

TOWN OF WESTERLO
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held a Special Town Board on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020 via Zoom # 938 2247 0950. Supervisor Bichteman opened the meeting at 6:08 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDING WERE: Supervisor William F. Bichteman Jr.
Councilman Matthew Kryzak
Councilman Joseph J. Boone
Councilwoman Amie L. Burnside
Councilman Richard Filkins

Also attending via Zoom were: Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander, Planning Board Chairwoman Dorothy Verch, Zoning Board Chairman John Sefcik, Deputy Town Clerk Kathleen Spinnato, Town Clerk Karla Weaver and approximately two residents.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Councilman Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

- WHEREAS:** the Town Board has audited the end of the year bills, be it hereby
RESOLVED: that the following bills be paid: Voucher # 595 through Voucher # 606 in the amount of \$9,511.46.

Seconded by Councilman Boone and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

- AYES: Councilman Boone, Councilman Filkins, Councilman Kryzak and
Supervisor Bichteman
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Burnside.
NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 89-2020 was thereby duly adopted.

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE TOWN CLERK AND HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY DUE TO LEAP YEAR

Councilman Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution as prepared by Supervisor Bichteman:

- WHEREAS:** The year 2020 is/was a leap year and causes there to be 53 pay weeks;
and
WHEREAS: The Town Board wishes to change the annual compensation for the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent by adding an additional pay week to reflect the increased number of pay periods; and now therefore be it hereby
RESOLVED: to transfer \$2007.11 from line A-1620.57 (grant writer) to A-1410.11 Town Clerk (\$852.69) & A5010.11 Highway Superintendent (\$1154.42).

Seconded by Councilwoman Burnside, and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

- AYES: Councilman Boone, Councilman Filkins, Councilman Kryzak,
Supervisor Bichteman, Councilwoman Burnside.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 90-2020 was thereby duly adopted.

EXECUTIVE ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS THE REAPPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PROPERTY TAXES

Councilman Kryzak explained this allows local government to continue to provide tax exemptions for low income and senior citizens and persons with disabilities by lifting the in person renewal requirement. Councilman Boone made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

- WHEREAS:** the Governor of the State of New York by Executive Order No. 202 dated March 7, 2020, declared a state disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and
- WHEREAS:** both travel-related and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to continue; and
- WHEREAS:** pursuant to Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo did issue Executive Order 202.83 dated December 18, 2020, 2020, which authorized, by local option, the governing body, to adopt the provisions of that Executive Order 202.83, which temporarily suspends or modifies, subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and now therefore be it hereby
- RESOLVED:** that pursuant to Executive Order 202.83 issued by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo on December 18, 2020, the Town Board of the Town of Westerlo hereby adopts, as a local option, the suspension of subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** that the Town Assessor is hereby directed to grant exemptions pursuant to such sections on the 2021/2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020/2021 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for the Town Assessor to mail renewal applications to such persons.

Seconded by Councilman Kryzak, and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Councilman Boone, Councilman Filkins, Councilman Kryzak,
Supervisor Bichteman, Councilwoman Burnside.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION # 91-2020 was thereby duly adopted.

TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

Supervisor Bichteman reviewed some definitions as stated in the Solid Waste Management Code (SWMC). Decisions to deny a permit is made by the Supervisor as recommendation by the Town Clerk and or Transfer Station personnel. Anyone found sharing permits are subject of

penalties and revocation of permits. The law only acknowledges for 1 permit per household. There is potential someone could lose their permit and there should be a fee for replacement. He believed the Transfer Station staff is doing a really good job policing. The Board was in agreement to allow one permit tag per household with any questions going to the Supervisor. The Town Clerk expressed concern for not knowing who resides in that household. ID's will be required and if residents wish not to provide a copy, they can come to have their ID viewed. If people reject to give ID, their application should be passed along to the Supervisor for denial. Supervisor Bichteman made a motion to amend the transfer station application to allow 1 permit tag per household and to add a secondary identification line where people can provide other identification. Councilman Kryzak seconded, all in favor motion carried.

With there being no further business to discuss, Councilman Filkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Burnside seconded, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Weaver
Town Clerk