

The Town of Wilmington

7 Community Center Circle

Wilmington, N Y 12997

Public Hearing-2023 Town Budget

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

November 10, 2022

Present: Roy Holzer-Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor Darin Forbes, Councilwoman Michelle Preston, Councilwoman Tina Preston, Councilman Tim Follos, Nancy Randall Deputy Town Clerk

Also Present: Paula Lyon, Roger Bonner, Susan Hackert, Sarah Holzer, Cliff Holzer II, Rose Oropallo,

Tim Oropollo, Nancy Gonyea, Max Eaton, Amy Langford, Celia Stephenson, Beth Kress, Kristy Holzer, Mary Werner, Doug Nemec, Nicole Forbes, Dan Hansen, Aseem Mathur, Laura Hooker, Chris Barnes, Bill Barnes, Al Armstrong, Bruce Huntington, Scott Huntington, Karen Dunmire, Rebecca Rondeau, Jim Kelly, Charles Assetta, Kristy Holzer, Julia Daby.

The meeting for the 2023 Town Budget was called to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The budget was briefly discussed and there were no questions from the public. A motion to close the public meeting was made by Darin Forbes, seconded by Michelle Preston and carried with all in favor.

Regular monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Resolution 99-2022 to approve the previous minutes was made by Darin Forbes, seconded by Tina Preston and carried with all in favor.

Tim Follos proposed the STR fees be raised to \$500.00 with \$100.00 per bedroom, and pay annually rather than every two years. He said this would lower taxes. These fees were not included in the 2023 budget. Tina Preston agreed that they should be assessed annually and raise the costs possibly next year. It was suggested that we leave things the way they are and find out how many STR's that we actually have first. This could be discussed again next year and perhaps set up a new committee for this.

Resolution 100- 2022 to accept the 2023 budget was made by Darin Forbes, seconded by Michelle Preston , with Tina Preston and Roy Holzer in favor. When

Tim Follos was asked if he was in favor he would not give a yes or no answer, but finally said he was against.

Election update: The Cannabis vote was 273 agreeing with the board to opt out, and 306 agreeing to allow Cannabis to be distributed in town. We will not know the results of the Town Justice write in until November 15th per the Essex County Board of Elections.

Tom Follos proposed we establish a committee to explore zoning restrictions on Cannabis dispensaries that are not already put in place by the State of New York. A notice to apply to serve on this board should be advertised.

Tim Follos proposed we honor the elections inspectors with a luncheon and/ or a plaque to reward them for their dedication. They spend from 5:30 AM until 10:00 PM each election day.

A resolution 101- 2022 to approve was made by Tim Follos, seconded by Tina Preston and carried with all in favor.

A junkyard permit for Bruce Huntington was discussed. It was suggested that we accept a one year permit. If another year is needed, a fence would then need to be erected and a public hearing would be necessary .A public hearing would have to be held in order for the Town Board to issue a junk yard permit. A motion to accept the Application for a permit was made by Tim Follos, seconded by Michelle Preston and carried with all in favor.

A Resolution 102- 2022to approve the expenses and transfers was made by Darin Forbes, seconded by Tina Preston and carried with all in favor.

REPORTS:

Highway Department- We received \$393,668.00 from the insurance company for repairs to the highway garage. An additional \$200,000.00 will have to be paid by the town. Numerous repairs were made with these funds. There will be an open house after all repairs are completed.

Visitors Bureau- November 19th there will be an arts and crafts fair at Pourman's. December 9th will be the Christmas Parade and fireworks. December 16th there will be a Hawaiian Luau from 7-10 PM open to the public.

Codes Officer- there are 30 new building permits and 88 open permits.

Water Department- The truck needs new tires and rims. Ed Orsi got the lowest quote from Egglefield of \$1,727.48

Resolution 103-2022 to approve the purchase of the tires and rims was made by Tim Follos, seconded by Tina Preston and carried with all in favor.

Supervisor Report- another check is to come in a couple of weeks from the insurance company for the highway garage repairs. The STR system rollout is scheduled for November 15th. We are working with the AuSable River Association to get a grant to replace a culvert on John Bliss Road to possibly get a grant for this.

Board Report- Tina Preston reported that there will be a movie night for the youth at the community center Friday night November 11th. A \$5.00 donation, bring your own water bottle.

Michelle Preston- Santa's Workshop opens this weekend for previews. Feel free to decorate you homes as well.

Tim Follos- Beth Kress suggested asking for donations for the youth commission at the next bike races in town. Tim spoke again about gifts for the election inspectors such as food or a plaque.

Darin Forbes- There will be a camera on Fox Farm Road. They are working on a good concert for the summer. It will be something everyone should enjoy.

Audience- Al Armstrong mentioned that it is the 247th anniversary of the U S Marine Corp .It was recognized with a round of applause. The weeds in the AuSable river were mentioned as a possible cleanup. Roy said they are working with the AuSable River Association on a possible committee to maybe pick certain areas each year for cleanup. NANCY GONYEA mentioned the library Christmas Cookie Sale is at the Community Center this year due to repairs on the library. BETH KRESS mentioned the skates at the youth center need sharpening.

CHARLES ASSETTA asked why not a one year STR permit? Roy explained that would require new public hearings, etc. Jim Kelly mentioned that the STR's should be categorized as businesses.

KAREN DUNMIRE would like to have respectful meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Randall".

Deputy Town Clerk

