

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

Board Attendance: Supervisor Schaffer; Board Members: Fletcher, Messina, Fitzgerald, Majewski

Also Attending: Town Attorney David Berger and Town Clerk Emil Bielecki.

Supervisor Schaffer **convened the Work Session at 6:00 PM.**

COMMITTEES

7.1 **PUBLIC WORKS** (FITZGERALD/Fletcher)

1. Request from Town Engineer Vern Myers for the Town Supervisor to sign Master Federal Aid Agreement for the Meeker Road (over Choconut Creek) Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Councilwoman Fitzgerald noted that these projects generally require that the Town pays for 20% of the cost but it appears likely that the State will be picking up that portion.

A question arose concerning the authorization of \$131,000 for this phase of the project. The Town Engineer will be asked to clarify if additional Board action is needed at this time.

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

7.2 **FINANCE** (MESSINA /Majewski)

1. Warrants: 2019- 09, 2019-09A, 2019-09E, 2019-10, 2019-10E

Councilman Fletcher asked for an explanation of what the line ‘fines and forfeited bail’ represented. Town Attorney Dave Berger explained that the fines are the local portion that the Town Court retains and forfeited bail is bail money that has not been claimed.

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

7.3 **PERSONNEL** (MAJEWSKI/Fitzgerald) – no items were brought for consideration.

7.4 **PLANNING & ZONING** (FLETCHER/Fitzgerald)-no items were discussed.

7.5 **PUBLIC SAFETY** (MESSINA/Fletcher)

1. Request from John Police Chief John Butler to reject the bid from Bush Electronics for the purchase and installation of police vehicle emergency equipment and to authorize selecting Matt Martens to retrofit all police vehicles.

Supervisor Schaffer noted that only one bid was received and feels that it would be appropriate to reject this bid and rebid the job one more time. After a brief discussion the Board reached a consensus to reject the bid and to rebid this item in a timeframe that is acceptable to the Police Department.

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

2. Request from Fire Chief David Harrington to approve new members to the Vestal Fire Department as follows:

- George Blank as a member of Company No. 2
- Robert Morency as a member of Company No. 3

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Supervisor Schaffer noted that the background checks on new applicants to the Fire Department are done by the Broome County Sheriff's Office.

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

7.6 **ADMINISTRATION** (FITZGERALD/Messina) – no items were discussed.

RECEIVE AND FILE

- Notification from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding the Route 434 Pedestrian Enhancements (PIN 903823/D263813). Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2019 and last one construction season. Temporary closures of shoulder lanes, landscaping activities, and nighttime work may be required.

The Work Session was **adjourned at 6:25 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Emil Bielecki, Town Clerk