

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 7:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Brankman  
Councilperson Kirkby  
Councilperson Viens  
Councilperson Morrison  
Supervisor Tyler

Others Present:

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk  
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent  
Matt Simpson

**RESOLUTION #98**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes      Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2020 regular meeting received.

**Public comment:** Supervisor Tyler invited Matt Simpson to introduce himself to the Board as NYS 114<sup>th</sup> Assembly District candidate interested in taking Betty Little's vacancy. Mr. Simpson owned and operated his own small business for 31 years and is now the Supervisor for the Town of Harkin. He was born and raised in the Adirondacks and has spent his life in the Adirondack community.

**Youth Commission:** There was no youth commission meeting this month. The decision not to hold the summer program was made at the end of April. Ms. Perry has notified the community of this decision.

**RESOLUTION #99  
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 9 in the amount of \$109,266.70 for Vouchers 230-252.

**THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF MARCH MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:**

Westport Town Clerk

Westport Town Supervisor

Supervisor Tyler made note that the court would not have a monthly report this month due to the court closure during Covid-19.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

As discussed at the last meeting the excavator is broken and needs to be repaired. Obtaining parts for the repair is challenging. Dennie has spoken to other towns that are experiencing similar problems with repairing this model of excavator. In the meantime an excavator has been rented from the county for two weeks to complete priority jobs.

The trees on Washington Street have been pruned near the beach. The area is in need of guardrails. The town will purchase Box Beam Rails from Saratoga Company to match the rails that the state used. Essex County will be able to install the rails. Special equipment is needed to complete this project. The town is not equipped to install the rails properly. There are funds from CHIPS that can be used to complete this project. Supervisor Tyler stated this project needs to be done due to safety concerns.

Dennie and Councilperson Brankman will be going to Chazy to meet with Michael Parker to obtain information about the process of harvesting sap and the possibility of leasing the Town's maple trees. The area to possibly be leased is the 1700-acre watershed on Mountain Spring Road. The trees could potentially be leased to the highest bidder who would harvest the sap.

**RESOLUTION #100  
GUARDRAILS ON WASHINGTON STREET**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to purchase and install 132' of Box Beam Guardrail on Washington Street, which will cost \$6874.62.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Presented the board with a letter from Charter Communication about upcoming changes and franchise fees owed to the town.

A 32' camper was dumped along McMahan Rd/ Cedar Swamp Rd Friday night or early Saturday morning. The incident was reported to the Sheriff's department. There will be an investigation. Supervisor Tyler would like the person found and prosecuted since this is an ongoing problem along this road.

The town is part of Phase One of the reopening process. The highway crew will be returning to a full crew beginning Monday. Don has been mowing and is very busy.

**RESOLUTION #101  
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Brankman, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved on a roll call vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler  
0 Nays

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk