

## Town of Essex

### Town Board Meeting

June 11, 2015 7:00pm

Supervisor Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Supervisor Edward Gardner  
Councilperson Claire LaPine  
Councilperson Brian Garvey  
Councilperson Mark Wrisley  
Councilperson James LaForest

Supervisor Gardner asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for May 14, 2015 meetings.

Supervisor Gardner opened the floor to public: Anita Shapiro asked what was happening with the water. Supervisor Gardner reported that we were still negotiating on getting a lease (right to drill for water) signed with Hickory Hill.

Tom Stransky wanted to know what shared services the board was working on with Willsboro. Been reading about EMS, highway dept. Supervisor Gardner explained the process for the EMS District and what requirements there are. As for the highway, that will not happen because Willsboro wants to share the services with the school which puts it beyond where could put a building up.

Whallonsburg Civic Association, Stephanie Beneng, stated that the grange put out an official bid and received three bids, passing out the bids. She stated that they were looking for approval to go with the lowest bidder. Board approved the lowest bidder who is Gigous Construction, with a bid of \$11,000.00. She also stated that their report will be turned in after their quarterly meeting.

Discussion on possible purchase of a water leak detector for Water Department. Bryan asked what the difference between the cost and what they do. Supervisor Gardner reported that the lower to mid-level priced ones are more appropriate. The more costly ones are also harder to use. Mark stated that having 4 or 5 leaks a year this would make the purchase cost saving. Claire asked what Rural Water uses and Jim wanted to know what they bill us for this service. Supervisor stated that we get so many free uses by our membership but they charge after that and that he will get a video to show the members so a decision can be made.

Peddler/Vendor Permit for Poco Mas Tacos was represented by Joshua Zack. He explained how they operate their service and that they are fully insured and permitted through the DOH and the tax department. They are looking to set up for other events at the art gallery and the downtown festivities. He also explained that he got signatures from various members of the Main Street business. Members of the audience questioned him and told him he needs to go to the planning board. The Town Board stated that they are the issuing agent for vendor permits. The board asked if they were looking for a site that they would set up permanently to which he said no. Claire stated that there is a spot across from her that had room for the trailer and you could get the ferry traffic. Supervisor Gardner stated that this was a town board decision and that he was in favor of it but not for setting it up on Main Street because there is minimum parking on it. He also said that you would need a NYS DOT permit to park on the state road right of way. Supervisor Gardner asked if we allow you to do it on the spot across from Claire's until we can get more specific information. Joshua stated that he would accept anything and if it did not work out that he would move to another town but would really like to operate here. Supervisor said we have a proposed permit to look at which is a blanket permit. The town board has copies of his DOH permit. Supervisor asked how soon and he said that he wanted to be able to come back from Elizabethtown on Fridays and that the Essex Farm asked him to set up when his customers pick up their shares. The board offered to allow him to set up across from Claire's and the Essex Farm and allow it on NYS 22 if NYS DOT allows it.

#### **Resolutions:**

Resolution 56-2015 is to be amended by the changing 10 minutes to 5 minutes as shown below:

#### **Clocking In and Out**

Employees should clock in no sooner than 5 minutes before or after their scheduled shift and clock out no later than 5 minutes before or after the scheduled shift. Nonexempt employees are required to clock in and out for lunch breaks in addition to at the beginning and end of the day.

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Seconded By: Claire LaPine

	Yea	No
Supervisor Gardner	X	
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Wrisley	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilman LaForest	X	

**Resolution 63-2015**, a resolution of condolence to the family of Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss, is being offered by Bryan Garvey, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss of Essex, NY passed away at the age of 95 on May 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss was born on October 8, 1919, the son of John A and Adeline (Winch) Bliss; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss recently celebrated 70 years of marriage with his wife Dorothy (DeZalia) Bliss; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss, was the manager of the Town of Essex Transfer Station for many years; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss, touched many lives and enjoyed joking with others, no matter what their age; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss, was an avid hunter and fondly remembered his years working on the South Farm in Essex, New York; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Essex express their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Lawrence "Larry" Monroe Bliss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Town Board, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Bliss family.

Seconded By: Unanimous Second

Supervisor Gardner  
Councilperson LaPine  
Councilperson Wrisley  
Councilperson Garvey  
Councilman LaForest

**Resolution 64-2015** is being offered in appreciation to Daniel T. Manning, Essex County Attorney, for all his advice, support and assistance during this year and his continued support is most appreciated.

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Seconded By: Unanimous Second

Supervisor Gardner  
Councilperson LaPine  
Councilperson Wrisley  
Councilperson Garvey  
Councilman LaForest

**Resolution 65-2015** is being made to appoint the following 65 members to the Beautification Committee to expire December 31, 2015.

Jan Fortune  
Sarah White  
Kelly Young Schmitt

Motion Made By: Mark Wrisley

Seconded By: Claire LaPine

Supervisor Gardner	yes
Councilperson LaPine	yes
Councilperson Wrisley	yes
Councilperson Garvey	yes
Councilman LaForest	yes

**Resolution 66-2015** is being made to add a Revenue Line 3389.01 "State Aid Public Safety" (a grant awarded to the town justice) for \$300.00 and;

To increase Appropriation line 1104.01 "Justice CE" to correctly appropriate funds spent with the grant money for the Justice.

Motion Made By: Bryan Garvey

Seconded By: James LaForest

	Yea	No
Supervisor Gardner	X	
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Wrisley	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilman LaForest	X	

**Resolution 67-2015** is being made to authorize Supervisor Gardner to apply for a grant with the Town of Willsboro for a Consolidation Study of the Towns of Essex and Willsboro, shared services.

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Seconded By: Mark Wrisley

	Yea	No
Supervisor Gardner	x	
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilman LaForest	x	

**Resolution 68-2015** is being offered to fill the unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Appeals with Arthur Person, to expire December 31, 2016.

After discussion it was decided to table this until position is advertised. A motion was made by James LaForest to table this resolution and advertise for the opening.

Supervisor Gardner stated that the board received a resignation of Tina Gardner as assistant water operator. He would like a motion to accept with regrets her resignation. Bryan Garvey made and Claire LaPine seconded the motion. All in favor.

A discussion on the quote for the wastewater treatment gate valves. They only got 2 quotes. The other quote is 2 times more than this quote. A motion was made by Mark Wrisley and seconded by James LaForest to make the purchase from the quote from Security Plumbing and Heating Supply for \$1336.52.

	Yea	No
Supervisor Gardner	x	
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilman LaForest	x	

Supervisor Gardner advised the board that the county was holding 2 hazardous waste days, one in North Hudson and one in North Elba.

Motion to pay Abstract: Motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Claire LaPine

	Yea	No
Supervisor Gardner	x	
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilman LaForest	x	

### Reports

Motion to accept Town Clerk's Report made by James LaForest seconded by Bryan Garvey.

	Yea	No
Supervisor Gardner	x	
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilman LaForest	x	

Motion to accept the Supervisor's Report by Mark Wrisley and seconded by James LaForest

	Yea	No
Supervisor Gardner	x	
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilman LaForest	x	

Supervisor Gardner reported that the town clerk's office had discovered that there were some appointees that have not signed their oath of office. There are 2 from planning, the code officer and various fire commissioners. The County Clerk's office suggested to just have these people come in as soon as possible to sign otherwise they will have to be reappointed.

Supervisor Gardner asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive session to discuss some legal matters. Motion made by James LaForest and seconded by Mark Wrisley to go into executive session at 8:05pm. All in favor.

No actions were made during Executive Session. Motion made by James LaForest and seconded Claire LaPine to reenter the regular meeting at 8:23pm. All in Favor.

Motion made by Clair LaPine to adjourn meeting at 8:25.