

**TOWN OF WESTERLO  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
OF  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the Town Hall 933 CR 401, Westerlo, NY. Supervisor Kryzak opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 PM.

ATTENDING WERE: Supervisor Matthew Kryzak  
Councilman Peter Mahan  
Councilman Joshua Beers  
Councilwoman Lorraine Pecylak  
Councilwoman Amie Burnside

Also attending were: Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander and Employee Rick Rupeka, Library President Maureen Sikule and Trustee Mary Ann Witt, Hometown Heroes Committee Member/Confidential Administrator Lisa DeGross, Town Justice Kenny Mackey, Clerk to the Assessor Claire Marshall, Planning Board Member's Bill Hall and Angela Carkner, Museum Board Member Becky Kryzak, Deputy Town Clerk's Jaimee Motschmann and Kathleen Spinnato, Town Clerk Karla Weaver and approximately eight residents.

Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to open the meeting. Councilwoman Pecylak seconded; all in favor motion carried.

Inspector Praisner from Albany Co. Sheriff Dept. spoke about their presence at meetings. He explained they will try to have someone here at Town Board meetings moving forward, it's coincidental and has nothing to do with what is going on here.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Beers made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:03 pm. Councilman Mahan seconded; all in favor motion carried.

Councilman Mahan made a motion to return from executive session at 6:16 pm. Councilman Beers seconded; all in favor motion carried.

**TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

Councilwoman Pecylak made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 16, 2023. Councilman Mahan seconded; Councilwoman Burnside abstained, all in favor motion carried.

### **TOWN CLERK (APRIL 2023)**

Town Clerk Weaver reviewed the Town Clerk report for May 2023. Councilman Beers made a motion to approve the Town Clerk report for May 2023. Councilman Mahan seconded; all in favor motion carried.

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Supervisor Kryzak presented and read the following budget amendment resolutions:

I, Council member Matthew Kryzak offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

- WHEREAS:** the Chief Fiscal Officer has determined that in order to maintain proper balances within various accounts an inter-fund transfer is necessary; now therefore be it hereby
- RESOLVED:** that the Town Board of the Town of Westerlo does hereby authorize Town Supervisor Matthew Kryzak to transfer the funds as depicted below for the Budget Year 2023:

<b>General Fund</b>		
<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>From Account</u></b>	<b><u>To Account</u></b>
\$4,397.58	DA5110.44 - Aggregates	DA5142.41 Sand/Salt
\$534.67	DA5110.45 - Rentals	DA5110.44 Aggregates
\$41,485.43	DA5110.1 - Salaries May-Sep	DA5142.1 – Salaries Jan-Apr & Oct-Dec
\$1,955.89	A1620.42 Heating	DA5110.42 Fuel

I, Council member Matthew Kryzak offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

- WHEREAS:** the Town of Westerlo has had an unforeseen expenditure in the following account; and
- WHEREAS:** the Town of Westerlo will transfer \$1,899.40 to Celebrations; and
- WHEREAS:** the Chief Fiscal Officer has determined that in order to maintain proper balances within various accounts, a budget amendment is necessary; and now therefore be it hereby
- RESOLVED:** that the Town Board of the Town of Westerlo does hereby authorize Town Supervisor Matthew Kryzak to make the following amendment to the 2023 Budget.

### **General Fund (A)**

#### **Increase Appropriations**

(A)2012 - Rec. Concessions	\$25.00
(A)2705 - Gifts & Donations	\$1,874.40

### **Increase Revenue (A)**

(A)7550.44 Donations \$1,899.40

Councilwoman Amie Burnside seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Kryzak, Councilman Mahan, Councilman Beers, Councilwoman Burnside, Councilwoman Pecylak

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION # 64 -2023 was thereby duly adopted.**

### **TRANSFERING MONEY TO THE HEALTH PLAN DEDUCTIBLE ACCOUNT**

Supervisor Kryzak mentioned that in order to have adequate funds in the Health Plan Deductible Account it is necessary to transfer funds from the General Checking Account to the Health Plan Deductible Account.

Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** The Health Plan Deductible Account must maintain a balance sufficient to cover the Health Plan Deductibles of Westerlo employees it is necessary to transfer \$6,000.00 from the General Checking Account to the Health Plan Deductible Account; be it hereby

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to transfer \$6,000.00 from the General Checking Account to the Health Plan Deductible Account

Councilwoman Burnside seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Kryzak, Councilman Mahan, Councilman Beers, Councilwoman Burnside, Councilwoman Pecylak

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION # 65-2023 was thereby duly adopted.**

### **TRANSFERING MONEY TO THE MUSEUM BUILDING RESERVE FUND**

Supervisor Kryzak mentioned that museum director Mary Jane Araldi would like to transfer \$54,165.00 from the Museum Checking to the Museum Building Reserve Fund.

Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** The Westerlo Heritage Museum Director wishes to transfer \$54,165.00 from the Museum Checking Account to the Museum Building Reserve Fund; be it hereby

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to transfer \$54,165.00 from the Museum Checking Account to the Museum Building Reserve Fund

Councilwoman Pecylak seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Kryzak, Councilman Mahan, Councilman Beers, Councilwoman Burnside, Councilwoman Pecylak

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION # 66 -2023 was thereby duly adopted.**

#### **PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS (JUNE)**

Councilman Beers asked for clarification on bills being paid for the Hometown Heroes Committee. The Confidential Administrator Lisa DeGroff explained that the accountant is working on creating account codes for Hometown Heroes because they do not receive a budget from the Town therefore, they have nothing to write checks against. The Hometown Heroes does have checks, so it is being paid out of their account. Once the code is created, they will do one lump sum transfer from the parks to Hometown Heroes, so it is a realistic number in Quickbooks. Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board has audited the monthly bills, be it hereby

**RESOLVED:** the following June 2023 bills be paid Voucher # 220 through Voucher # 305 in the amount of \$378,727.70

Councilwoman Pecylak seconded the motion, a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Councilman Beers, Councilwoman Pecylak, Supervisor Kryzak,  
Councilman Mahan, Councilwoman Burnside

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION # 67 – 2023 was thereby duly adopted.**

#### **INVESTMENT REPORT**

Supervisor Kryzak reported interest for all accounts for the month of May brought in a total of \$450.53 for the Bank of Greene County. Year to date, interest collected from NYCLASS is \$425.64. Councilwoman Pecylak made a motion to approve the investment report for May 2023. Councilman Beers seconded; all in favor motion carried.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Kryzak reported there was a balance of \$4,373,403.83 in all accounts at the end of May 2023. Mr. Kryzak indicated all departments are below their target budgeted numbers and are looking good. Councilwoman Pecylak made a motion to approve the Supervisor Report for May 2023. Councilwoman Burnside seconded; all in favor motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **JUSTICE COURT**

Supervisor Kryzak advised that the Town received the reports from the Justices. For May, \$1,004.00 was received for Justice Carl and \$869.00 was received for Justice Mackey.

## **LIBRARY**

Library President Maureen Sikule mentioned that the library's summer programs start on July 11<sup>th</sup> and that starting August 1<sup>st</sup> Ancestry.com will be available.

## **HOMETOWN HEROES COMMITTEE**

Westerlo Hometown Heroes Meeting Report May 2023

*May 23, 2023*

*Present: Amie Burnside (virtually), Lisa DeGroff, Becky Kryzak and Matt Kryzak*

*1. Financial Review a. Reviewed current balance b. Reviewed receipts from donation boxes c. Reviewed anticipated cost on banners d. Reviewed charges coming in on credit card bill for Veteran Garden purchases e. Reviewed cost of memorial wreaths f. Reviewed cost of first round of pavers (30 pavers have been submitted to Taylor's Monuments for engraving.)*

*2. Veterans Garden – site visit a. Benches – received email responses for those who could not attend and they were in favor of the benches by Bear Swamp Welding b. Decided to order benches from Bear Swamp Welding and will request a new proposal as the current one was only good for 72 hours due to steel price. Assuming the new proposal wasn't drastically different – will move forward with Matt signing the contract and a deposit paid. Lisa will contact to make arrangements c. Mulch will be ordered. d. George Albert with BKW Little League volunteered to put a notice out to families to assist with mulch when ready. Will notify him of our plans. e. All flags and solar lighting purchased. Rick will install. f. Matt will pick up trees and bushes at Story's g. First round of pavers submitted for engraving. Will be delivered when all are complete. Will need to contact Carver for stone sand when we are ready to set. h. Reminder of Greenville American Legion Post 291 services in S. Westerlo and Veterans Garden on Sunday 5/25.*

*3. Total Banners for 2023 - 66 a. Jody and Albany County DPW to hang banners this week. Hoping to have them all up by Memorial Day.*

*4. Wreaths a. Wreaths have been ordered for monuments. Lisa will pick up and distribute. b. Someone placed silk flowers in various memorial locations. Flowers are badly faded. Lisa will replace.*

*5. Closing Ceremony a. Nothing new to report 6. Veterans Day Service a. Nothing new to report*

## **LOCAL LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Local Law Review Committee Chair Bill Hall advised the June meeting was cancelled but they will be meeting in July to discuss the Special Use permit section of the Zoning Law.

## **ASSESSOR**

Assessor Melanie Bunzey submitted the following report:

*To: Westerlo Town Board*

*From: Melanie Bunzey, Assessor*

*Date: June 1, 2023*

Re: Monthly Report – June 2023

The 2023 Board of Assessment Review (“BAR”) hearings were held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Four residents appeared as follows:

- The Albany Water Board had requested either a decrease in assessment but preferably wanted nonprofit exemption. It was denied prior to the BAR hearings and BAR members concurred that the exemption is not warranted and an assessment reduction was not granted because adequate documentation was not provided
- Unbridled Thoroughbred Foundation requested a nonprofit exemption on two parcels. It had previously been denied because requested information by the Assessor via email was not received. Resident said email went into her spam file and not received before receiving the denial letter by mail. Resident provided the requested information and exemption was granted. It is important to note that the taxes paid on these two parcels for both property and school totaled nearly \$25,000;
- One resident requested a reduction in assessment and provided adequate documentation that parcels similar to theirs had lower assessments, so the BAR agreed to lower their assessment; and
- Another resident appeared wanting his assessment lowered but did not provide adequate documentation to support his request, so the BAR denied his request.

Notices of BAR determination are being mailed this week to those listed above. A Verified Statement of Changes Determined by the BAR has been submitted to the County.

A “New Sales Transmittal Report” was submitted to the State with 3 sales since last submittal.

Address changes are made on a regular basis as well as bank escrow information. Routine calls and emails are received and answered on nearly a daily basis.

The system is checked for property owners listed on death notices received, exemptions are then removed if necessary and notifications of exemption change mailed.

STAR reports received to date from New York State have been processed. Those reports are:

Report #1 – Enhanced STAR Ineligibility Report

Report #2 – Greater than \$250,000 Report – Switch exemptions from Enhanced to Basic STAR

Report #3 – Voluntary Removal Report

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Bunzey, Assessor

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

CEO Pine submitted the following report:

Report - Building/ Zoning -Jeffry Pine BI/CEO – for May 2023

*Applications processed or pending before the boards*

*Special use – 2 / Variance request- 0 / Sub– divisions – 0*

*Building permits issued – 5*

*New houses – 1 / Swimming Pools – 0 / Additions, renovations - 1*

*Accessory structures – 2 / Solar Pv – 1 / Other solar– 0*

*Cell tower / commercial - 0*

*Construction inspections- 26*

*Site visits – 10 / Fire calls and follow ups – 3 / Fire safety inspections and follow ups - 3*

*2 - In-service Training hours. 12 hrs YTD (24 hours required to maintain certification)*

### **MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE & DEPT. REPORTS**

Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to accept the committee and department reports as read or submitted. Councilman Mahan seconded; all in favor motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BROADBAND GRANT UPDATE**

The Supervisor provided the Town Board with the Request for Proposal (RFP) which is all set to go out. From the time project is awarded, the Town has 5 years to use the money. He advised; the Town is requesting project completion by September 2024. Bids need to be in by 3 pm on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** The Town Board needs to advertise for bids for the expansion of broadband in the Town of Westerlo, be it hereby

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board advertise for bids for the expansion of broadband services to be received by 3 pm on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Pecylak seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Supervisor Kryzak, Councilman Beers, Councilman Mahan, Councilwoman Burnside, Councilwoman Pecylak.

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION # 68- 2023 was thereby duly adopted.**

#### **AED GRANT UPDATE**

Mr. Kryzak mentioned he is still waiting on pricing.

### **GREENWAY GRANT UPDATE**

Mrs. DeGroff reported that she attended a zoom meeting with the Greenway Board, they decided to award \$10,000 to the Town of Westerlo which will pay for the codification of the Local Laws.

### **FREESE HOUSE UPDATE**

Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander advised that his department installed fencing, secured the door and signage at the Freese property. Councilwoman Burnside questioned if there was a well that needed to be covered, Mr. Ostrander will look. Mr. Kryzak indicated the demolition will go out for bid once he gets confirmation in writing that the Town will get reimbursed from the county.

### **FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE**

Unfortunately, the insurance cost for the balloon ride is very expensive and so the Town will not be pursuing the balloon rides as that money is better spent elsewhere. Instead, Town Clerk Weaver advised she is looking into other options.

### **OUTLOOK UPDATE**

The Town will be transitioning to Microsoft Outlook. The Town's IT company is starting the process this week and will be on site next week for installation. This email requires two-part authentication for added security. The Town's insurance company has advised what is required for cyber security with the increase of attacks.

### **POSTAGE METER UPDATE**

The new postage meter has been installed and is expected to save approximately \$360/year.

### **MULTI YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE**

Supervisor Kryzak is getting ready to present to the Board a multi-year financial plan which will begin in 2020 and track 8 years. It will include what the Town spent, the total budgeted and what must be budgeted in the future. He is also following a financial plan in line with NYS Comptroller's office to help outline what the Town needs to do for capital improvements moving forward. He is looking to set aside \$1 million in the general fund balance to be earmarked for capital improvements. He will meet with Jody Ostrander, Rick Rupeka, the Library and Court to put a list together of what needs improvement on those buildings. Funds will be earmarked for those projects over the next several years. If the plan isn't done by July, it will be ready in August.

Mr. Ostrander indicated the second 10-wheel plow truck that was ordered is coming soon but unfortunately, they do not have a building large enough to house either of them. He would like to pour 2 bays of concrete in house. Rick has volunteered to let the Town borrow his concrete



tools. The costs would include the concrete, materials, and the employee's time. The Board was in favor.

#### **LIBRARY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOU)**

Mr. Kryzak and Library President Maureen Sikule have been working with the Library Board on the Library MOU. He advised Mrs. Sikule will be reviewing the second draft with the Library Board and then it will then be returned to the Town Board for potential adoption if they are satisfied.

#### **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kryzak indicated a Citizens Advisory Committee was created of a bunch of volunteers in town to report back on the condition of park equipment and brainstorm what can be done to improve the parks. Discussion ensued regarding the Dormansville park. The Town Clerk will put information in the newsletter to try to gain input from the community.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **PLANNING BOARD TRAINING APPROVAL**

Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to approve training for Planning Board Member Angela Carkner for 1.5 hrs for NYSDOS training that she took on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Pecylak seconded all in favor motion carried.

Planning Board Member Carkner believed there was a second training course to be approved. She will investigate and get back to the Town Board.

#### **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT UPDATE**

The Town Clerk advised that there is no official report yet but the initial feedback she received from the audit of her records was that all looked good for both Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

#### **OLD CR 401**

Mr. Ostrander mentioned that the County asked if the Town is interested in taking over Old CR 401. He tried to call NYS regarding the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) to ask about what the increase could be but unfortunately, they couldn't give him that answer. The County just recently blacktopped the road so it wouldn't require much maintenance other than plowing. He has no issue taking it over since the County is always gracious enough to help him whenever he needs it. The Town Attorney will need to look into details about what needs to be done legally.

#### **NEW LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Library Trustee Steve Cornell resigned as of June 15<sup>th</sup> and the Library Board has appointed Gaye McCafferty to take over his unexpired term. Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Westerlo Public Library has a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees due to the resignation of Steve Cornell, be it hereby

**RESOLVED:** the Town Board appoints Gaye McCafferty to filled Steve Cornells unexpired term which expires on August 23, 2025.

Councilwoman Burnside seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Councilwoman Burnside, Councilwoman Pecylak, Supervisor Kryzak, Councilman Mahan, Councilman Beers

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION # 69- 2023 was thereby duly adopted.**

#### **WATER DIST./COURT POTENTIAL GRANTS**

The grant writer has been trying to find grants for the water district which is difficult because a lot of the available money is based off the median income which the Town is ineligible for. There is something called CCAP allocation which is a line item (dollar amount) in the Albany Co. budget that may be available. An assemblyman, senator, or both can make a case to the County on behalf of the Town, and if approved, the Town will become part of the County's budget to assist with the Water District. Applications have to be in by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> for the next fiscal year. Mrs. DeGroff has been in touch with Senator Breslin's office but requested a meeting in the Town of Westerlo so they can see the issues. She also spoke to Assemblyman Chris Tague who also happens to have overseen Schoharie County's water and sewer district. He believes he would be able to get funding for the Town of Westerlo's Water District. She spoke to previous Supervisor William Bichteman who estimates the Town will need roughly \$300,000-\$400,000 to fix the bromomethane issue.

There is a justice court grant available of \$30,000 for items like furniture, computers, security systems and more. Justice Mackey advised that our court system takes care of everything, it's called Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). If the Town pursues the grant, it could mean the Town wouldn't need to use any of the capital improvement money.

Supervisor Kryzak advised that there is still ARPA money that can be used for the water district.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident visited MA recently and commented about the windmills there. He indicated they help lower taxes. He encouraged the Town to investigate them. A brief discussion ensued regarding solar and pilot agreements.

Clerk to the Boards Claire Marshall questioned how the last public hearing was managed. AOT advised her that the Town Board cannot state rules right before a public hearing. Rules need to be voted on by the Town Board in the meeting before and the public needs to be aware of those rules ahead of a public hearing. It's recommended that the Town Board sets rules at the beginning of the year so everyone is aware of them. She also mentioned the purpose of a public

hearing is to help the public understand why we are passing a new law or whatever else the topic is. She indicated that a public hearing is a time for the public to ask questions, but at a recent public hearing the Town Board didn't answer. Supervisor Kryzak indicated it was a good suggestion and the Town Board can certainly adopt rules and can discuss this further at a future meeting.

Planning Board Member Carkner mentioned it is reasonable as a taxpayer to get answers to questions. She indicated she had brought up several points before the public hearing to which the Town Board did not investigate or respond to; she believed the residents deserve real answers. Supervisor Kryzak responded that the decision was reinforced by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) and all forms shown in the presentation were turned over to the Pension Integrity Unity, who were happy.

Mr. Carkner referenced the 2023 budget regarding a \$4,000 raise for the Town Attorney. He questioned why the \$4,000 raise wasn't included in the \$24,000 salary instead of adding it to the contractual line. He asked if the Attorney was getting a voucher in addition to the salary; Mr. Kryzak responded no. Supervisor Kryzak indicated the Attorney is getting paid as an employee and both of those numbers were included in his salary and advised it's just broken out that way based on his job description and for transparency purposes. To clarify, Mr. Kryzak indicated the \$4,000 additional contractual service the Attorney is providing is not paid by voucher; the total salary is \$28,000 (\$24,000 is general services and \$4,000 for training and other services to the Boards that he may do). Mrs. Carkner mentioned Mr. McHugh has not provided training yet this year and pointed out he was not here again this evening. Mr. Kryzak responded that he is still utilizing the Attorney even when he is not here.

A resident indicated that at the public hearing he asked the Town Board why they thought Mr. McHugh was good for the Town but did not receive a response from the Board. He expressed disappointment and indicated the Board should be listening and speaking to the residents. Councilwoman Burnside believed there was confusion, the public hearing shouldn't have been about the Attorney; it was about public officers which is why she didn't comment on a single person. Planning Board Member Carkner advised that law (Local Law #2 of 2023) initially was only about the Town Attorney, and believed the only reason it became about other officers was because someone in the audience asked about CEO Jeff Pine, otherwise, it would've still been about just the Attorney. Mr. McHugh was also previously asked if he would do this job without pension benefits and he indicated, no, and then a new law was proposed to change the residency requirements for the Town Attorney at the next meeting. She advised that the Town was not hiring a new attorney at the time; he had been with the Town for a year and a half. She indicated that at a previous meeting the Supervisor asked Mr. McHugh what the law was for, which indicates the Board did not request the law to be drafted. Supervisor Kryzak asked if you had a resident and non-resident who wanted to apply for a position, would you pay them different benefits based on where they live; residents responded yes. Mr. Kryzak believed Mr.

McHugh has done an excellent job for this town. As the Chief Financial Officer, he looks for people who can provide the best service for the best value and in this case, it's an exceptional service and does not look at what happens in other towns.

Discussion continued between the Town Board and the Carkners regarding their Special Use Permit application specifically, retainer fees, escrow and an email from Attorney McHugh and a former Planning Board Chair. Mr. Kryzak explained the escrow process. Mrs. Carkner and Councilman Mahan also expressed to the Town Board their concerns with Attorney McHugh over personal matters.

A resident asked why the audio system was not being utilized. It will be up for the next meeting.

Library Trustee Mary Ann Witt questioned that if the community was concerned about someone's behavior, would the Board have the responsibility to reach out to the state for them to do a review of the allegations. Mr. Kryzak responded that if there was an allegation, he felt was reasonable and true, they could do that. She just suggested it would be an outside review so it's not the Board versus the community. Mr. Kryzak indicated he doesn't look at it like it's the Board against the community, he indicated there are several disgruntled people. She responded; those people are the community.

A resident advised that if the Town Board answered the public's questions at the public hearing, this wouldn't be going on now. Discussion ensued. Additional comments were made regarding if other attorneys were considered for the position of Town Attorney and how the public is supposed to get answers at public hearings when the board doesn't provide a response to questions.

Mr. Kryzak indicated that if a Town Board member has another attorney that can do the job for less, they can bring an offer to the Town Board for a vote; Councilman Beers advised it should've been done but it was shot down. Mr. Kryzak continued that if Mr. McHugh doesn't do his job, they will find another Town Attorney.

Comments were made regarding a potential conflict of interest with the Town Attorney reviewing a contract between the Town of Westerlo and Albany Co. Sheriff's contract for EMS & EMT services. The Supervisor responded; it was not a conflict.

Councilwoman Pecylak advised that the law came to the Board's attention when other towns were passing the same law to be able to hire people from out of town. It's good to have it in place for the future even though no one was being hired at the time the law was passed. Supervisor Kryzak indicated other towns proposed this law because they were having trouble filling public officer positions within small towns.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

With there being no further comments or questions, Councilwoman Pecylak made a motion to close the meeting. Supervisor Kryzak seconded; all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Weaver  
Town Clerk