

**Town of Westernport
Council Meeting
June 7, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sarah Llewellyn, Judy Hamilton and Allen Shapiro

ATTENDEES:

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge opened the meeting and welcomed all. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for the people who lost their lives due to Covid-19. She then asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Commissioner Hamilton made the motion with a second from Commissioner Shapiro. Motion carried. Holiday closing for the town of Westernport will be Monday, July 5 to celebrate the 4th of July. The next council meeting will be on Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

The mayor brought up the American Rescue Plan Act. The council has already decided on where they will spend the money but they need to vote to accept the money. The acceptance vote has to be sent in by June 30. In the acceptance of the money letter, Westernport should have a cell phone policy. Westernport should put in place a "reduced text messaging while driving" policy. Westernport does not have this policy. This is Executive Order 13513. The mayor stated that this is not something Westernport has to do but it is encouraged. This policy is for employees and contractors. The mayor requested a vote to accept the American Rescue Plan. Commissioner Hamilton made the motion with a second from Commissioner Shapiro. Motion carried.

Mayor Freeman-Legge told the group that Westernport would not get the amount of money that it was initially told. The amount will be smaller. It will be 75% of Westernport's 2020 budget. Commissioner Shapiro mentioned this after the adjournment. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the 2020 budget will be approximately \$1.3M. The town will lose about \$100,000. This money must be used by 2026.

The mayor stated that it is time to appoint for a 2-year term our Town Clerk Renee Morris. Commissioner Hamilton made the motion to appoint Renee Morris as Town Clerk for a 2-year term with a second from Commissioner Llewellyn. Motion carried. Commissioner Hamilton made the motion to appoint Mike Llewellyn of Geppert McMullen Paye & Getty as the town attorney for a 1-year term with a second from Commissioner Llewellyn. Motion carried.

The mayor scheduled a work session for Wednesday, June 16, at 6 p.m.

There was no Water Report.

Mayor Freeman-Legge brought up the water quote from Neptune Hardware and Software and the amount is \$6,025. It is for next year. Commissioner Hamilton made the motion we accept the Neptune quote and a second came from Commissioner Llewellyn. Motion carried.

Commissioner Llewellyn gave the Street Report. She stated that there is not much going on but there were two water leaks.

Commissioner Hamilton gave the Police Report. As of July 1, all unlicensed vehicles parked on our streets will be tagged and then towed. If a vehicle is on our streets without any kind of identification, it will be towed immediately. The governor will lift the moratorium on this action on June 30, 2021. Grass and garbage around and on properties has become a big issue again. Commissioner Hamilton will send the code enforcement office to check out these properties, issue fines and perhaps go to court.

Commissioner Shapiro did not read Financial Report. He recommended that the council not approve the financial report. Commissioner Shapiro needs time to look over the report.

With no more business, the mayor requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hamilton made the motion to close the meeting with a second from Commissioner Llewellyn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Renee Morris, Town Clerk



Laura Freeman-Legge, Mayor