

# Agenda

# Williamstown City Council

09/20/16

7:30 PM

City Council Chambers

**Type of meeting:** Regular Meeting

**Attendees:** Mayor and City Council Members, City Attorney, and City Clerk

## Agenda topics

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call Roll
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Pay Bills
6. Chip Pickering to Address Council about a Change in Water Retention Method on Allen Drive
7. Property/Liability Insurance Renewal

## Other Items Which May Be Discussed:

1. Administrative Issues
2. Community Swimming Pool
3. Park Committee
4. Planning Commission
5. Board of Zoning Appeals
6. Tree Committee
7. Water Dept.
8. Sanitary / Storm Water Board
9. Sidewalk Plan

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WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:30pm. Those in attendance were Mayor Jean Ford, Councilpersons Marty Seufer, Jim Stage, Barbara Lewis, and Ron Erb, City Attorney Blaine Myers, and City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Knopp.

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, all voted yes.

On a motion by Erb and second by Lewis to approve the current bills for payment, all voted yes.

Chip Pickering addressed Council about some stormwater renovations of the Esham property on Allen Drive. He stated a detention pond was installed in 2004. He said they would like to change the detention method to an underground detention system (StormTech). He stated the new system will release water at the same rate as the current system.

Councilman Erb asked if this system would handle stormwater only or spring water.

Pickering said it would capture some spring water also.

Councilman Seufer asked if Pickering would retain ownership of the system.

Pickering said yes, it would be on his property. He stated the one system would handle both houses on the property and there would be clean out holes on top that could be cleaned out with a vac truck.

Councilman Seufer asked Building Commissioner Dave VanHorn if there were any regulations concerning these systems.

VanHorn said this is not in the City's regs, but he felt it was a good system.

Pickering said he would like to know in the next couple of weeks if there would be any problems.

Councilman Seufer said he would like to get the City engineer's input.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Stage to approve the new detention system based on approval from the City's engineer, all voted yes.

On a motion by Seufer and second by Lewis to renew the City's property and liability insurance with Commercial Insurance Services, all voted yes.

Mayor Ford said she would like to inform citizens about the reasons why we need to keep grass clippings out of the City streets. She said she would like to have this in the newspaper.

Building Commissioner Dave VanHorn said he has sent out close to 40 letters to residents about having grass clippings in the streets.

Councilman Seufer asked if there were elderly residents using a lawn service that was allowing the grass in the street, can we send a letter to the service instead of the residents.

Atty. Myers said the City couldn't really go against the lawn service. This is the property owner's responsibility.

Councilman Seufer said since this is a City Ordinance, shouldn't the letters come from the police department.

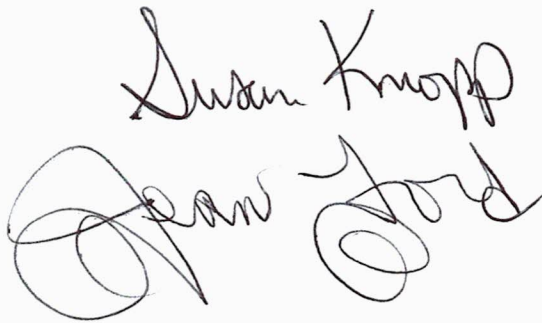
Councilman Stage said the Planning Commission was still working on the Martin Project.

Councilwoman Lewis said the Sidewalk Project contracts have the okay, and we will meet next Thursday to sign the contracts.

Councilman Erb stated the Williamstown Library had put up signs stating their parking lot was for library parking only, and others will be towed.

Councilman Seufer stated the City has a fund for the care of Armstrong Garden and the roses have a disease and need to be replaced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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