

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

AUGUST 8, 2024

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

Also Present: John Pumilia, Susan Lyman-Walker, Fred Walker, Emily White, Athena Billias, Anita Buyers, Marvin Seligman, Susan Kukle, Jen Schwartz, Molly Hurst, Fred Mazza, Lisa Ferrari, Karen Hansen, Gail Scarey, Michael Blass, Tom Borman, Danielle Borman, Loni Holdridge, Maisie McAdoo, Al Stacy, Nick Bove, Dr. Lori Torgersen, Jonathan Gross, Gail Spindell, Joel Kosofsky, Donald Alberti, Emanuela Stucchi, William C. MacGregor, Rocco Morelli, Hinde Morelli, Donna Dawson, Reese Rusin, Sherry Wack, Lafayette Compton, Bruce Malachuck, Charlene Maybe, Pat Madigan & 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 JULY 25, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present.

2.A LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY Kaaterskill Associates for their client the WINDHAM RESORT MASTER PLAN “they would like to request that the Town of Windham Town Board consider our request for an allocation of sewer EDU’s for the Windham Resort Master Plan project, South Street between Resort Drive and Trailside Road”. The town board acknowledged receiving the letter by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 4 in favor, one abstain by Councilman Peters.

3.YMCA REQUESTING USE OF WINDHAM PATH for Walking Event: The Board has received an email from “Michele Johnson, Wellness Director at the Greene County YMCA, part of the Capital District YMCA Association. Greene County YMCA is looking to do a fund raiser on 9/28/24 from 7-11am at the Windham Walking Trail. We are looking to raise money for our Basket Brigade program. Basket Brigade is a program that helps feed families throughout Greene County who otherwise would not have a Thanksgiving Dinner. We provide everything from the turkey, stuffing and fixings to dessert. We are asking participants of this event for a \$25 minimum donation to participate.” A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

4.YOUNG EXPLOSIVES – FIREWORKS DISPLAY request permission: Wylder Windham 19 State Route 296 on Sunday, September 1, 2024 @ dark 9:15-9:30pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. Windham Manor 1161 County Route 10 on Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 9:00 pm for a wedding. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt asked Councilman Goettsche to make sure both events are noted on the town’s Facebook page for the residents to be aware of the event and noise.

5.WINDHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE request for Autumn Affair weekend event: The Board has received an email from Caroline Lynch the Event Coordinator for the Windham Chamber of Commerce. “The Chamber is requesting the following from the Town of Windham to be delivered on October 13th and paid for by same: Port o lets.... 3 to be placed between WAJ and Mt Top Insurance 3 behind library (Driver can call Caroline Lynch day of delivery to insure proper placement) Large Trash Cans with liners...8 to be Delivered to the Centre Church on Friday October 11th 2024. Oranges Cones...8 to be delivered to the Centre Church on Friday October 11th, 2024. 1 Large Dumpster to be placed TBD.” 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 JULY: \$5,178.31. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilm Walker, with all in favor.

7.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT FOR JULY: Justice McCarthy \$225.00 was noted by the Board.

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #102 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 #17 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. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #11 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

9.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. “The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: “***Calls for the Month of July 2024:*** *Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-17, Basic Life Support (BLS)-4, Call Cancelled (C/C)-4; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-4; Calls in Jewett: ALS-6, BLS-2, C/C-2, RMA-2; Calls in Prattsville: ALS-1, BLS-1; Calls in Cairo: ALS-1, Calls in Catskill: C/C-1. County*

Coverage Request Amb S/B-2; Stand by for GCEMS-6. *Total calls: 56; Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Ashland-2; Durham-1. Vehicle Mileage Log for June 2024:* 96-1: 98,274 and 96-2: 10,681.” The Board received a letter of retirement from Louis Leo effective July 31, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. The ambulance staff shift schedule for August and September is full. Should the public have an emergency and show up at the ambulance building, they will still need to call 911 for the staff to address their needs.

10.ASSESSOR’S REPORT: the following report was submitted to the Board for their review: “Traffic is quite slow, such is summer time. Inquiries on properties are their lowest in many years. 2. The Board of Assessment Review completed its work. There may be some SCAR activity, which will be reported on as it arises. The count would be three or less. 3. A photo database of Windham Mountain Club plans, site plans, and conceptual plans are being added to our photo files.... when released to the public. 4. Prepping for this year’s WAJ School Tax season. Please remind those you meet that School Tax comments or complaints need be directed to WAJ School District, not necessarily Windham Assessor’s office, where taxpayer input is addressed very politely. 5. Still downloading photos and blueprints/drawings for photo database. 6. Considering attendance at this year’s NYS Assessors Association conference. I haven’t attended in years due to course contents, which I already have on hand. This year proves to have courses of that align with my Windham responsibilities.”

11.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. A letter of resignation was received from Jesse Cassleman effective August 6, 2024. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Highway paving for Nauvoo Road and Begley Road is to start soon. The highway dept may look into the private sector for help during the winter season, needing anyone with a CDL License to drive the snowplow trucks.

12.POLICE REPORT: Chief Selner, Supervisor Hoyt and the Town’s Labor Attorney has meet to start talks for the renewal of the Police Union contract.

13.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** will be attending the next CWT Meeting. The attorneys are talking again about the Land Access Permit and changing the Wet Lands definitions. **Councilman Van Valin** has a mason to do the work at the Library ramp. He has also spoken to Delaware Engineering John Brust for advertising avenues on the painting of the Centre Property. **Councilman Goettsche** has had some issues with the website functions. **Councilman Peters** has received an email from a local resident regarding the Windham Path discussion. Also Councilman Peters will be researching the local solar law of 2022 with possible new updates. **Supervisor Hoyt** spoke to the Town Attorney, escrow accounts are coming in, as the Supervisor is signing letters to have them set up. Supervisor Hoyt has the lifeguard staff preparing the park should there be a pending rain storm. The staff is preparing to move the shed to a higher spot and secure all other outside equipment to be out of the way of flood waters.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #15-G contained vouchers #508-531, totaling \$23,224.47 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #15 contained vouchers #155-161, totaling \$76,766.35 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 #15 contained vouchers #198-217, totaling \$57,462.55 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #8 contained vouchers #56-64, totaling \$1,991.67 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #15 contained vouchers #148-159, totaling \$5,854.56 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 #16-P for **General** contained 17 claims, totaling \$17,608.14 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 \$18,908.37 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 8 claims, totaling \$11,599.29 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #16-P contained 7 claims, totaling \$6,299.30 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 #16-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$498.33 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

14.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: At each meeting the Board looks forward to seeing the Town of Windham residents and our Friends of the Windham Path Group who have an interest in attending our town board meeting; and as we learn more, we are getting acquainted with our other mountaintop non-town of Windham residents. The comments in concern are about the proposed draft ball fields at the Windham Path. Tonight's meeting had a short ending. Residents voiced their concerns about how everyone should be more nicer to each other when in fact there is a division at each meeting. The Supervisor likes to give each person in the room a chance to speak or not. Some residents at tonight's meeting are abusing this and the Supervisor closed the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

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