

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

**DECEMBER 14, 2023**

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

**Absent:** Councilman Ian Peters

**Also Present:** Brendan Dougher and Son & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

**Absent:** Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington & Delaware Engineering John Brust

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

THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, Councilman Peters was absent.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present.

2.WINDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY seeking permission to use the Centre Property for the following dates: Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for Christmas Cookie Decorating workshop. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. And Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm for Christmas Ornament Making Workshop. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

3.WINDHAM MOUNTAIN CLUB seeking permission to host fireworks. Young Explosives Corporation will do the display of fireworks on December 31, 2023 @ 7:00 pm, January 13, 2024 @ 7:00 pm and February 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent, Councilman Goettsche abstained.

4.COLUMBIA-GREENE HUMANE SOCIETY/SPCA contract renewal for 2024: This is an annual contract January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; between Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA and the Town of Windham. A motion to accept contract and allow the Supervisor to sign was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

5.CWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS: nomination for one Greene County seat for the election on the Board to serve a four (4) year term. A motion to nominate Innes Kasanof from the Town of Halcott (Greene County) was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Hoyt, with 4 in favor, one absent.

6.TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for November 2023: \$4,085.86. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

7.JUSTICE REPORT FOR October/November 2023: Justice Stevens: October \$1,754.00; November \$2,083.00 & Justice McCarthy: November \$2,421.00 was noted by the Board.

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #114 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$2,025.54 from Unappropriated fund Balance to balance the accounts in the Streetlighting Fund per Streetlighting Fund Resolution #115 of 2023. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. TOWN

BOARD RESOLUTION #115 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Streetlighting District fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #116 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #12 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance District fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #21 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

9.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #365-23: Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax. Town of Windham \$154,856.83

10.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. Supervisor Hoyt meet with Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie; effective January 1, 2024 Ryan Hejnal will be hired as a full-time paramedic. A motion to approve full-time hire was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. The Golden Agers recently made wreaths this past week in one of the ambulance bays. The Golden Agers were having their annual members' luncheon today.

11.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. All is good with the highway department. Recently a security camera has been installed at the pumps.

12.POLICE REPORT: Chief Selner has the January 2024 schedule out and he is confident that the vacancies will be filled. The police department is going smooth with the new transaction. Recently the police car needed the catalytic converter repaired. Liaison Councilman Walker was able to give permission to have this repaired.

13.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** will be attending a CWT meeting on December 18, 2023. **Councilman Van Valin** on November 28, 2023 is the last time Main Care filled the fuel tank for the library/centre property building. They no longer have the state bid contract for fuel. The building ran out today, on new delivery will be coming tomorrow with Bottini as they have the new state bid contract for fuel. The menorah display had no electrical problems this year. **Councilman Goettsche** has been working on updates to the website. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like to set the **Organizational Meeting for January 2, 2024 @ 6:30 pm**; a motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. Also a reminder the first of the new-year 2024 building permits will have a new fee schedule. Next Tuesday the Supervisor will meet with Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie and the First Aid rooms at both the Windham Mountain Club & Hunter Mountain to make sure there is enough ambulance coverage for the upcoming ski season. The CWC Engineer will meet at WWTP to vote on if the watershed communities can have the septic trucks dump their sewage with Windham.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #23-G contained vouchers #738-794, totaling \$202,152.54 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #23 contained vouchers #220-235, totaling \$32,538.88 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #23 contained vouchers #293-324, totaling \$59,884.094 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #97-104, totaling \$1,837.11 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #22 contained vouchers #221-235, totaling \$63,603.76 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #24-P for **General** contained 6 claims, totaling \$7,991.83 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$19,226.39, was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Police** payroll contained 10 claims, totaling \$10,517.64 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #24-P contained 6 claims, totaling \$12,199.68 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #24-P contained 1 claim, totaling \$92.60 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #25-P for **General** contained 7 claims, totaling \$8,672.08 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling \$17,147.53, was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #25-P contained 6 claims, totaling \$12,510.72 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #25-P contained 1 claim, totaling \$92.60 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

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