

TOWN OF WESTPORT  
TOWN BOARD - Monday, May 15, 2023

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Cuccia in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building/Town Hall. Members Present: Cuccia, Manering, Pichette, Trotter, and Werner. Members Absent: None. Also Present: Dean Grosskopf, Kevin Even, Tom Wilson, Brad Duffrin, Bill Marr, Ben Engwall, Mark Crowell, and Julie Trotter.

There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.

The minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular Board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Manering, second Trotter.

Kevin Even, Town Engineer, reported that the water main extension will need to be re-bid with a different scope of work, because the bids received were well over the amount that could be allocated to the project. The Willow Road bridge will be replaced with the reconstruction of County M in 2024. The Town will coordinate the engineering with the County project to minimize costs and inconvenience, and the Town will apply for a grant to assist with the project. Repaving the Town Hall parking lot will be considered as a change order to the 2023 Road project depending on cost and funds available. Details will be provided when available.

Ben Engwall and Bill Marr from Audio Contractors LLC appeared to present their proposal to enhance the audio / video capabilities of the Town Hall meeting room. After a detailed presentation and questions were answered, their proposal was accepted on a motion by Pichette, second Trotter.,

Deputy Sheriff Brad Duffrin appeared to report his current activities as Westport's contract deputy. The Board asked questions and appreciated the opportunity to meet with Deputy Duffrin.

The 2023 Road Construction Contract/Bid Award (Cobblestone, Gilkeson, and Weiss Roads) was introduced by Kevin Even. After a short discussion, the contract was awarded to Tri-County Paving on a motion by Manering, second Werner.

Chair Cuccia recommended Mark Crowell be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. The appointment of Mark Crowell was approved on a motion by Pichette, second Manering.

An update to the Historic Preservation Commission Procedure/Ordinance was presented by Atty. Tom Wilson. After a lengthy discussion, Wilson was asked to draft the procedures and changes to the Ordinance as discussed, to clarify and define the Commission's responsibilities in that regard, on a motion by Manering, second Trotter.

Grosskopf reported on items before the plan commissions and committees. The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by Grosskopf.

Grosskopf discussed the status of several minor items under Administrative Matters, and specifically reported that both water well's tests for PFAS were negative, which is very good news for the water customers.

Grosskopf reported under Miscellaneous Matters that the annual recycle event will be held at the Town Hall Parking Lot on Saturday, May 20.

Current bills were paid as presented by Grosskopf and recommended by the Audit Committee on a motion by Cuccia. second Trotter.

Motion to adjourn by Trotter, second Pichette. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Dean A. Grosskopf  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer