

April 13, 2015 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Dresden Town Hall with all board members in attendance. The pledge to the flag was led by Sup. Gang. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

In attendance at tonight's meeting was the Washington County Treasurer, Al Nolette. Mr. Nolette addressed the board about a Government Efficiency Plan including a proposal for County wide shared services. The government efficiency plan requires local governments to come up with a plan to save 1% of their 2014 tax levy for three years. The county has met the 1% and they are looking for each town and village to agree to join them in this plan. In order to save future dollars, all municipalities must find ways to consolidate services, share services and find other ways to cut back.

A motion was made by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Raymond to pass a resolution agreeing to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to certify the Government Efficiency Plan and will become Resolution #13-2015 titled **To Authorize the Town of Dresden to Participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan**

The worker's compensation coverage is being allocated in a new way. Worker's compensation is a line item on the taxes. Prior to the 2012, claims were shared among all municipalities based on the following formula: 25% prior year payroll, 25% assessed property value, and 50% 3-year average. Starting in 2012 each municipality will be responsible for actual claims, but only up to the first \$20,000 for the lifetime of each claim. Under this new method, each municipality has more control over their payments. If claims are low going forward, payments will decrease accordingly.

Old Business: The town drug policy will need to be discussed further during coming meetings.

New Business: Resolution #10-2015 titled **To Support the Siting of a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center in Washington County Pursuant to the Compassionate Care Act** was put forth by Coun.

Raymond, and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. The resolution resolves that the town supports and requests the siting of a cultivation center in Washington County.

Resolution #11-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, General** to move money to cover insurance costs was put forth by Coun. Greenough, and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Resolution #12-2015 titled **Budget Amendment, General** to decrease appropriation from Unemployment Insurance, Contractual and increase the appropriation of Dog Control, Contractual was put forth by Coun. Greenough, and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Also under new business, the Highway Superintendent was approached about the town taking over the county roads (6, 6A, 6B, 7 and 7A located within the town boundaries to maintain them. Mr. Hobus responded with a written evaluation of his opinion based on road standards and what it may cost in Labor and Vehicle costs. Information is on file in the clerk's office. There are several issues with bringing them up to Code and therefore it is not in the town's best interest, at this time, to take over maintaining them. The County may eventually try force us to take the road responsibility over, however, there is no direction leading them that way and politically this would probably never happen.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hobus was in attendance for tonight's meeting after a busy winter and he gave a short update on the more recent maintenance of equipment. Also, he addressed the board about the upcoming weed program that's done each year in conjunction with the State of New York. The town's equipment is used to conduct this program and there are repairs needing to be done on the truck that is used. Mr. Hobus feels that we can consolidate the unused equipment either by municipal auction or selling them for scrap and purchasing a truck to replace the ailing one. The Town Board agrees that he should get rid of the old stuff and search for a different vehicle for the weed program.

This year the paving project will continue on Pike Brook Road so the crew has been busy prepping the area and the big project this summer will be the bridge replacement on Pike Brook.

There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made by Coun. Wilbur and a unanimous second. Respectfully submitted Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

Attendance: Lucus Gimmler Helen Marie Sunkenberg Louise Davidson Chet Foster Paul Ferguson Al Nolette Scott Brown