

**TOWN OF WINDHAM  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY  
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**JUNE 27, 2024**

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

**Also Present:** Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

**Absent:** Councilman Kurt Goettsche, Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Delaware Engineering John Brust & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

**Also Present:** (Those with printed writing) Reese Rusin, Sherry Wack, Charmaine Rusin, John Pumilia, Al Olivieri, Andrew Wrabel, Lisa Ferrari, Ruby Reichardt, Jonathan Gross, Gail Spindell, Joel Kosofshy, Natasha Shuster, Drew Shuster, Jon Licurse, Richard Goldman, Susanne Craig, Olivia Pedrick, Anita Buyers, Molly Hurst, Ellen Schorsch, Caitlyn Ball, Robby Sussman, Hinde Morelli, Mary Finneran

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

THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, Councilman Goettsche absent.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: Delaware Engineering John Brust was not present. Supervisor Hoyt stated John Brust is working with Camp Oh-Neh-Tah (Girls Camp), High Peak Road, East Windham as they are having a waste water issue. Rebecca Winchell, DEC is working with their SPDES report; they have 20,000 gallons of waste to dispose of. The Girls Camp is not allowed to dump into the Town of Windham waste water nor is the town allowed to take. John Brust is also working on our pilot program with accepting private home septic into the WWTP.

2.NEW APPLICATION for Sewer District Additional/New EDU's: 425 County Route 12, Tax Map #95.01-2-3.2 is requesting for one EDU within the Town Sewer District for a residential single family home. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

3.SEEKING PERMISSION to have a wedding at CD Lane Park with Tent: Kristen Hamilton is requesting permission to have an outside wedding and use the pavilion with a tent if needed should it rain for her wedding on July 26, 2024. There will be about 100 guests invited. A

motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. Supervisor Hoyt stated the park closes at 8:00 pm daily.

4.AFFIDAVIT & APPLICATION for Certificate of Residence: Olivia Jean Pedrick is looking to attend Suffolk County Community College. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

5.PERMISSION FOR GREEK FESTIVAL Banner Across State Route 23: The Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption is looking for permission to hang their festival banner across State Route 23 located at the entrance of the town near the Hensonville-Windham Methodist Church. The banner will be hung up from August 1 to August 19, 2024. The festival is for the weekend of August 14-18, 2024 located at 4752 State Route 23, Windham, New York. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

6.TOWN CLERK's Revenue Report for May: \$11,983.86. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

7.TOWN JUSTICE Report for May: Justice McCarthy \$1,118.00 was noted by the Board.

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #86 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$11,443.93 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the General Fund as per General Fund Resolution #14 of 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #87 OF 2024: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Streetlighting District accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #9 OF 2024: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #14 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

9.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. Supervisor Hoyt gave the report. One of the ambulances was out of service due to an antifreeze issue. Matt Berger will soon be back to work as he has been out with some health issues.

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. There was a tractor truck accident on State Route 23 on the Windham-Durham line. No one was injured. The tractor truck went down over the embankment. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was there helping to stabilize the state DOT road as the guardrails are missing. Safety is the issue for on-going travelers. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington is in the process of hiring a new employee who will have a non-CDL license.

11.POLICE REPORT: Supervisor Hoyt gave the report. The new police office is coming along. The Police schedule is all set for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

12.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** attended the Coalition Meeting with Attorney Baker. **Councilman Van Valin** has a contractor to do the new flooring in the police office in the basement. The painting bid for the east side of the Centre Property has gone out and we are waiting for the bids to come in. Supervisor Hoyt stated the Ladies in the Library are very happy with their new air conditioner unit. **Councilman Peters** received a note from KathodeRay Media our website host; as they have sold the company. The new owner will be keeping and working with the town on our website. **Supervisor Hoyt** stated there is a Sand Castle Contest at CD Lane Park on July 4, 2024. Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at 83 County Route 21, Windham; the town highway dept parking lot will be hosting a Greene County Hazard Waste Collection Day to the residence of Greene County. Please bring your driver's license for proof. Mid-Hudson Cablevision has been updating their fiber optics. They will be updating the lines to

the town hall. The Town of Greenport just finished updating their town government with Mid-Hudson Cablevision.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #12-G contained vouchers #414-427, totaling \$26,614.35 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

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

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #173-178, totaling \$3,802.13 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #128-133, totaling \$5,421.61 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #13-P for **General** contained 15 claims, totaling \$12,363.30 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$17,525.17 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #13-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$5,695.20 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #13-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$355.95 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

13.PUBLIC COMMENT: There were 24 names on the sign in sheet for the meeting with the mountaintop residents not all from the town of Windham and the Friends of the Windham Path Group. Supervisor Hoyt went around the room chair aisle by chair for anyone in the public that would like to make comment. Various questions were asked from the interest in the bridge construction on County Route 40/56 for 2024. There will not be any bridge construction this year but Greene County is looking at 2026. Recently Supervisor Hoyt met with the Friends of the Windham Path Group for a tour of the Windham Path. As one of the group members said the "Tommy Tour". Other comments and concerns were made again about the two ball fields that are proposed to be at the Windham Path and the current Little League field. All comments were well received by the Board as they listened on to each person's comments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one absent.

Absent Councilman  
Kurt Goettsche

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