James LaForest, seconded by Claire LaPine to accept the minutes of June 9, 2016.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson LaPine	Yes
Councilperson Garvey	Excused
Councilperson LaForest	Yes
Councilperson Schueller	Yes
Supervisor Gardner	Yes

Supervisor Gardner explained that the Town Clerk had discovered some missing items from 2014-2015. One being that the board approved the union contract but there was no resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract.

Resolution 52-2016 Negotiations were completed in November of 2014 with the Teamsters Local #294. The resolution authorizing the supervisor to sign has not been located.

Therefore, this resolution is to post-authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Teamsters Local #294 on November 11, 2014.

Motion Made By: Gretel Schueller Second By: James LaForest

Roll Call Vote:	Councilperson LaPine	Yes
	Councilperson Garvey	Excused
	Councilperson LaForest	yes
	Councilperson Schueller	yes
	Supervisor Gardner	yes

Resolution 53-2016 is being offered to congratulate Dellandy Christian, daughter of Donald and Tammy of Essex, NY.

WHEREAS: Dellandy Christian, daughter of Donald and Tammy Christian of Essex, New York both employees of the Town of Essex.

WHEREAS: Dellandy has attended Willsboro Central School since Kindergarten, possessing outstanding grades through here high school years.

WHEREAS: Dellandy on June 24, 2016 graduated from Willsboro Central School as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2016.

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Essex wishes to congratulate Dellandy, and her parents on her dedication to strive to be the top honor student of Willsboro Centrals Class of 2016.

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Unanimous Second

All in Favor Councilperson LaPine
 Councilperson Garvey
 Councilperson LaForest
 Councilperson Schueller
 Supervisor Gardner

Supervisor Gardner explained that in preparing some NYS Retirement info it was discovered that the wrong wages were used in Resolution 2 for the highway crew. Claire LaPine thought the new numbers were incorrect.

Resolution 54-2016 is being made to amend Resolution 2-2016. The hourly wages for the following were incorrectly stated and should be corrected to the following as per the Teamster Union Contract to be verified after examining the contract :

Highway HEW	\$18.46
Highway HEW Overtime	\$27.69
Highway Shop Steward	\$15.82
Highway Shop Steward Overtime	\$23.73

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Second By: Gretel Schuller

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Resolution 55-2016 is being made to amend Resolution 20-2016. The salary for the following positions were changed in error with Resolution 20-2016 and this is to restore them to the original wages in Resolution 2-2016 as follows:

Secretary to the Supervisor	\$13,500
Bookkeeper to the Supervisor	\$13,500

Motion Made By: Gretel Schueller

Second By: James LaForest

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Resolution 56-2016 is being made to transfer the following line items in the budget:

FROM: 80101.01 Zoning Personnel
To: 80104.01 Zoning Contractual Expense
AMOUNT: \$6240.98

This is to cover the Shared Services Contract for Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer.

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Motion Made By: James LaForest

Second By: Claire LaPine

Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine		x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused		
Councilperson LaForest		x	
Councilperson Schueller		x	
Supervisor Gardner		x	

Supervisor Gardner asked the Town Clerk to read the letter of resignation. A motion by James Laforest to accept with deep and humble regrets the resignation of Olive Alexander from the Town of Essex Planning. Seconded by Gretel Schueller. All in favor no nays.

Resolution 57-2016 is being made to fill the vacancy on the planning board with the term ending 12/31/2016 to Jan Fortune.

Motion Made By: Gretel Schueller

Second By: Claire LaPine

Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine		x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused		
Councilperson LaForest		x	
Councilperson Schueller		x	
Supervisor Gardner		x	

Resolution 58-2016 is being made to transfer the following line items in the budget:

From: 81604.01 Refuse/Garbage CE

TO: 81612.01 Site Monitoring

AMOUNT: \$600.00

This was included in budget but not put in right line. This is the old dump monitoring.

Motion Made By: Gretel Schueller

Second By: James LaForest

Roll Call Vote:		Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine		x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused		
Councilperson LaForest		x	
Councilperson Schueller		x	
Supervisor Gardner		x	

Supervisor Gardner asked the Town Clerk to read a letter from Neely Fortune and a thank you from the Essex Fire Department.

The town clerk handed out some draft policies for Employee Rime and Peddling and soliciting. These will be brought up at the next meeting for approval.

Supervisor Gardner explained that he and Brad looked at a new riding lawn mower just before the 4th. The one the town was using could not be fixed. They went to Mountain View, Dragoons and Taylor Rental. All had state contract prices. Prices ranged from \$4400 to \$2100. We purchased from Taylor Rental \$2100, which was a larger mower.

Supervisor Gardner asked Brad French to give the board an update on the fuel tanks. Brad said that the DEC had condemned the fuel tanks a few years ago. They were here just this week and all our current tanks are perfect. The town now has to remove the old tanks. We have three quotes for removal, cleanup and the paperwork

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needed. Zebra Tec came in at around \$9000, Steven Fuller was \$2,700(for just the removal) and MC Environmental Service at \$4,000. It was noted that none of these included a cost if there is contamination in the ground under the tanks.

Claire LaPine made a motion and James LaForest seconded, to allow the supervisor to sign a contract with MCES for the removal of the fuel tanks at the town shed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Supervisor Gardner informed all that he just heard from the attorneys that the closing on the Old Stone Church will happen September 1st.

Water update: We now have to do another pump test because of the turbidity in the 2 wells. Tina has done an excellent job in keeping our other system running smoothly. We will shortly not have to post the EPA letter about the water. James LaForest suggest that we sent a letter of commendation to Tina.

Claire LaPine reported that the Grange Committee met and the Grange is asking to be put on the agenda for next month. They are currently seeking bids for a new furnace.

Tom Stransky asked if he could make a comment. He wanted to praise the road work that has happened here in town.

James LaForest made and Claire LaPine seconded a motion to pay Abstract #7 totaling \$52,050.90.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Councilperson Schueller	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Supervisor Gardner made a motion to go into executive session to discuss current litigation. Motion seconded by Gretel Schueller.

Claire LaPine made the motion to come out of executive session seconded by Gretel Schueller.

James LaForest made a motion to adjourn..

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk