

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY August 23rd 2021

WORK SESSION

Board Attendance: Board Members Fitzgerald, Messina, Fletcher, Ellis
Also Attending: Town Attorney David Berger, Human Resources Director Nancy Olmstead, Town Clerk Debra Wallace, 1st Deputy Town Clerk Heather Webster, and Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners Sue Bowen.

Supervisor Schaffer convened the Work Session at 5:30 PM.

5:30 Brandon and Mike Reid - Scooter Ride Share services Presentation

Supervisor Schaffer and the Town Board thanked the Reid's for their time and presentation. The Town Board will review the proposal and be back in contact with Mike and Brandon Reid sometime in September 2021.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMITTEES

1.1 PUBLIC WORKS (ELLIS/Messina)

1.2 FINANCE (MESSINA /Fletcher)

1. Warrants: 2021- 32, 32C, 32E, 33, 33E

OK – This item will be placed as a “Receive and File” on the Agenda at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

1. Request from Laura McKane, Town Comptroller, to accept the proposal for the purchase of Medicare Advantage Health Insurance from United Healthcare (UHC) for Medicare eligible retirees secured through the Broome County Purchasing Alliance. Through the pooling of purchasing power, the Alliance secured coverage at the same level currently offered and enhanced coverage in several additional areas. Coverage is added for routine chiropractic, routine acupuncture and certain home care following hospital discharge. In addition, an allowance is added for vision hardware (eyeglasses or contact lenses). Prescription drug copays for mail order benefits are lowered to one copay instead of two. The cost per member per month is \$240, down from \$308.21 under the town's current contract with

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UHC and the cost is guaranteed for three years. The town is also eligible for a Shared Services Matching grant projected to be over \$98,000.

OK – This item will be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Request from Nick Angeline, Deputy Comptroller, for the Town Board to approve Budget Transfers as indicated in memo dated August 18, 2021.

OK – This item will be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

3. Request from David Berger, Town Attorney, for approval of billable hours for the period 6/1/2021 through 7/31/2021. Total time is 4 hours and 40 minutes and total amount due is \$700.00

OK – This item will be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

7.3 PERSONNEL (FLETCHER/Fitzgerald)

1. Request from Nancy Olmstead, Director of Human Resources for authorization for John Butler, Police Chief to appoint Bryan Chaffee to a vacant Police Officer position effective Monday, September 20, 2021 at the PBA rate of \$62,884.00. Such appointment is contingent on all Town and civil service requirements being satisfied. Officer Chaffee will be transferring from Binghamton University.

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7.4 PLANNING & ZONING (FITZGERALD/Fletcher)

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7.5 PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Ellis)

1. Request from John Paffie, Fire Chief, to update the standardization of the brand of Fire Hose, as described in the memo dated August 5, 2021.

Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners Sue Bowen stated that the Vestal Fire Department is moving from Snap-Tite hoses to Mercedes textile hoses as they are safer for the Firefighter's to use. The Fire Department will replace the hoses moving forward, as the need arises.

OK – This item will be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Request from John Paffie, Fire Chief, to sell the current Engine 32-1, closer to the new engine arrival, and to advertise on September 1, 2021 for Permissive Referendum for the sale of the Engine.

OK – This item will be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

7.6 ADMINISTRATION (FLETCHER/Ellis)

1. Request from Dan Williams, IT Director, for Board approval to sell the included list of retired IT network assets to CMS communications that are no longer used or needed. The funds will be used to further update the current town network equipment. We received the highest offer (we received 3 offers total) from CMS. The offer for the equipment totals \$5,782.50.

OK – This item will be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES:

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Change of Tenant, 301 Main Street, Myers Security, LLC
- Change of Tenant, 2433 Vestal Parkway East, Spirit Halloween
- Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 07.19.21

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Niccole Nickelsen, proprietor of the Happy Squirrel Café, to hold live entertainment with a musician outside of the Vestal Coal House on September 3rd, 2021 from 6-8 P.M. Live entertainment license request received by the Town Clerk with \$50.00 Fee paid.

OK – This item will be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Request from Niccole Nickelsen, proprietor of the Happy Squirrel Café, to have the New York State Liquor License waived by the Town Board for beer and wine service under Code Sec 12-139.

NO – This item will not be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Request from community member to have the late fee for August water bill waived.

The Town Board denied the request for the late fee to be waived

NO – This item will not be added to the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING:

- Pending Litigation, CSEA Negotiations, Liquor License waiver request

On a motion by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the

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Board entered into Executive Session. The time was 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Ellis, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the Board ended the Executive Session and Adjourned the meeting. The time was 7:10 P.M.