

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

MONDAY, November 14, 2022

WORK SESSION

Board Attendance: Supervisor Schaffer; Board Members: Fitzgerald, Messina, Donnelly (Absent) and Fletcher (Absent)

Also Attending: Town Attorney Dave Berger, Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Maney, Comptroller Nicholas Angeline and Deputy Comptroller Jessica Farley

Also in attendance were two people from the public.

Supervisor Schaffer commenced the Work Session at 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMITTEES

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS (DONNELLY, Messina)

1. Request from resident Hugh Simpson, 3220 Diana Lane, for a review of his water/sewer bill. He feels like he is being overcharged and the excess on his bill was due to watering his gardens. He feels outside watering does not utilize the sewer system, therefore he is being charged for a service he did not use.

NO- This item will Not be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.2 FINANCE (MESSINA /Donnelly)

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1. Warrants: 2022: 44C, 45, 45E

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

2. Request from Nick Angeline, Town Comptroller, please resolve to amend the 2023 Preliminary budget as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR WORK SESSION 11-14-2022						
APPROPRIATIONS						
ORG	OBJ	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	PRELIMINARY	FINAL	CHANGE
A6772	4030	SENIOR CITIZENS	Education & Travel	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
A1990	4322	CONTINGENT	Contingent Account	\$ 92,120	\$ 83,120	\$ (9,000)
ESTIMATED REVENUES						
ORG	OBJ	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	PRELIMINARY	FINAL	CHANGE
A1081	1081	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 198,001	\$ 196,044	\$ (1,957)
A1011	1011	Appropriated Fund Balance	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 427,356	\$ 429,313	\$ 1,957
D1081	1081	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 95,325	\$ 93,889	\$ (1,436)
D1011	1011	Appropriated Fund Balance	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 102,741	\$ 104,177	\$ 1,436

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

3. Request from David Berger, Town Attorney, for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$90.00 to the Law Firm of Frank W. Miller for outside counsel fees in connection with Town Litigation.

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

4. Request from Jessica Farley, Deputy Comptroller, for the Town Board to approve Budget Transfers as indicated in the memo dated 11/08/2022.

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

5. Request for the Town Board to review and discuss any possible changes to the lease agreement (dated February 19, 2018) between the Town of Vestal and Broome County on behalf of the Broome County Office for Aging.

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Supervisor Schaffer feels that it is important to continue to have the Town pay for the use of the facility for the Office of the Aging as a service to our community.

Councilwoman Messina stated that the Seniors that pay taxes do not use our Recreation Department and they pay taxes toward that so we should continue to pay for activities for them as well.

Councilwoman Fitzgerald agreed that we should continue to offer this service to the Seniors in our community.

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/Donnelly)

7.4 PLANNING & ZONING (FITZGERALD)

7.5 PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Fletcher)

1. Request from John Paffie, Fire Chief, for the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve Joshua Reid as a new member of the Vestal Fire Department at Company No.4.

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

2. Request from John Paffie, Fire Chief, for the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve Alana McKeon as a new member of the Vestal Fire Department at Company No.4.

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3. Request from John Paffie, Fire Chief, for the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve Pranav Jagannath as a new member of the Vestal Fire Department at Company No.4.

The Town has not received the paperwork back from Broome County.

NO- This item will Not be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

7.6 ADMINISTRATION (Fletcher/Donnelly)

1. Request from Dan Williams, IT Director, for authorization to sign a 60-month term with Empire Access to provide a Dark Fiber Link between the IT Building and the EOC as well as a link between the IT Building and the Engineering/Code Offices. The cost is \$200/month per location.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, Seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the Work Session was adjourned and the Town Board entered into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

- Litigation for recent court decision

The Time was 5:14 P.M.

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Executive Session was adjourned at 5:30PM with a motion by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, Seconded by Councilwoman Messina.