

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
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MAY 23, 2024

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Police Officer William Scarey, Jon Licurse, Charmaine Rusin, Cynthia S. Jaeger, Samantha Hoyt, Samerna Rion, Patrick Madigan, Robert Blakeslee, Ellen Schorsch, Emily White, Gail Spindell, Joel Kosofsky, Molly Hursh, Morgan Miller, Tara Pepe, Joe Pepe, Jen Schwartz, Jonathan Gross, Chris Landi, Sarah Chase, Loni Loument-Holdridge, Nathan Holdridge, Nicholas Holdridge, Beau Landi, Justin Landi, Maddox Goettsche, Aiden Goettsche, Sadie Chase, Kevin M. Keegan, Jessica Leto, Deborah Goettsche, Connor R. Exum, Helen Exum, Laura Segall, Alan Trinkle, Briand Hammel, Ronnie Bendernagle, Stephen Bendernagle, Karen Matteo, Peter Matteo, Jon Matteo, Natasha Shuster, Drew Shuster, Michael Blass, Jeanne Licurse, May Elbaz Beschner, Robert Malrabit, Zairi Malcolm, Mark McAlpine, Pam Worthington & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie & 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 MAY 8, 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.YOUNG EXPLOSIVES seeking permission for fireworks display at Windham Wylder for May 26, 2024 @ dark 9:15pm -9:30 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt asked Councilman Goettsche to put the event on the town's Facebook page to notify the neighbors. Young Explosives seeking permission for fireworks display for the Town of Windham for July 4, 2024 @ dark per Supervisor. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

3.ADAPTIVE SPORTS FOUNDATION is seeking permission to hold wine tasting & auction event at the Centre Property on December 27, 2024 @ 5:00 pm -7:30 pm will be the event, they would like to be in at 11:00 am for setup; with a number of guests: 185 people (up to 200). They are looking for an estimated ticket price of \$115.00 as a stand-up reception. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

4.VFW POST 1545 has purchased USA flags for the Remembrance of our Veterans on Veterans Day. The cost of the graveside flags total \$547.75. A motion to approve to reimburse the VFW was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

5.APPLICATION TO NAME private road: **Estate View Drive**. Owner of road is Michael Bonfiglio and the location of the road is off Galway Road (Windham Luxury Estates subdivision). A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.TOWN CLERK's monthly report for April 2024 \$4,522.87. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

7.TOWN JUSTICE's monthly reports for February \$2, 674.00 Justice Stevens; March \$3,826.00 Justice Stevens; April \$2,459.00 Justice Stevens and April \$561.00 Justice McCarthy; as noted by the Town Board.

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #68 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 Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #12 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

9.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #183-24: Awarding Fuel Oil Bid: Main-Care Oil Co., Inc.; GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #195-24: Awarding Bids to Purchase Materials-Highway Dept; GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #197-24: Awarding Bid for Washed and Screened Crushed Stone; GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #210-24: Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax, Windham \$52,979.05

10.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. The Board received a resignation letter on May 21, 2024 from Laura Mastrantuono, EMT; effective immediately. A motion to approve this resignation was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

11.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: the following report was submitted to the Board by Richard Tollner. "The phone calls, professional inquiries are minimal this year on Notices of Change of Assessment out to taxpayers. The Board of Assessment Review members Fournier and Beckmann attended their BAR Training April 24th, Catskill. Also, in attendance was Robert Rhoades and myself. We obtained new methods of dealing with Tax Grievances. The trip was well worth the effort to have four BAR participants attend. Further updates to our filing of Blueprints / Site Plans / drawings continues with a fourth filing cabinet completed. Additionally a high portion of these document are now loaded Document Imaged in our computer for easy transfer to Board member, Town Clerk, requesters, or our Town Planning Board members. It is all indexed. Once completed the Index will be copied to Town Clerk, Town Planning Board, Emergency Personnel, Assessor's office and a hard copy to the Town Building and Code Enforcement Officer.(The index is nicknamed TAP Index for **TOW Assessor Plans**) Windham photo database, as mentioned last month contains @10,000 Windham based high definition photos. A complete set now lies in one computer. Donated a flat screen wall mount to the new Police Office. Will offer labors if needed to connecting all the flat screens and overheads to their computers. P.S. The increment in value of Windham this year was 1.80%. This should reduce the hit taxpayers experience in the upcoming WAJ School budget hike. Most School Tax increments hover @ 2.00% plus, so a 1.80% increment in town value will help reduce the School Tax Rate hike that may occur in this May 21st, 2024 school tax vote."

12.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. Columbia County Highway held an event on replacement lighting. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington presented to the Board a flyer for them to review and think about. The town would pay for the cost of installation and NYSEG would pay for the fixtures. This will help on all town buildings with the cost of electric. The highway dept is at 60% of full time help. The highway dept still wants to do the project at the town hall; however, this will change the time frame for work to be completed. The 284 Form will be amended too in a couple of weeks. Due to NY State not giving the spending funds for town highways to be repaired this year; originally 4.5 miles of road on Nauvoo and Begley was approved. Now there is only funding for 1.2 miles and Begley Road has the most traffic. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington will be at Superintendent Highway Conference on June 2-5, 2024. Troy Aplin will be in charge. The new mower has been purchased and is in service. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, just a reminder to the Board about the possibility of purchasing a new snowplow truck. This year a letter of intent is needed for the purchase. The Board received a resignation letter from Christopher Viola, highway MEO effective May 23, 2024. A motion to approve this resignation was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

13.POLICE REPORT: no report was given.

14.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Van Valin** would like permission from the Board to research the spraying of foam insulation under the Library. Councilman Van Valin also received from the Town Clerk's office a prior draft legal notice for painting the outside of the Centre

Property. **Councilman Walker**, SWAC has awarded a half million dollars to the Town of Jewett for road culverts and \$100,000 that the Town of Hunter will match for road culverts. SWAC is also doing a program for the kids on streams and plants. CWT meeting was postponed for next month. **Councilman Goettsche** has been updating the town's website and maintenance. **Councilman Peters** helped with the Justice Steven's computer as it was missing a part. That will be up and running again. **Supervisor Hoyt**, CD Lane Park will be open this weekend for the season. The Life Guards will have orientation with the Ambulance Staff as they will be trained on how to use the AED. A new AED has been purchased for the Park this year. The Life Guards are back and one has been assigned to help with the park maintenance as John Wolf will not be returning this year. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** has been helping the planning board with their projects and escrow accounts.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #10-G contained vouchers #318-344, totaling \$31,663.84 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #10 contained vouchers #112-126, totaling \$6,627.16 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #10 contained vouchers #141-152, totaling \$42,847.79 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #10 contained vouchers #103-111, totaling \$4,895.83 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #10-P for **General** contained 10 claims, totaling \$12,618.10 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling \$17,166.44 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #10-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$5,695.21 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #10-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$456.80 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

15.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: The meeting room was filled again with the boys and girls from the Mountaintop Little League teams with their parents, Friends of the Windham Path Group and other concerned residents. There were about 55 chairs in all that were full. Supervisor Hoyt went row by row asking anyone if they would like to speak on behalf of the Little League field or the Windham Path. All comments were well received by the Board as they listened on to each person's comments. Supervisor Hoyt made a comment the area used at the Windham Path will be just under 7-acres for the new baseball fields in question. Supervisor Hoyt will be meeting with four other members and DEP this week to discuss 76 acres of a nature path to be added to the east of the Windham Path.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

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