

**TOWN OF WESTERLO
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OF
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

The Town of Westerlo Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 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 Sal Spinnato, Library President Maureen Sikule, Confidential Administrator Lisa DeGross, Clerk to the Assessor Claire Marshall, Planning Board Chair Beau Loendorf and Member's Bill Hall and Angela Carkner, Museum Member Betty Filkins, Westerlo Vol. Fire Co. President Chris Allen, Town Historian Gayle Hannay, Deputy Town Clerk's Marta Pongo and Jaimee Motschmann, Town Clerk Karla Weaver and approximately 17 residents.

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

TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Supervisor Kryzak and Councilwoman Burnside asked to have some comments added to the meeting minutes of 6/20/23. Supervisor Kryzak would like Judge Mackey's comments included about if the court wanted to write for grants that they would do so on their own as they see fit. Councilwoman Burnside would like the comments included from a town employee who spoke out about the sheriff's department. The Town Clerk will listen to the recording again, minutes were tabled.

TOWN CLERK (JUNE 2023)

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Kryzak mentioned that earlier in the year, ADP was coded incorrectly and somehow payroll figures for the Confidential Administrator were coded to the Clerk Assistant line. He also indicated that the money used to pay for the new email for the Town came from the Clerk Assistant line.

Town Clerk Weaver advised that the codes as presented were incorrect on the budget amendment document. Councilman Beers asked if this was coming out of the \$15,500 that was budgeted for Clerk Assistant, Supervisor Kryzak responded yes. Mr. Beers indicated that the total adds up to over the \$15,500 that was budgeted and wondered if the additional \$748.39 was coming out of another line in his budget. Mr. Kryzak indicated no, he can go back and double check numbers to make sure that those budget amounts are correct. Confidential Administrator DeGroff explained that the payroll for the Confidential Administrator for the beginning of the year was coded incorrectly to the Clerk Assistant line so it needs to come out of the Clerk Assistant line to bring it back up to the \$15,500 and needs to go to the Confidential Administrator line. She indicated it was not the same budget line. Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Chief Fiscal Officer has determined that in order to maintain proper balances within various accounts an inter-fund transfer is necessary; 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:

General Fund		
<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
\$8,369.94	A1220.13 Personal Services (Clerk Assistant)	A1220.12 Personal Services (Confidential Administrator)
\$7,878.45	A1220.13 Personal Services (Clerk Assistant)	A1620.45 IT Provider

Councilwoman Pecylak seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 70-2023 was thereby duly adopted.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS (JULY)

Councilman Beers made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

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

RESOLVED: the following July 2023 bills be paid Voucher # 306 through Voucher # 356 in the amount of \$81,046.49.

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

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 71-2023 was thereby duly adopted.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Supervisor Kryzak reported interest for all accounts for the month of June brought in a total of \$417.32 for the Bank of Greene County. Year to date, interest collected from NYCLASS is \$427.08. Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to approve the investment report for June 2023. Councilman Beers seconded; all in favor motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Kryzak reported there was a balance of \$3,935,539.82 in all accounts at the end of June 2023. Councilman Mahan made a motion to approve the Supervisor Report for June 2023. Councilwoman Pecylak seconded; all in favor motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JUSTICE COURT

Supervisor Kryzak advised that the Town received the reports from the Justices. For June, \$475 was received for Justice Carl and \$633 was received for Justice Mackey.

LIBRARY

Library President Maureen Sikule indicated there will be a celebration for Harry Potter's birthday on July 31st at 6 pm. Tuesdays through the end of July they have messy play and coffee connect after. Wednesday there will be a presentation from Unbridled Thoroughbred Rescue at 6 pm. August 17th is the end of summer celebration.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Chair Loendorf advised that the Planning Board had their monthly meeting last week where they voted to approve the amendment to the Special Use Permit for Hydrangea Farms. There was no new business, and some members of the board are working to update the Special Use Permit. Most of the Planning Board members have completed some of their required training and are looking into more state classes to take.

HOMETOWN HEROES COMMITTEE

Westerlo Hometown Heroes Meeting Report

June 27, 2023

Present: Amie Burnside (virtually), Lisa DeGroat, Becky Kryzak, Matt Kryzak, Betty Filkins, Lisa Joslin and Drew Joslin

1. Eagle Scout Project

- a. Drew Joslin attended to ask that the Hometown Heroes Committee work together with him to plan and host the ribbon cutting ceremony for Heroes' Way. He indicated that a ribbon cutting ceremony is not actually part of the requirement but something he wants to do. The committee agreed.*
- b. Date was set for Sunday September 10, 2023 – 1pm*
- c. Location will be inside pavilion*
- d. Would like some speakers for brief comments. Speakers invitations discussed and who would contact each*
- e. Discussed and agreed on order of events. Drew will create a binder/script for day of event.*

- f. *Press Releases – Committee volunteered to handle*
 - g. *Would like to set up swag tables with information. Drew and committee will reach out for participants*
 - h. *Invitations – Drew to create, committee to share their mailing list*
 - i. *Will provide light refreshments to be finalized at a later date*
 - j. *Invitation for a group walk on trail following ribbon cutting*
2. *Veterans Garden*
- a. *Volunteers needed to do more weeding, plant shrubs, holly bushes and spread mulch. Date set for Sunday June 25th. Drew volunteered to help.*
 - b. *Need to purchase more bags of soil for plantings, Matt volunteered to pick them up.*
 - c. *Benches estimated to arrive July 8th. Will need some committee members to meet at park for placement.*
 - d. *30 pavers have been ordered and proofs send to those who ordered. Expecting them soon. Will need committee to assist with placement. Will also need to coordinate the deliver of stone sand by Carver at that time.*
 - e. *Committee should work on gathering new paver orders for second batch.*
3. *Closing Ceremony*
- a. *Nothing new to report*
4. *Veterans Day Service*
- a. *Set for a sunset service – will decide on time as month draws closer*
 - b. *Program to be brief and only include one speaker*
 - c. *Idea to reach out to Greenville school for band*
 - d. *Would like Brody to sing at event. Lisa Joslin to reach out.*
 - e. *Need to locate someone for TAPs – is it possible for someone from Norwich to return?*
 - f. *Committee exploring the idea of reusable luminaries and cost*
 - g. *Refreshments – at least coffee – likely to be cold*
5. *Fall Festival*
- a. *Do we have any volunteers to man a table to collect orders for pavers, donations and raise awareness*
 - b. *Lisa DeGroff to send email to committee*
6. *New Business - Drew Joslin indicated an interest in being a volunteer. Committee welcomed him as a volunteer.*

LOCAL LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Local Law Review Committee Chair Bill Hall advised; they reviewed section 10 of the zoning law last night on Special Use Permits.

MUSEUM

Museum Member Betty Filkins advised that folks from Westerlo Belgium visited the Town of Westerlo. The Historical Society gave a presentation. Anyone who wants to visit Westerlo Belgium are welcome.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jody Ostrander advised they were enjoying the new truck, surfaced Stonegate and Beckman roads and are fighting rain and washouts.

ASSESSOR

Assessor Melanie Bunzey submitted the following report:

ASSESSOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

To: Westerlo Town Board
From: Melanie Bunzey, Assessor
Date: July 3, 2023
Re: Monthly Report – June/July 2023

Grievance hearings were held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. The attorney for the Albany Water Board (for three parcels) dropped off a grievance packet. A total of three residents appeared. Board of Assessment Review ("BAR") decisions are as follows:

- *Albany Water Board's request for Nonprofit exemption was denied for all three parcels;*
- *One resident's assessment was lowered;*
- *One resident's request for assessment reduction was denied;*
- *One resident with two parcels was approved for Nonprofit exemption.*

Once BAR changes were finalized and entered, the 2023 Final Roll was completed filed with the Clerk on June 30, 2023 and should now be placed on the Town's website. Final Roll back-ups have been uploaded to the County; to the State; and to the Greenville & BKW School Districts.

Sent Notice of Completion and Filing of Final Roll to Clerk for publishing in newspaper. Notice has dates in the paper and has been put on website.

Grievance Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

A "New Sales Transmittal Report" was submitted to the State with 17 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 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*
- Report #4 – Enhanced STAR Eligibility Report*
- Report #5 – STAR Delinquency Report*
- Report #6 – Voluntary Removal Report (Final)*

*Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Bunzey, Assessor*

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

CEO Pine submitted the following report:

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

Applications processed or pending before the boards

Special use – 1 / Variance request- 1 / Sub- divisions – 1

Building permits issued – 6

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

Accessory structures – 3 / Solar Pv – 1 / Other solar– 0

Cell tower / commercial - 1

Construction inspections- 23

Site visits – 8 / Fire calls and follow ups – 0 / Fire safety inspections and follow ups - 3

2 - In-service Training hours. 14 hrs YTD (24 hours required to maintain certification)

ZBA

Zoning Board Chairman George Spahmer submitted the following report:

The Zoning Board of Appeals held regular meetings on 6/26/23. All members were present.

During the reporting period, the board reviewed and evaluated 1 zoning variance application.

Var# V-23-1 Applicant is requesting relieve of 43 feet on the north lot line, 15 feet on the lake boundary line, and 35 feet on the south lot line to construct a covered deck on a pre-existing non-conforming cabin. The board voted in favor of accepting this application for review. 5 yes votes.

The board will conduct a public hearing on 7/24/23 to gather community input and carefully considered this application based on the town's zoning regulations and relevant factors.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE & DEPT. REPORTS

Councilwoman Pecylak 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 indicated bids to extend broadband in the Town of Westerlo are due back on August 7th and will be opened that day. Bids will be provided to the Town Board. Ultimately, the Town is looking for the greatest number of homes served for the dollar amount of the grant.

AED GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Kryzak mentioned he is still shopping but would like six AED's with one in the park to be available for little league to use.

GREENWAY GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Kryzak advised he signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Greenway grant and has started to track expenses. This grant is for a reimbursement of \$10,000 for all expenses incurred for the law review and codification of local laws.

FREESE HOUSE UPDATE

Supervisor Kryzak mentioned that NYS has put out new rulings regarding foreclosures, so he is just investigating those before moving forward.

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Town Clerk Weaver advised she heard back from DEC and Friends of Five Rivers is pretty sure they will be doing a booth at the Fall Festival. Also looking into a bounce house and a ball pit for little kids.

WATER DISTRICT GRANTS

Mr. Kryzak mentioned that Chris Tague and a representative from Senator Breslin's office will be here to discuss grant opportunities for the water district on Wednesday at 2 pm. Confidential Administrator DeGroff will be there along with previous Supervisor Bill Bichteman. The Town is looking to get an assessment of the water district, an engineered evaluation and review what improvements need to be made such as with the bromomethane issue. He reported that there is still ARPA money that can be used to help with improvements. ARPA funds can only be used on infrastructure or broadband and it is believed funds need to be used by 2025. Every year you must contact them to tell them where the Town is with the funds and what the intended use will be for. Other grant opportunities are being investigated so it's not a taxpayer burden.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE

The multi-year financial plan is still in process. Supervisor Kryzak is proposing earmarking capital improvement funds for every Town building. There is a healthy fund balance and he mentioned going around to photos of items needing to be repaired.

LIBRARY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOU)

The library added some new recommendations to the latest version of the MOU. Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Town of Westerlo and the Westerlo Public Library have been working on a Memorandum of Agreement, be it hereby

RESOLVED: The Town Board adopts the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Westerlo and Westerlo Public Library.

Councilwoman Burnside seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 72-2023 was thereby duly adopted.

This document will be signed by both the Supervisor and the Library.

PLANNING BOARD TRAINING APPROVAL

Planning Board Member Carkner requested approval of 1.5 hours of training for a course on public officer assessment. Supervisor Kryzak questioned how the course applies to her position on the Planning Board. Planning Board Chair Loendorf mentioned that members of the Planning Board must complete 4 hours of training annually. He indicated anything the Dept. of State offers should be accepted if it benefits the individual. Anything outside the Dept. of State, he would get Board approval on. He supported this training because it talks about how to run a meeting. Training was free. He provided the Planning Board members with a link to pick what training they wanted to take advantage of from the Dept. of State's website. Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Planning Board Member Angela Carkner completed 1.5 hours of training on public officer assessment on May 26th, be it hereby

RESOLVED: The Town Board approves 1.5 hours of training for Planning Board Member Carkner to be counted toward her CE requirement for 2023.

Councilman Mahan seconded all in favor motion carried.

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 73-2023 was thereby duly adopted.

PROPOSED RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Kryzak advised he prepared proposed rules for public hearings that the Town Board can take home to review. Supervisor Kryzak read the following proposed rules:

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TOWN OF WESTERLO PUBLIC HEARING RULES

(PROPOSED 07.18.2023)

- 1. The Supervisor shall preside over all meetings of the Town Board. In the absence of the Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor shall be the acting Supervisor. In the event both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor are absent, the other members shall designate one of their members to act as temporary chairman. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.***
- 2. Residents who wish to participate by speaking during the public comment period must sign up to do so on the public comment sign in sheet prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers will be called on in the order that they appear on the sign in sheet. The purpose of this is to maintain an orderly meeting and to guarantee that all who wish to speak get an equal opportunity. Those who didn't sign up to speak prior to the meeting will be given an opportunity following those who did sign up.***
- 3. Speakers must be called on by the presiding officer and must limit their remarks to five minutes. Speakers may not yield any remaining time to another speaker. If time allows, a second public comment session will be conducted utilizing the original sign in sheet. The***

purpose of this is to maintain order and to guarantee that all who wish to speak get an equal opportunity.

- 4. Any person speaking to the Board with the consent of the Supervisor shall address their remarks to the presiding officer, not to the other members of the Town Board or other members of the audience, in the form of a debate. Members of the audience will be respectful of other residents' opinions while those residents are addressing the presiding officer.*
- 5. Comments during the Public Hearing shall be relative only to the purpose of the hearing and the matter at hand during the Public Comment period.*
- 6. Speakers should present their remarks in a courteous manner and may not make disparaging remarks or personal comments about public officials, town residents or others attending the meeting. Speakers and those in attendance will observe the common rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity, and good taste with no cursing, booing, bullying, or talking out of turn that disrupts the proceedings of the business of the Town Board.*
- 7. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the presiding officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner, shall be barred from further participation in the public hearing and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.*
- 8. After a final warning, if a speaker willfully refuses to step down, the Town Supervisor, or Presiding Officer shall contact the appropriate authorities to remove the speaker from the meeting room and to restore order.*
- 9. The Town Supervisor or Presiding Officer of the meeting shall take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with these rules.*

Claire Marshall believed this document should've been provided to the public to review. Supervisor Kryzak asked the Town Clerk to post it on the website.

Planning Board Chair Loendorf advised the Planning Board has rules for their meetings. He made the following comments: allow opportunity for people to speak if they show up late, sometimes discussion can spark additional questions so giving people another opportunity to speak is good, allow people five minutes to speak each instead of three, the public should address the Chair directly, not the Board. He also questioned the rule about staying on topic, topic can lead to anything.

PROPOSED CHANGING PAYROLL COMPANIES FOR JANUARY 1, 2024

Supervisor Kryzak indicated the Supervisor's office has been shopping around for a new payroll company and hoping to make a change for January. He mentioned the Town's current payroll company ADP, has continued to make mistakes on coding. His office is looking into Accu Data and a few other companies. He provided the Town Board with information on Accu Data including a price list. It could amount to about a \$55/mo. savings. Councilwoman Burnside

indicated it will save manpower. Mrs. DeGroff advised ADP will now be charging the Town \$20 per delivery of payroll. Planning Board Member Carkner asked if checks could be printed in house, Mrs. DeGroff responded not how the Town is set up with ADP but with the new company, yes, and they also will provide the checks. Some people elect to have paper statements. Mrs. Carkner questioned why some employees' direct deposit was cancelled without notice for not signing a new direct deposit slip. Mrs. DeGroff indicated an email was sent and she had a month to complete it. Mrs. Carkner responded she would not fill out a new form because it gives the Town of Westerlo the ability to withdraw funds from her bank account to correct any errors and instead, a letter should be sent to request permission. Mr. Kryzak indicated it's the process and she doesn't have to sign up for direct deposit if she is uncomfortable with it.

AUDITS

The Town's accountant, BST, did audits on the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Supervisor and Justice Court records. No major issues were found. There are always recommendations made but the Town is fiscally sound.

HISTORIAN TRAINING APPROVAL

Town Historian Gayle Hannay is looking to attend the Association of Public Historians of NYS annual conference Sept 18-20th. The total cost would be \$224 for the conference and hotel. Town Clerk Weaver indicated there was no line in the budget for it and questioned where to code the bill when it comes in. Supervisor Kryzak responded he will have to look at the budget and will do a budget transfer for it at some point. Councilman Mahan made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Town Historian requested to take training provided by the Association of Public Historians of NYS, be it hereby

RESOLVED: The Town Board approves training for Gayle Hannay at a cost of \$224 for the Association of Public Historians of NYS conference held September 18-20th.

Councilwoman Burnside seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 74-2023 was thereby duly adopted.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR WATER OPERATOR

Supervisor Kryzak advised that the water operator would like to attend training on Pump and Motor Maintenance provided by Department of Health, DEC and the Rural Water Department at a cost of \$225. Councilwoman Burnside made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Water Operator requested to take advantage of 10 hours of training provided by the Dept. of Health, DEC and the Rural Water Dept., be it hereby

RESOLVED: The Town Board approves training for Doug Story at a cost of \$225 for the Pump and Motor Maintenance training course provided by Dept. of Health, DEC and the Rural Water Dept.

Councilman Beers seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 75-2023 was thereby duly adopted.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TRANSFERRING TOWN PROPERTY TO TOWN OF WESTERLO FIRE CO. FOR A NEW FIRE HOUSE

Mr. Kryzak advised there has been significant legal research done regarding what laws govern transfers of Town property between inter municipal organizations. If you are transferring the property, the transfer can be done by resolution. However, Mr. Kryzak indicated a Public Hearing will be scheduled before transferring the property. If selling a property, a transfer is subject to a permissive referendum. Under General Municipal Law §72-h, it's not a sale, it's a transfer which benefits the community and meets all the criteria under NYS laws. He will be providing all the legal information and mapping at the Public Hearing. Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Town Board would like to schedule a Public Hearing regarding transferring three acres of the Town Hall property to the Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. for them to erect a new fire house, be it hereby

RESOLVED: The Town Board schedules a Public Hearing for August 15th at 6 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Pecylak seconded; a vote resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTUION # 76-2023 was thereby duly adopted.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Mr. Ostrander provided some information on new park equipment. Beau Loendorf who will chair the Citizens Committee indicated that he met with, Amie Burnside, Lisa DeGroff and Lorraine Pecylak and walked the parks to review what needs improvement. He and Mrs. Burnside gave a presentation on what needs to be addressed and what's a priority. Mrs. Burnside indicated they are not the actual citizens committee, they just got together to get it started and will be starting a committee if anyone is interested.

For Blaisdell Memorial Park, items needing to be addressed are as follows: dugouts are overgrown, rusty posts around the storage building, sand piles need to be leveled or removed, replace trash cans, move porta potty, clean around the concession stand, fix or replace picnic tables, bleachers are dangerous, remove BBQ pits, fix/replace swing set, pavilion repairs, spigot

is leaking. They suggested erecting a dog park, installing signs for swimming at your own risk and making a walking trail in the future. They may be able to get sponsors to fix the dugout.

At the Westerlo Park, swings are missing, there is a drop under the slide, teeter totters are broken, add a baby swing, address shrubs around tennis court, new nets and benches for tennis court, basketball court needs painting and a fence installed around it, new volleyball net, updates and repairs to fencing, demolish the white storage shed, fix or remove BBQ pits. It was suggested to install a soccer field.

The Town will need to get estimates for some items and deal with priority and safety concerns first.

Mrs. Carkner suggested painting the lip at the rear entrance of the pavilion as it's a tripping hazard. She asked if the Town would be using grant funds for these park expenses. Supervisor Kryzak indicated there is almost \$80,000 in PILOT money which was earmarked for park improvement that could be used. She asked if there is going to be a way to differentiate spending on the park and the veteran's memorial within the park. Supervisor Kryzak indicated yes, there will be a new cost code.

Mrs. DeGroff suggested if more benches were placed in the park, it would be nice if they matched the benches in the veteran's garden. Councilwoman Burnside indicated it gives local businesses money.

It was suggested having someone come in to fix all the concerning issues immediately as opposed to waiting to do it in-house.

Claire Marshall volunteered for the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Museum Member Betty Filkins wondered if any broadband grant money could be used to help people who can't afford internet to purchase starlink internet. Supervisor Kryzak indicated no. The grant money can only be used for broadband, not satellite internet. Discussion ensued.

A resident suggested that if the bleachers are not in good condition at the ball field, the Town should just remove them. People can bring their own lounge chairs until they are replaced.

A resident of 337 CR 1 expressed concern for the many accidents and speeding on CR 1. He asked the Town Board to contact NYSDOT to request a speed study of a section of CR 1 that is dangerous. He has been in touch with Albany County Safety engineers since 2015 and unfortunately Albany County can't initiate anything until Westerlo Town Board petitions the State. An area limit extension is also an option which would reduce the speed limit going out of town in all directions for an additional 1,500'-2,000'. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kryzak indicated he will draft a letter this week and will have the Town Board sign it. A member of the Fire Co. indicated many accidents in town are due to people being under the influence of something. Changing the speed limit will not make a difference for people under the influence of drugs or

alcohol. Councilwoman Burnside mentioned trying to get the sheriffs to start the DARE program again in schools.

Mrs. Carkner asked if the Town of Westerlo pays to have a sheriff present at meetings. Councilwoman Burnside indicated they are assigned during their regular shifts and will leave if they have to. There is no cost to the Town.

Supervisor Kryzak made a motion to cancel the August 1st workshop meeting. Councilwoman Burnside seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Claire Marshall suggested the Town invest in an electronic sign outside the Town Hall since the Supervisor advised the Town is financially sound. Mr. Kryzak indicated there was money for this and will investigate it.

A resident expressed concern regarding a neighbor's flood light that shines on his property as well as the roadway. He would like the Town to consider looking into the zoning law as it relates to lighting. Planning Board Member Hall indicated the zoning law only references lights on poles and there may need to be more clarification as to what constitutes a pole, but the law does indicate it can only illuminate the property owner's property. Supervisor Kryzak mentioned the dark sky initiative to protect people's property from lighting interrupting their lives but it's a fine line in becoming like a homeowner's association.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

With there being no further comments or questions, Councilman Mahan made a motion to close the meeting. Councilman Beers seconded; all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Weaver

Town Clerk