

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

MAY 8, 2024

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

Also Present: Jon Licurse, John Garzone, Friends of the Windham Path Group: Carlin Meyer, Maria Elena Papsen, Olympia Ward, Ellen Schorsch, Andrew Wrabec, Milly Morabito, Richard Kreshtool, Barbara Tolley, Merav Elbaz Belschner, Chrystele Aristy, Travis St. Clair, Matt St. Clair, Sharon St. Clair, Connor Exum, Cassie Abel, Max Saenger, Marcia Johnson, Athena Billias, Anita Buyers, Nick Bove, Lori Torgersen, Antonia Besurlides, Helen Exum, Mary Ann Ledda, Tara Pepe, Joseph Pepe, John Hickey, Francis Driscoll, Stephen Schmitz, Mary Finneran, Ben Dover, Patricia Charbonneau, Ronnie Bendernagel, Stephen Bendernagel, Rita Sisti, Jon Sisti, Curt Snyder, Jacob Furmaniak, Jeffrey Jenkins, James Novak, AJ Savasta, Melissa Lane, Fred Mazza, Molly Hurst, Natasha Shuster, Drew Shuster, Jonathan Gross, Tony Vasile, Val Wald, Elizabeth Gross, Jennifer Potts Compton, Robert Lynch, Zairi Malcolm, Robert Mahabir, Pamela Worthington, Lafayette Compton, Ashton Compton, Antonia Schreiber, Chris Brower, Darlene Marone & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, and 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 APRIL 25, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present.

2.PRE-K GRADUATION Mrs. Melody Coughlin WAJ Pre-Teacher is seeking permission to use Centre Property on June 7, 2024 @ 9:30-11:30 am. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

3.AMENDED NOTICE for NYS Liquor License regarding premises address for the Winwood Inn. "The standardized notice form to update the street address of the establishment for the Winwood Inn. The correct address is 5220 State Route 23, Windham, NY 12496. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, Councilman Peters abstained as he is employed by Windham Mountain Partners.

4.COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS for the election of Executive Committee Members for Greene County. The Town Board approved the following Two-year Term Candidates: David Kukle, Town Board Member, Town of Hunter and Steve Walker, Town Board Member, Town of Windham for the regular members and for the alternate members Greg Cross, Supervisor, Town of Prattsville and Greg Kroyer, Supervisor, Town of Jewett. A motion to approve was made by

Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor. Councilman Walker abstained as he is a current regular member.

5.TOWN OF LEXINGTON is seeking support for their Restore NY Communities Initiative Grant. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

6.WINDHAM VILLAGE CEMETERY Association is asking for \$8,500.00 for their mowing & maintenance. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

7.WINDHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY would like permission to host a slide show at the Senior Center on July 11, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Larry Tompkins will be showing slides of old Main Street Windham. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

8.WINDHAM TOWN COURT seeking permission to hire a new Officer assigned to the court. Supervisor Hoyt would like to table this request as this will be a conflict with the Police Union.

9.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #67 OF 2024: 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 Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #11 OF 2024: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

10.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. The Board approved Justine Drum as a new Certified EMT and she is on the Civil Service list. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt spoke to the Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie for her report: There will be an ambulance presence at the Little League games. Also, there will be an EVAC class on June 2, 2024 at the Durham School; May 20, 2024 the WAJ students will be at the ambulance building for a field trip and the Flight Med is to land; and April 27 & 28, 2024 Windham Mountain had an active shooter class. The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: *“Calls for the Month of April 2024: Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-6, Basic Life Support (BLS)-1, Call Cancelled (C/C)-2; Public Assist (P/A)-2; Calls in Jewett: ALS-3, BLS-2, C/C-2; Calls in Hunter: BLS-1, RMA-1;Calls in Gilboa: reg for M/A-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-1; Stand by for GCEMS-2. Total calls: 24. Vehicle Mileage Log for April 2024: 96-1: 97,295 and 96-2: 8,450.”*

11.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. Supervisor stated that the town highway roads have been swept and are all finished. Mowing has started at the various town owned buildings and fields.

12.POLICE REPORT: Supervisor Hoyt stated the Police will have a presence at the Little League games to direct any traffic.

13.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** stated land acquisition discussion is still going on. There will be no more purchase of land in zones 3 & 4 (Town of Windham is located in this area). **Councilman Van Valin** would like to know if there are any grants for the Centre Property projects. He would like to put out a bid for painting of the Centre Property. Supervisor Hoyt stated the new town police dept in the basement, the contractor is working on the framing, electrical, communication cable, plumbing and the sheetrock is on site. Councilman Goettsche has nothing to report on at this time. **Councilman Peters** has been helping out the Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie with the tablet software upgrades. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like permission from the Town Board to go out to bid for the WWTP seal coating the driveway. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt also stated to DEP & CWC are working together to add another 76 areas of a natural walking path next to the Windham Path, on the entrance of the State Route 23 side.

DEP will be mapping out walking trails. This land will border Chase’s property and the wet area. This will be open for public access.

14.PUBLIC COMMENT: Friends of the Windham Path Group (about 75 people with about 55 sitting and the remaining standing room only) were in attendance. The Town Board listened as the Town Supervisor engaged in comments with the group. The group was very interested in speaking about the two draft ball fields at the Windham Path and the status of the current little league field. Anyone in the public that raised their hand was given a chance to give their comments and concerns.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #9-G contained vouchers #288-317, totaling \$26,706.92 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #104-111, totaling \$8,316.12 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #127-140, totaling \$11,723.57 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #5 contained vouchers #35-38, totaling \$1,793.19 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #95-102, totaling \$6,444.59 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #9-P for **General** contained 7 claims, totaling \$8,293.32 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche , 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$17,692.53 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 6 claims, totaling \$5,787.85 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #9-P contained 5 claims, totaling \$9,005.54 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #9-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$1,230.73 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin , with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53p.m. on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

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