

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 06, 2017

Board Attendance: Fitzgerald, Agneshwar, Messina, Majewski. Absent: Supervisor Schaffer

Also Attending: Town Attorney David Berger, Town Engineer Vernon Myers, Town Clerk Emil Bielecki and 2 individuals from the general public.

Councilwoman Fitzgerald convened the Work Session at 6:07 PM.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

March 8, 2017 – **Proposed Local Law D** to prohibit smoking in all Town Parks.

Councilwoman Messina asked if the law requires for the designation of smoking areas within the parks. Town Attorney David Berger explained that the law provides for the designation of smoking areas, but does not require them.

COMMITTEES

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS (FITZGERALD/Majewski)

1. Request from Highway Superintendent Rocco Turdo to retroactively approve signing the title of the totaled plow truck (VIN# 1HTWZAHR27J412159) to the insurance company and accept \$120,814 for payment of the truck.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

2. Request to authorize Town Supervisor John Schaffer to sign a letter in support of the New York State Department of Transportation proposal to install a new sidewalk at Vestal’s Memorial Park as part of a broader project to improve pedestrian mobility and safety on Route 434 (Vestal Parkway).

Councilman Majewski stated that he does not support this project and has overall concerns with spending money to make the Vestal Parkway more pedestrian friendly.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.2 FINANCE (AGNESHWAR/Fitzgerald)

1. Warrants: 2017-07, 2017-07E, 2017-08, 2017-08A, 2017-08E, 2017-09,
2017 09A, 2017-09E

OK – This item will be placed as a ‘Receive and File’ on the Agenda for the next Regular Meeting.

2. Request from Town Comptroller Laura McKane to renew the stop loss insurance contract with Excellus Health Plan for the period 4/1/17 – 3/31/18 at a rate of \$92.51 per employee/composite covered unit per month.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. Request to authorize Town Supervisor John Schaffer to sign an agreement with the Vestal School District for leasing of space at Central Junior High for the Vestal Senior Center. The term of the agreement is 3/1/17 – 2/28/18 at a base rent of \$788 per month.

Councilwoman Agneshwar asked if the rent was the same as last year. Councilwoman Messina

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responded that the base rent is increasing by \$5.00.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

4. Request from Town Comptroller Laura McKane for a budget transfer for phone system support as per her memo to the Town Board dated 3/2/17. Due to an oversight, funds were not budgeted for the support contract for the new system which began on 2/1/17.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

5. Request from Deputy Comptroller Nick Angeline to make budget transfers dated 1/20/17 to 3/2/17 as attached to his memo to the Town Board dated 3/2/17.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.3 **PERSONNEL** (FITZGERALD/Agneshwar) – no items were brought for consideration.

7.4 **PLANNING & ZONING** (MESSINA/Fitzgerald) – no items were brought for consideration.

7.5 **PUBLIC SAFETY** (MAJEWSKI/Messina)

1. Request from Police Lt. Christopher Streno to approve the receipt of a grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Police Protective Equipment Program in the amount of \$13,960 for the purchase of replacement patrol rifles and active shooter ballistic kits.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

2. Request from Police Chief John Butler to purchase equipment for the Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in the amount of \$1682.00. This will be taken out of budget line 2626R which is the asset forfeiture line.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.6 **ADMINISTRATION** (MESSINA/Majewski) – no items were brought for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilwoman Agneshwar, seconded by Councilman Majewski, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Agneshwar, Fitzgerald, Messina, Majewski
Nays 0 Absent 1 Schaffer

Resolved the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss an issue with a contract negotiation.

The time was 6:18 PM.

On a motion of Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilwoman Agneshwar, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Agneshwar, Fitzgerald, Messina, Majewski
Nays 0 Absent 1 Schaffer

Resolved the Board leave the Executive Session and **adjourn the meeting. The time was 6:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Emil Bielecki, Town Clerk