

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

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

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 & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie & Delaware Engineering John Brust

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order at 6:50 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023: Supervisor Hoyt read the following legal notice aloud, "Notice is hereby given, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Windham at 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY on February 9, 2023 at 6:50 PM. All persons wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard at this time. A copy of the Local Law #1 of 2023, a Local Law of the Town of Windham "Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law" is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk Dated: January 26, 2023." With no public present, Supervisor Hoyt asked to recess the public hearing @ 6:55 pm. A motion was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. At 7:03 pm Supervisor Hoyt re-opened the recessed public hearing. A motion to re-open was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. With no public present; the public hearing was closed @ 7:03pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent Councilman Peters.

THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

Supervisor Hoyt would like to make a motion to **adopt Local Law #1 of 2023**, a Local Law of the Town of Windham "Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law," 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present.

2.COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS (the following information has been provided for the Town Board's review sample templet, sample agreement, sample local law and sample resolution). The program suggests the next step is to start with the local law. This will be Local

Law #4 of 2023. The Town Board will need to set a public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2023; in order to move forward for more discussions on this program. The Town Board may at any time opt out of discussions if they are not in the best interests for the town. Supervisor Hoyt would like the **public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2023** to be set at the next board meeting on **February 23, 2023 @ 6:45 pm**. A motion to approve the public hearing was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

3.30-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO A LOCAL MUNICIPALITY for on-premises for a New Alcoholic Beverage License: The Tipp Tavern, 5330 State Route 23, Windham, NY. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. A revised application from Wylder Windham LLC, 19 State Route 296 & 20 State Route 296, Windham, NY has been submitted “in reflecting which floors of the respective buildings at the premises will be licensed. This is being submitted to the Town at the request of the NYS Liquor Authority.” A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

4.DRAFT LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2023: proposed amendment for Site Plan Law. Supervisor Hoyt would like to make a motion to set a **public hearing for February 23, 2023 @ 6:50 pm**, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

5.DRAFT LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2023: proposed amendment for Setback Law. Supervisor Hoyt would like to make a motion to set a **public hearing for February 23, 2023 @ 6:55 pm**, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 favor, one absent.

6.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #17 OF 2023: the following resolution is “to accept the Sewer District Billing for 2023 in the amount of \$251,284.26. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #4 OF 2023: 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 Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

7.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #410-22: As Amended, SEQRA Declaration and Approving Recommendations for Including Land into Agricultural District No. 124. In the Town of Windham: BM181825 Holdings LLC, 3 Leon MacGlashan Road, Maplecrest, NY, Tax Map #97.00-1-79.1, 210.4 acres; and Greene County Soil & Water District, 421 County Route 56, Maplecrest, Tax Map #97.00-3-37, 12.28 acres.

8.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. The following report was submitted for the Board’s review: “**Vehicles:** No issues. **Monthly calls:** Total calls for January 2023 – 38; Total calls for January 2022 – 55. **Misc.:** Sent a letter to GC911 regarding dispatch to Schoharie and Delaware Counties, requesting that Windham Ambulance only be dispatched under extenuating circumstances, such as Delta level calls when no other resources are available and MCIs. Fire Extinguishers serviced on 1/30/23 by Sausbiers. Received an application from a paramedic who resides in Cairo, I will forward it to Bookkeeper Cindy Nelson. The narcotics agreement with CMH was updated due to staffing changes within the pharmacy. End of Year narcotics report was submitted to DOH and the Bureau of Narcotics. Any charts with narcotics use were sent to Dr. Stanger for review. EMS agencies in the region have begun using “Pulsara”, in place of VHF radio reports to communicate with ED staff/hospitals. It is used through an app via cell phones and patient information is received by the charge nurse alerting them of pertinent patient information and arrival time. It has been in use for about a week and we are already seeing improvements in turnaround times at the hospitals. So far February has been busy with 21 calls in the first 6 days, 17 out of 21 were transports.” **Calls for the Month of JANUARY 2023:** Calls in Windham: *Advanced Life Support (ALS)-10, (ALS)-1 (Helicopter), Basic Life Support (BLS)-2, Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-2, Public Assist (P/A)-2, Call Cancelled (C/C)-7;* Calls in Jewett: ALS-4, C/C-2; Calls in Hunter: C/C-1, RMA-1; Calls in Prattville: BLS-1; Calls in Durham: C/C-1; Calls in Conesville: C/C-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-1; Stand by for GCEMS-2. **Total calls for: 38, Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Town of Ashland-1. Vehicle Mileage Log for 2023:** 96-1: 77,602 and 96-2: 142,292.

9.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Richard Tollner submitted the following report for the Board's review: "Sales continue with five properties sold in January, 2023. Activity and calls about real estate issues and opportunities on a slow rise as spring approaches. Roll data, information, photographs, and valuations are now being gathered, for tentative roll. The postcard shipped to Windham homeowners that addressed tax exemptions generated nearly 50 calls and an equal number of office visits in just two weeks. The card has generated so new tax savings and veterans' exemptions. February, 2023 is excessively busy in the office with walk ins, heavier than normal calls, reviews of the Firefighter/First Responder exemption legislation, and the usual annual Senior STAR activities. Office equipment being addressed. All pieces seem to be good shape. Laptop is three years old. Researching software that could parallel RPS from companies that are positively reviewed by NYS. No true replacement on the horizon. Heavy traffic with photography. Numerous construction sites as well as new homes underway, all about the Town of Windham. Speaking engagement with Windham Seniors group the Golden Agers generated a high volume of interest, and some positive results in just days. Topics included Senior STAR, Aged STAR, Veterans Exemption, Firefighter/First Responder exemption and lastly what happens with home ownership / family transfers."

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. The display plow out front of the highway department garage is getting a new facelift. Advocacy Day at the NYS Capital is all set for March 8, 2023. Tires for any emergency service vehicles are impossible to find or order. Goodyear is our vendor. At this time, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington is choosing to recap the tires to get through the winter season. It seems to be all new vendors are going to electronic billing. They no longer want to work with a voucher, they are all insisting on being paid with a credit card. February 8, 2023 there was an Association of Towns meeting. The discussion was on equipment replacement. Truck dealers are looking at a 18-24 months out before delivery and with a "Letter of Intent". The highway dept still has one staffing spot open.

11.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. Staffing is still an issue with no fulltime police officer. Everything else is all good. The Board was provided with a copy of the following activity report for the month of January 2023: *Arrests-0; Traffic Tickets-19; Traffic Stops-42; Parking Tickets-10; Calls for Service-75; Property Checks-279; EMS Assist-6; Fire Assist-4; and EID, Alarms-10.* (Per the Chief, please do not place all the weight on these numbers as each month is subject to change.)"

12.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** the CWT Meeting in February was cancelled. There will be a CWT Meeting in March, he will be attending. **Councilman Van Valin** has nothing to report on. **Supervisor Hoyt** noted to Councilman Van Valin that the Centre Property has a short in the conduit near the holiday tree. This will need to be taken care of in the spring. It continues to trip inside the box. **Councilman Van Valin** noted the Centre Property will have some repairs this year we will need to look into. Is there possibly a grant out there to help us with the repairs? **Councilman Goettsche** has emailed Sarah Mirsini & James Morzillo. They will place the order. They will need to wait for the ground frost to be out before placing each unit. Councilman Goettsche explained to Sarah & James the town's concerns for this and the Town's right to remove the units. They understand. Councilman Goettsche, there was an issue with the website, the minutes were not loading. This has now been corrected. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like permission to move \$500,000 from the General Fund checkbook to the Capital Ambulance Fund checkbook. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. Supervisor Hoyt would like Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk to tell the Bookkeeper Cindy Nelson to write up a resolution for this. **Supervisor Hoyt**, on Friday, February 10th there will be a zoom meeting with the Labor Attorney to discuss the renewal of the Highway Union Contract. The new ambulance building was approved for \$130,000.00 for the stormwater (see article in Mountain Eagle Newspaper). There was an insurance problem with the sheetrock subcontractor. A second sheetrock subcontractor has been approved, has the correct insurance and is ready to work starting Monday, February 13, 2023. There is one change order for the NY Rising South Street Stormwater project still pending. There is an apple tree to be removed by the (old Barlow house). SPEDES Report has been received for the ambulance building. DOH has approved FAD septic storage and processing, WWTP is interested. Supervisor Hoyt is working with Attorney Kevin Young on a new resolution to presented to CWT. The sewer pump station has a new belt

press. This has helped with the light no longer being on at the Old Road pump station. All the new work and corrections that were done last year have worked out well.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #3-G contained vouchers #102-135, totaling \$11,116.39 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 #3 contained vouchers #18-22, totaling \$3,214.68 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 #3 contained vouchers #50-54, totaling \$47,602.35 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #2 contained vouchers #15-17, totaling \$1,337.41 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #2 contained vouchers #4-23, totaling \$5,298.61 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 #8 contained voucher #21, totaling \$16,721.52 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 #3-P for **General** contained 7 claims, totaling \$7,442.87 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 15 claims, totaling \$17,789.47 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 0 claims, totaling \$0.00 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 #3-P contained 5 claims, totaling \$11,134.08 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 #3-P contained 1 claim, totaling \$69.45 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 #2-P (NYS Health Care Worker Bonus Pay) contained 6 claims, totaling \$7,000.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

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