

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 09, 2020

WORK SESSION

Board Attendance: Supervisor Schaffer; Board Members Messina, Fletcher, Ellis
Missing: Fitzgerald due to medical procedure

Also Attending: Town Attorney David Berger, Director of Human Resources Nancy Olmstead, Town Comptroller Laura McKane, Fire Chief Dave Harrington, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Rose, Assistant Fire Chief John Paffie, Town Engineer Vern Myers, 1st Deputy Town Clerk Kelcy Wickman

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Local Law “A” – Local Law Amending the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 5, Article 5
“Signs”

Moved to next work session on recommendations to further refine the law.

COMMITTEES

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS (ELLIS/Messina)

7.2 FINANCE (MESSINA /Fletcher)

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

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

2. Request from Laura McKane, Town Comptroller to approve paying \$2,475.00 for Fire District legal services to Mark Butler, PLLC.

OK - This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board. From 2019 – reimbursement for department.

7.3 PERSONNEL (FLETCHER/Fitzgerald)

7.4 PLANNING & ZONING (FITZGERALD/Messina)

1. Request from Lincoln Ellis, Code Enforcement to allow Target to have 60 storage containers for a store remodel from March to July 2020.

OK - This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board. Councilman Fletcher asked if they were paying for this, Town Attorney stated that when they applied, they had to pay the fee. Assistant Fire Chief Paffie wanted to make sure that Fire Trucks would still be able to get through and was assured they would.

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

1. Request from David Harrington, Fire Chief, to approve awarding Fire Engine bid to Firehouse Apparatus for the total amount of \$639,093 per engine, 2 engines total.

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

2. Request from David Harrington, Fire Chief, to approve Mandatory Referendum to bond 1 engine for the amount not to exceed \$740,000.

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 Harrington, Fire Chief, to sell Tanker 32-3 (VIN #4V2BCBJF2KN612623) to Little Meadows Fire Company for the amount of \$45,111; with \$40,000 being placed into the Equipment Capital Reserve and \$5,111 to be placed in line 3410-2230C.

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

4. Request from David Harrington, Fire Chief, to advertise on the Fire Department Facebook Page and website to sell the Chief Vehicles:

2008 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN#: 1GNFK03048R186737 Chief 32-1

2008 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN#: 1GNFK030X8R269489 Chief 32-2

2008 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN#: 1GNFK03038R 187779 Chief 32-4

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

5. Request from David Harrington, Fire Chief, to approve Brendan Lindsley and Zane Anthony as Station 4 new members.

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

6. Request from David Harrington, Fire Chief, for John Schaffer, Fire Commissioner, to sign a 3 year proposal with Plexicomm to add PTP Fiber Optic connection to Vestal Fire Station 3. This will replace Spectrum.

OK - This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board. Dan Williams stated that this will bring Fire Station 3 up to par with IT standards.

Currently it is 400mb download x 20mb upload and this will increase it to 10,000mb x 10,000mb. Same price as Spectrum but increased service.

7. Request from John Butler, Chief of Police, to accept a reimbursement grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Service, in the amount of \$10,000 which will be used toward the purchase of the new live scan system that needs to be purchased in 2020.

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

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7.6 ADMINISTRATION (ELLIS/Fletcher)

1. Request from Dan Williams for John Schaffer, Town Supervisor, to sign a 3 year lease with Plexicomm to provide fiber network connectivity from the Core IT server site, to the Code/Engineering rented space and the library/DR site.

OK - This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board. Dan Williams stated that this will increase speeds up to 10,000mb x 10,000mb.

RECEIVE AND FILE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Ellis is going to look into creating a Resolution for the State about the sidewalk project on the Parkway stating Vestal is against it. Supervisor Schaffer stated he is more concerned about the State looking to remove the U-turn at Clayton Ave. He feels that it will put the businesses at risk if a fire apparatus needs to respond from the east end of the Parkway. Tractor trailers would not have a place to turn around until Apalachin if they got on the parkway going the wrong direction. He has already shown his displeasure with the decision at the meetings but will meet with the Fire Department to talk about safety concerns to bring back to the State.

Supervisor Schaffer stated, regarding the Corona Virus, that the County has a plan and the Town will follow their guidelines.

Supervisor Schaffer brought up an email that was sent to the Board from the Town Engineer stating that the generator hookup is done at the Library for the Town of Vestal Emergency Services EOC and Town of Vestal IT Services.

Supervisor Schaffer stated he received a draft from NYS Town & County of a resolution requesting withdrawal of the Energy Siting Amendment from the State budget.

Fire Chief, Dave Harrington, is looking to verify funding for the burn building that has been closed for months now due to repairs. Repairs are much more than expected and he needs to secure funding for the work to continue. The entire county benefits from this building for training as well as departments outside of the county. It is vital to the Fire departments to get this open. Hoping the town and county can work together with funding. March 31st is the deadline for the Community Grant through the county.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Messina, Fletcher, Ellis, Schaffer
Nays 0 Absent: Fitzgerald

Resolved the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

Upcoming negotiations with CSEA, Operating Engineers, PBA & VPSA
The time was 6:41 PM.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Messina, Fletcher, Ellis, Schaffer

Nays 0

Absent: Fitzgerald

Resolved the Board leave the Executive Session and adjourn the Work Session. The time was 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Wallace, Town Clerk