

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

JULY 11, 2024

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

Absent: Councilman Wayne Van Valin, Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington & Delaware Engineering John Brust

Also Present: Sherry Wack, Jonathan Gross, Ron Dyszler, Anita Buyers, Joel Kosofsky, Gail Spindell, Molly Hursh, Jen Schwartz, Christopher Brower, Ronnie & Stephen Bendernagel, Jon Licurse, Jeannie Licurse, Karin Riedl, Lisa Ferrari, Kannan Sundaram, Connor R. Exum, Drew Shuster, Lori Torgersen, Nick Bove, Ellen Schorsch, Barbara Grinell, Diane Kletz, Robby Sussman & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

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

THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, Councilman Goettsche abstained and Councilman Van Valin is absent.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present. 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 Mitchell, DEC is working with the camp and John Brust. The camp will be able to take their septic waste to our WWTP.

2.AFFIDAVIT & APPLICATION for Certificate of Residence: Maya Watters is looking to attend a Community College. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

3.PERMISSION FOR Windham Chamber of Commerce Banner: The Windham Chamber of Commerce is looking for permission to hang their Autumn Affair 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 September 7 through October 17, 2024. The festival is for the weekend of October 12 & 13, 2024 located on Main Street-State Route 23, Windham, New York. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

4.TOWN CLERK's Revenue Report for June: \$11,630.65. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

5.TOWN JUSTICE Reports for May & June: Justice Stevens-May \$368.00, June \$1,704.00; and Justice McCarthy-June \$2,398.00 was noted by the Board.

6.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #88 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, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.
GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #15 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 Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

7.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 June 2024: Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-6, Basic Life Support (BLS)-5, Call Cancelled (C/C)-2; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-2, Public Assist (P/A)1; Calls in Jewett: ALS-2, BLS-2; Calls in Hunter: ALS-1; Calls in Prattsville: C/C-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-1; Stand by for GCEMS-7. Total calls: 30. Vehicle Mileage Log for June 2024: 96-1:***

98,274 and 96-2: 10,681.” Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie has made the recommendation to the Board to hire Christopher Maeurer from part-time to full-time position as Paramedic. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. **The Town of Windham Ambulance has been selected as this year’s EMS Agency of the Year! Congratulations!**

8.ASSESSOR’S REPORT: The following report was submitted by the Town Assessor Richard Tollner. “1. Summer has struck, with the opportunity to catch up on office filing, organizational challenges, and just the time, to put away paperwork. Traffic has slowed with the season’s slowdown.....2. The Board of Assessment Review members Fournier, Beckmann and O’Brien met on a few occasions to address taxpayer requests. We followed the best advice, of Dan Vincelette, in professionally dealing with Tax Grievances. There were zero walk-ins and call-ins this year... with three mail-ins. 3. Our Blueprints / Site Plans / drawings inventory continues..... Still it is all indexed. 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 the TAP Index (TOW Assessor Plans). This should save labor dollars and expedite town response to the numerous requests for documentation, by its readily accessible set up. 4. Submission of the School Roll was delivered to Windham Ashland Jewett school district nearly two months before the School Tax bills are to be issued on @ September 1st, 2024. Town of Windham Accounts Clerk Bette Rhoades received her Town Roll early also. 5. Work underway to have laptop ability in my vehicle before winter. My Toyota Tacoma has been enhanced with electrical outlets, Wi-Fi, Cellular Range Extender. This will create one of the best assessor’s data collection set ups in New York State. We will have the ability to data enter and download site photos on-site.... at no new expense.”

9.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. He is currently away at a Conference. A Letter of Resignation has been received from Devin Drum. Devin’s last day of employment will be effective July 18, 2024. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

10.POLICE REPORT: Supervisor Hoyt as per Councilman Van Valin has spoken to the floor guys for the police room installation in the basement.

11.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** will be attending the CWT Meeting on July 15, 2024. They are still working on the Land Acquisitions. **Councilman Goettsche** has nothing to report on at this time. **Councilman Peters** would like to thank the Chief of Police Selner and the officers along with Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington for a job well done at the 4th of July celebration. Right after the parade the town had a very heavy rain and everyone was able to get home safe. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like to make a motion to hire Jessica Leto as Account Clerk. Her hourly pay will be \$19.50 per hour. Jessica Leto will take over the position of Bette Rhoades who will be retiring later this fall. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #13-G contained vouchers #428-459, totaling \$17,677.42 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #13 contained vouchers #140-145, totaling \$7,655.96 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #13 contained vouchers #179-188, totaling \$44,567.86 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #7 contained vouchers #49-55, totaling \$1,925.22 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #13 contained vouchers #134-142, totaling \$1,980.38 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #14-P for **General** contained 19 claims, totaling \$18,912.28 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 15 claims, totaling \$17,663.52 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Police** payroll contained 8 claims, totaling \$10,903.78 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #14-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$5,695.20 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #14-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$355.95 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

12.PUBLIC COMMENT: There were 22 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. Lori Torgersen read aloud a Memorandum addressed to the Town Supervisor and Town Board. "Please find attached 46 additional pages with 327 new signatures (totaling 1,371 people including nearly 350 Windham residents), all urging **all of you**, the elected leaders of the Town of Windham, not to site a ball field complex on the Windham Path, but rather to work with the Mountain Top Little League to find another alternative to address their needs." All comments were well received by the Board as they listened on to each person's comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

Absent Councilman
Wayne Van Valin

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILMAN

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TOWN CLERK
