

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson, County of Wayne and State of New York was held in the Town Complex Court Room located at 6380 Route 21, Suite II, at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The following were

PRESENT: Supervisor James D. Hoffman
Councilman Gary Orbaker
Councilman Anthony Verno
Councilman Michael Bixby
Councilman Thomas D. Watson

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed bills for payment.

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Williamson was held in the Town Complex Court Room located at 6380 Route 21, Suite II, following the Worksession at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, by Supervisor Hoffman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were

PRESENT: Supervisor James D. Hoffman
Councilman Gary Orbaker
Councilman Anthony Verno
Councilman Michael Bixby
Councilman Thomas D. Watson

ABSENT: None

Nancy Gowan and undersigned Town Clerk was also present.

Public Comment: No one wished to comment.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Verno, to accept the Consent Agenda containing the following items:

- a. previous minutes: July 28, 2015
- b. presentation of the Town Clerk's report
- c. accept the monthly departmental reports

The motion was carried.

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Verno, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise in the official town papers the week of August 16, 2015 to receive applications for the upcoming opening on the Board of Assessment Review. The term is a four (4) year term to begin October 1, 2015 and end on September 30, 2020. Applications will be accepted until September 11, 2015 at 4:00 PM. The motion was carried.

FYI – Richard Eaton, term expires – 9/30/2015

Councilman Bixby made a motion, seconded by Councilman Verno, to authorize the Sole Assessor to attend the Advanced Data Collection Seminar to be held on September 18, 2015 in Batavia, New York at the Clarion Hotel. The fee is \$110.00 with all other necessary and actual expenses a Town charge. The motion was carried.

Councilman Bixby presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption. It was seconded by Councilman Orbaker.

WHEREAS: Rite Aid Corporation has commenced a proceeding pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law for the year 2015 in Wayne County Supreme Court under index number 78812, and

WHEREAS: The litigation costs of these challenges may be more than the Town can anticipate and afford, the County of Wayne has adopted a policy of participating in the costs and expenses of such litigation and has approved the above litigation for county, town and school participation by resolution 939-09 dated November 17, 2009, and

WHEREAS: Subsequent actions have been commenced by the petitioner for the same property for the year 2015, and

WHEREAS: The prior policy of the County was to include subsequent challenges to the same property without additional resolutions so long as the amounts at issue remained within the parameters set by the County, and

WHEREAS: By e-mail dated July 30, 2014 the County Attorney notified Town Assessor that the resolution was limited by its terms to index number 68622 so that additional resolutions should be obtained to avoid any question of participation, and

WHEREAS: Rite Aid Corporation has filed grievances, after receipt of the decision by members of the Williamson Board of Assessment Review, claiming excessive and unequal values against the assessment for the property listed below and request the following assessment rolls be reviewed, and

2015: Index 78812

Assessment: \$3,750,100

Grievance: \$375,010

In dispute: \$3,375,090

WHEREAS: The Town of Williamson, the Williamson Central School System and the County of Wayne are all stakeholders in resolving this issue equitably, in accordance with Real Property Tax Law, and

WHEREAS: The County of Wayne has already established minimum standards for participation and permitted change in an assessment challenge,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That all three (3) stakeholders will share equally in litigation costs and associated court fees for this assessment challenge, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That proceedings will involve the County Attorney and Real Property Tax Services Director as consultants regarding appraisals and/or settlement strategies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town of Williamson hereby requests approval for county school participation in this litigation commenced under the index numbers set forth above for the year 2015.

Roll call vote on the Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Supervisor James D. Hoffman
Councilman Gary Orbaker
Councilman Anthony Verno
Councilman Michael Bixby
Councilman Thomas D. Watson

NAYES: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Supervisor Hoffman presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption. It was seconded by Councilman Orbaker.

WHEREAS: The Wayne County Central Garage has several surplus vehicles that the County is disposing of,

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Public Works has received a request from the Town of Williamson to purchase a surplus vehicle for exclusive use by the Williamson Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Public Works has identified a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FAHP71V39x139898) that should suit the Town of Williamson's needs, and has set a fair market value of \$5,000.00 on this vehicle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the vehicle listed above be purchased from Wayne County in accordance with the Town of Williamson's procurement policy for the amount of \$5,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Senior Account Clerk is directed to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund, fund balance to line the General Fund line item 3620.2 Safety Inspection Equipment.

Roll call vote on the Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Supervisor James D. Hoffman
Councilman Gary Orbaker
Councilman Anthony Verno
Councilman Michael Bixby
Councilman Thomas D. Watson

NAYES: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Supervisor Hoffman presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption. It was seconded by Councilman Verno.

WHEREAS: Moody's Investors Service is a Financial Rating Company that rates local governments,

WHEREAS: Moody's Investors Service uses a Town's AUD as part of the rating process, and

WHEREAS: Moody's now requires that an AUD has been audited by a third party for them to rate a local government,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town of Williamson will employ the services of Raymond F. Wager, CPA,PC to perform a financial audit on the Town of Williamson's 2014 AUD, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Raymond F. Wager for such auditing services at a cost not to exceed \$7,750.00.

Roll call vote on the Resolution was as follows:

AYES: Supervisor James D. Hoffman
Councilman Gary Orbaker
Councilman Anthony Verno
Councilman Michael Bixby
Councilman Thomas D. Watson

NAYES: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Councilman Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to authorize the Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator to sign a Waste Transporter Permit Application. The application is for one Town owned vehicles, with the following license plates – AV1020. The permit will allow the Town of Williamson to transport raw sewage or dried sledge to the Town of Williamson WWTP or Town of Ontario WWTP. The permit is an annual permit and the permit fee is \$250.00. The motion was carried.

Councilman Verno stated a recent meeting with the Williamson Central School Superintendent, Wayne County Director of Real Property, Town of Williamson Library Board Chairman, Supervisor Hoffman and himself to discuss when the Library budget will appear on the Williamson Central School tax bill. He announced it will appear on this year's school tax bill [2015-2016]. Fifty three (53) properties in the Town of Marion and sixteen (16) in the Town of Sodus will now receive a Williamson Library tax in addition to receiving their own Town Library tax. According to the Director for Real Property, it is a glitch in the State system that no one can change.

Councilman Bixby announced a meeting is scheduled on August 12th with the Williamson Central School Superintendent, Supervisor Hoffman and himself to discuss the use of park fields by the school athletic departments.

The Board discussed the bids received for watermain materials and agreed to address it at the next Town Board meeting.

Public Comment: No one wished to comment

Councilman Watson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Orbaker, to pay the following bills as audited:

Abstract Number: # 15
Voucher #s: 15-1091 – 15-1128

GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,205.58
HIGHWAY	\$ 2,769.17
WATER	\$ 2,757.10
SEWER	\$ 832.42
<u>SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL H-19</u>	<u>\$ 14,272.14</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 28,836.41

The motion was carried.

Councilman Verno made a motion, seconded by Councilman Watson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Williamson Town Clerk