

**TOWN OF WINDHAM  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
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**JANUARY 26, 2023**

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

**Also Present:** Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Delaware Engineering John Brust, Debbie Daley, Ed Carey & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

**Absent:** Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington & Police Chief Tor Tryland

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Supervisor asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Kristen Tompkins. She has passed away this week. Kristen is a former ex-Supervisor of the Town of Prattville, New York.

THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

**GUEST:** Ed Carey was present to speak about the Energy Products through the NY Municipal Energy Program. A flyer was presented to the Board for their review. "Community Choice Aggregation Program" "Residents and businesses can save energy costs while switching to environmentally friendly energy supply options, all at no cost to the municipal budget. With Good Energy, the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) and Association of Towns of the State of New York (AOT) have created the New York Municipal Energy Program (NYMEP), a one-of-a-kind, innovative Municipal buying initiative that allows New York communities and municipal facilities to save money on energy costs for facilities such as municipally-owned buildings, wastewater treatment plants, and other government owned properties. Municipalities can also go green with Good Energy! Your community can determine how much they buy through local renewable sources. Good Energy's Community Solar program can allow residents and small businesses to choose solar without installing panels." Neighboring towns in Greene County are using the energy products and they are very successful. Just to name a few: Town of Cairo, Coxsackie, Athens & New Baltimore. Councilman Peters would like to see a proposal. Ed Carey in order to do that, Ed will send the Town Clerk a draft templet, the Town will need to advertise for a local law to be passed and then Ed can send a proposal to the Town Board for their review.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. “Progress of the ambulance building is going well. The electrical inspection is complete and everything is roughed in. The mechanical contractor is working on the controls. The cultural stone will start to go in next week. The plumbing will start next week. All the contractors are working well together. Supervisor Hoyt visits on a regular basis. A new completion date has been set for mid-May 2023”.

2.DRAFT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023: “The purpose of this Local Law is to adopt the real property tax exemptions provided for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in accordance with Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law.” A motion to **set a public hearing on Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 6:50 pm;** was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt would like permission to sign the NEG DEC SEQARA to go with the proposed law. A motion to approve and allow the Supervisor to sign was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #08-23: Setting Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory Number 1 of 2023 (A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law)

3.NEWTON FUND ACCOUNT FOR 2022: Account Clerk Bette Rhoades has prepared the following account with the ending balance of \$19,430.36, as noted by the Board.

4.PERMISSION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAY March 25, 2023 (end of wedding 9:30-9:45 pm) @ Windham Manor. Supervisor Hoyt would like the Town Clerk Bonnie Poehmel to call Windham Manor and have them reach out to their neighbors for that evening event. The Windham Police Dept will be notified of the event too. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. (See Local Law #4 of 2022, this event falls within the Local Noise Law time)

5.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #6 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Streetlighting District accounts for the year 2022. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #7 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$927.94 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the Streetlighting Fund as per Streetlighting Fund Resolution #6 of 2023 for the year 2022. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #8 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for the year 2022. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #9 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for the year 2023. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #10 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$500,000.00 of General Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #11 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$75,000.00 of Highway Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #12 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$200,000.00 of Water District Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #13 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$300,000.00 of Sewer District #2-Crystal Pond Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 9 months at the National Bank of Cossackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #14 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$350,000.00 of Capital Sewer EDU Fund Money in

a Certificate of Deposit for 9 months at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #15 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$100,000.00 of Street Lighting Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Bank of Greene County, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #16 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$250,000.00 of Water Improvement Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Bank of Greene County, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #3 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the highway accounts for the year 2022. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #3 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for the year 2022. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

6.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. The following report was submitted to the Board for their review. “**Vehicles**: No issues. **Staffing**: Still short on EMT’s. Thomas Todd who was hired as a driver just completed his EMT recert so we will be able to get him on the schedule per diem. He works full time elsewhere, but is willing to pick up shifts when possible. Kym Langdon is in the EMT class, has started the application process as a driver and is doing ride time for class with Windham. There were 55 calls in December, we answered 53 and turned two over to Ashland as we were out on previous calls. The **call total for 2022 was 540** calls. The busiest day of the week was Saturday followed by Sunday and the busiest time of the day was between 12:00 and 2:00pm. **For comparison: 508 calls in 2021 and 485 calls in 2020**. I spoke with Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington regarding replacement pads for the LifePak CR Plus AED’s and advised him that both adult and pediatric pads are on long term back order nationwide with no in stock date available. **Calls for the Month of December 2022: Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-14, Basic Life Support (BLS)-3, Call Cancelled (C/C)-3; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-7, Public Assist (P/A)-5; Calls in Jewett: ALS-5, BLS-1, P/A-3, C/C-2; Calls in Hunter: ALS-2, C/C-3; Calls in Cairo: ALS-2, C/C-3; Total calls: 55; Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Ashland-2. Vehicle Mileage Log for December 2022: 96-1: 76,653 and 96-2: 142,060.**”

7.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present.

GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #21-23: Authorizing Municipalities to Participate in County Highway Purchases

8.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was not present. The following report was submitted for the Board’s review: “TLO subscription has been opened. Somewhat a struggle to fill all the shifts this month. Have had a couple of open or partially open shifts. The staff is stepping up to help cover, but due to sickness or changes in a full-time job, etc., there have been some glitches.”

9.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** “with the CWT meeting they have approved the modifications that are proposed by the DOH regarding the Filtration Avoidance Determination. A lot of it has to do with land acquisitions. Land acquisitions don’t seem to be a big player as much as protection the water supply.” Supervisor Hoyt is working on a resolution for the town and will present to the town board for their approval. **Councilman Van Valin** residents of Main Street, Windham are happy to see that the sidewalks had snow removal completed so fast. Councilman Van Valin has nothing to report on at this time. **Councilman Goettsche** complaints continue to come in about the dog pooh left behind on the Windham Path. Councilman Goettsche received an email from Sarah Mirsini and James Morzillo. They would like to propose buying two dog waste stations to be placed at the Windham Path entrances. They would have Phil Devlin pick up the waste garbage. Councilman Goettsche would like to make a motion to accept the two dog waste stations (this will not be a cost to taxpayers). Councilman Peters would like at the Board’s discretion to remove the dog waste stations at any given time; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. **Councilman Peters** have received an email from

Andrew Zampariolo of Twin Bridges Solutions; he is our telephone representative. He would like to offer to the Town of Windham Board members a cheaper telephone rate than what is currently being spent. Councilman Peters will get in touch with Andrew Zampariolo for a proposal to present at the next town board meeting. **Supervisor Hoyt** the Land Use Committee has had their last meeting today. They have two drafts for the Board to review into laws: Site Plan and Set Back. Helen Budrock has reported she will dissolve the current Land Use Committee to start a new zoning committee. The current members may continue to stay on and/or they will invite new people if anyone is interested. For the Board's review the Account Clerk Bette Rhoades has prepared the "Asset Book for 2022". A motion to accept was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #2-G contained vouchers #70-101, totaling \$112,031.74 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #2 contained vouchers #14-17, totaling \$2,853.19 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #2 contained vouchers #34-39, totaling \$12,265.54 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

CAPITAL AMBULANCE BUILDING WARRANT #7 contained vouchers #19-20, totaling \$423,069.75 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #2-P for **General** contained 5 claims, totaling \$5,932.35 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling \$19,876.29 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 10 claims, totaling \$11,504.95 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #2-P contained 6 claims, totaling \$9,769.69 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #2-P contained 1 claim, totaling \$69.45 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Debbie Daley was present. There was a lot of conversation on Facebook about the Windham Path and they were all coming to the Board Meeting today. However, no one is here. Debbie was happy to hear Councilman Goettsche's report regarding the dog issue on that path. She also wanted to mention there is an on-going problem with traffic at the entrance of Mill Street and State Route 23. Supervisor Hoyt, the town cannot regulate the speed limit as this is a State Route. However, the town is concerned and letters have been written to NYS DOT concerning the speed limit on Main Street. Windham Police Chief and Officer's are all aware of this on-going problem. Traffic cones are placed at the corner on weekends for no parking.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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