**Town of West Milford**

**Council Minutes**

**February 18, 2025**

Council Members Present: Mayor Todd Somers, Recorder Jeff Barnhart, Councilors Jackie Somers, Patty Flowers, Chip Myers, Cody Goldsmith, Absent (Work) Councilor Drake Toothman

Mayor Somers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Lord’s Prayer recited by all

Public Hearing was conducted for Bond Ordinance as pertains to the Water Project-Motion to Open Hearing by Recorder J Barnhart, 2nd by Councilor Jackie Somers Tom Aman with Steptoe Johnson discussed the bond ordinance and read aloud; Confirmed the interest rate of 2.125% for 40 years. With being no further discussion or Questions; Motion to close the hearing by Recorder J Barnhart, 2nd by Councilor Jackie Somers, motion carried

Public Comment-No Comment

Water Report: Mayor Somers read water report with each councilor having copies, Motion to accept report by Councilor Jackie Somers, 2nd by Councilor Chip Myers, motion carried

Treasurer’s Report: Council members were provided with detailed January transaction/balance report, Motion to accept by Councilor Cody Goldsmith, 2nd by Councilor Chip Myers, motion carried

Attorney Comments: Comments centered around mirroring Election cycle with State/County Election as well as obtaining .gov email addresses for the town

Law Enforcement: Capt McIntyre-Attended-No report given

Code Enforcement: Vincent Smith-Not Present

**Mayor Report**: Mayor Somers gave an update on Demolition of 82 Liberty Street, still waiting the approval of John King from REAP to proceed. Discussed the Park Grant and work, which will be completed when the winter weather breaks. Recorder Barnhart provided an update on Old Mill & Float the Fork Festival which is still waiting confirmation of Entertainment and a few other vendors

**Unfinished Business:**

Ryan Holcomb explained Engineering Agreement#1 for Thrasher that was presented from November 2021, signed agreement was needing updated, copy was provided-Motion to accept agreement by Councilor Cody Goldsmith, 2nd by Councilor Chip Myers, motion carried

Ryan Holcomb explained Engineering Agreement#2 authorizing additional payment to Thrasher which will be paid out of the grant funds in the amount of $51,200. Motion to Accept by Councilor Jackie Somers, 2nd by Councilor Patty Flowers, Discussion was held with Recorder Barnhart opposing the agreement; motion carried

**New Business**

Consideration of 3rd and Final Reading of Bond Ordinance per Water Project-Carry over from September 2024, Motion to accept Bond Ordinance by Councilor Patty Flowers, 2nd by Councilor Cody Goldsmith, motion carried

Quotes for Office Computer, Firewall, Networking & Email updates received from Advantage Technology, MTC & Lightning Technology LLC; after discussion of all 3 quotes, Motion was made by Councilor Jackie Somers to accept Lightning Technology in amount of $7,314 2nd by Councilor Chip Myers, motion carried

Consideration of Opening Bank Account for Sole Purpose of tracking Park grant reimbursements Signatures for account Todd Somers, Jeff Barnhart, Cody Goldsmith, Motion to open account by Recorder Jeff Barnhart, 2nd by Councilor Cody Goldsmith, motion carried

Discussion and consideration was held regarding moving our municipal election to the Election cycle that mirror the State and County Election; Motion to proceed by Councilor Patty Flowers, 2nd by Councilor Jackie Somers, motion carried

With being no further business for discussion, Councilor Jackie Somers moved to adjourn 2nd by Councilor Chip Myers, meeting adjourned at 8:15pm