

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
Website: www.townofwindhamny.com**

NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Present: Supervisor: Thomas F. Hoyt
Councilmen: Wayne Van Valin, Stephen Walker & Kurt Goettsche
Town Clerk: Bonnie Poehmel

Absent: Councilman Ian Peters

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Police Chief Tor Tryland, Gail Nichol森, Jim Sallie & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie & Delaware Engineering John Brust

The Supervisor called the public hearing meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PRELIMINARY BUDGET Supervisor Hoyt read aloud the following legal notice advertising for this public hearing: "Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Windham for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection by any interested persons at all scheduled office hours. Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Windham will review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Town Hall at 6:45 pm on November 10, 2022. At said hearing any person may be heard for or against the preliminary budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained. Pursuant to section 113 of Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified: Supervisor: \$17,500; 4 Councilmen: (each) \$11,250; 2 Justices: (each) \$11,500; Town Clerk: \$42,000; Highway Superintendent \$60,000; Tax Collector: \$9,000. Notice is also hereby given the Regular Town Board meeting will be held November 10, 2022 immediately following the Public Hearing for the purpose of conducting any other business that shall come before the Town Board. By Order of the Town Board Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk Dated: October 27, 2022." Supervisor Hoyt opened the floor for any questions or comments. No one at this time had any questions or comments. Supervisor Hoyt asked for a motion to recess the preliminary budget public hearing @ 6:48 pm, was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. Supervisor Hoyt asked for a motion to re-open the hearing at 7:00 pm, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. The Supervisor would like a motion to close the Preliminary Budget Hearing at 7:00 pm with no public questions or comments, motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

Supervisor Hoyt opened the **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING** at 7:00 pm.

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2022, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present. Supervisor Hoyt gave a brief report, John is working on “research of copper in the water system. We currently do it at West Winds as it takes care of Hensonville system and the Windham Reservoir; we are going to add the system onto the Bus Garage well house. We have also reached out to Windham Mountain about treating their water, to help limit the amount of copper that gets treated at the WWTP. Our SPDES permit allows us to dismiss so much copper. Our rate is very low. We are still in compliance. The ambulance building is moving along with progress every day.

Supervisor Hoyt would like a motion to adopt as presented the 2023 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Windham for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023. A motion to adopt the 2023 Budget was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

2.TWO NEW APPLICATIONS FOR OUTSIDE SEWER DISTRICT: 25 Two Trees Lane, Tax Map #95.00-1-16.22 and 35 Two Trees Lane, Tax Map #95.00-1-16.222 will continue to be tabled.

3.NANA GAIL’S CAFÉ with SANTA “I recently received an Elf Report that Nana Gail’s Café has been discussing this year’s outside holiday decorations; and the annual holiday tree lighting at the Hensonville Park for the community to enjoy on December 2, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Nana Gail’s Café will also be hosting refreshments after the tree lighting for everyone to enjoy. Nana Gail’s Café and I would like to invite the Supervisor, the Board and the Community. No RSVP is needed. Please just bring your holiday spirit. Hope to see you there. All my best,”

SANTA A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

4.WINDHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE seeking permission to use Centre Property December 3, 2022 for annual inside seating photos with SANTA and outside holiday tree lighting. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. Brian Hammel has checked and fixed the outside tree lighting outlet. Lisa Jaeger, President of the Windham Chamber of Commerce has ordered new lights to be put on the tree.

5.WINDHAM HOSE CO. #1 will be hosting a Festival of Lights Parade on December 3, 2022, line up at 4:30 pm with the step off at 5:00 pm. They are hoping this may become an annual event. The Windham Police Dept will help with the traffic. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, one absent.

6.LIVING FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH & FRIENDS seeking permission to use Centre Property December 30, 2022 for multi-church Holiday Musical open to the public. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, Councilman Van Valin abstained, one absent.

7.TOWN CLERK’S report for October 2022: \$8,754.99. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

8.COURT JUSTICE REPORT: September 2022: Justice Stevens \$1,232.00 and October 2022: Justice McCarthy \$3,698.00; was noted by the Board.

9.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #47 OF 2022: to authorize the Supervisor to establish the following checking account entitled: Town of Windham Maplecrest Cemetery. A motion to

adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, one absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #48 OF 2022: to authorize the Supervisor to close the Capital Water Consolidation Project account. As this project is completed and the checking account is no longer needed. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, one absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #49 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #50 OF 2022: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$13,933.06 from Unanticipated Revenue in account 1640405 Ambulance-charges to be balance the accounts in the General Fund as per General Fund Resolution #23 of 2022. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #23 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

10.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. Richard Vanderbeck part-time Ambulance Paramedic has retired. A letter from Supervisor Hoyt has gone out to Mr. Vanderbeck thanking him for his 13 years of service with the Town of Windham Ambulance (10/02/2009-10/27/2022).

11.ASSESSOR'S REPORT the following report has been submitted to the Board for their review: "There were eleven sales, and multiple other types of transfers in Windham in all of October 2022. Today November 9th, 2022 has above normal traffic for the month to date. Our local market remains active. Work has begun on next year's Roll for 2023. Our photo database inside the NYS RPS has been incremented, as well as the town photo database. There is a unique volume of new construction, more than in recent years. Attending New York State Assessor's Association class November 18th, 2022. Titled: Revaluation and Obstacles to Equity. This will assist me in future reassessments. High volume of site visits scheduled for November and December to update our volumes of open Building Permits. Majority are new construction, single family homes, in the proximity of South St, Club Road, Old Road, and Mitchell Hollow Road. Ready to help purchasers of over 150 acres of vacant Town of Windham real estate, from the recent Greene County Property Tax auction. This year calls and "issues" with School Tax bills were virtually non-existent. Primarily just a few receipt seekers. Looking forward to winter here."

12.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. CDE Electric has fixed the failed breaker in the box in the lighting area at the fuel station. The highway dept has been preparing for the rain coming on Friday into Saturday. (This is part of the tropical storm Hurricane Nicole that has hit the east coast of Florida.) The sand/salt mixture for the winter season is undercover and ready to go. The highway department is still looking for another employee to fill a vacant position.

13.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. Halloween WAJ trunk or treat went well with the kids. Hickory Hill Market made a donation for the Police Dept to hand out their annual hotdogs; any leftovers were given to the Windham Fire Company. Three hundred (300) hot dogs were handed out on Halloween night. The Chief would like to request permission to place an ammo order for approximately \$2,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. The Chief was able to speak with the Windham Manor owners and a neighboring resident; they both understand the local Noise Law the town has in effect. Supervisor Hoyt thanked the Chief of Police for taking care of that. The Police Dept has staffing issues but his department has been great in getting all the shifts filled. He is grateful to them for that. The Board was provided with a copy of the following "activity report for the month of October 2022: *Arrests-0; Traffic Tickets-9; Traffic Stops-31; Parking Tickets-0; Calls for Service-76; Property Checks-264; EMS Assist-5; Fire Assist-1; and EID, Alarms-8.* (Per the Chief, please do not place all the weight on these numbers as each month is subject to change.)"

14.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Van Valin** the gutters and the a/c base at the town hall have been taken care of by the Highway Dept. The electrical work at the Centre Property has

been taken care of. We just need to keep watch of the fuel going into the Centre Property, as the fuel truck driver keeps filling the wrong tank. This happened a lot last year. We hope this year will be straightened out. **Councilman Walker** will be attending a SWAC meeting at the WWTP on November 17, 2022 @ 6:00 pm. **Councilman Goettsche** the calendar plug-in on the website needs to be updated. Councilman Goettsche would like permission to have KathodeRay Media do the update for the cost of \$300.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. The website is still busy with traffic. **Supervisor Hoyt** the Morales' house, the demo work will be done by Tweedy Construction. Supervisor Hoyt has signed off for this to be done. This will be another green space for the town to maintain.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #21-G contained vouchers #882-916, totaling \$20,370.07 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #21 contained vouchers #192-205, totaling \$12,952.04 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #21 contained vouchers #299-306, totaling \$39,107.88 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #11 contained vouchers #83-89, totaling \$4,493.44 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT WARRANT#7 (Government Law 2021) contained vouchers #10-12, totaling \$19,886.40 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

NY RISING WARRANT #43 (So. Street Stormwater) contained voucher #73, totaling \$598,963.26 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

CAPITAL AMBULANCE BUILDING WARRANT #4 contained vouchers #11-14, totaling \$367,006.38 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #22-P for **General** contained 6 claims, totaling \$6,733.11 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$17,534.17 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Police** payroll contained 12 claims, totaling \$16,902.68 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #22-P contained 5 claims, totaling \$9,036.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #22-P contained 1 claim, totaling \$68.10 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

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