

OFFICIAL

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
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JULY 25, 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, Delaware Engineering John Brust, Joel Kosofsky, Gail Spindell, Sarah Kellman, Connor R.

Exum, Nick Malegianakis, Loni Holdridge, Natalie Holdridge, Anita P.F. Buyers, Sara Bentley, Matthew Bentley, Ken Mabey, Charlene Mabey, Jarrett F. Wait, Brent Goettsche, Mary Finneran, Morgan Miller, Molly Hurst, Jonathan Gross, Hank Linhart, Emily White, Ellen Schorsch, Jess Leto, Colton Leto, Nicholas Holdridge, Laurie Kleiman & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie

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

Supervisor Hoyt asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the Hitchcock Family. William "Bill", Stephanie and Debbie as they passed away in a tragic auto accident in the town of whom their family were of generations as one of the founding native families in Maplecrest, NY.

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, Councilman Van Valin was absent for this meeting.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. His company is working on a feasibility study with the WWTP that is being paid for with funding by NYC DEP through CWC. With really good partnership the Supervisor, Delaware Engineering and the DEC is working with Camp Oh-Neh-Tah (Girls Camp), High Peak Road, East Windham. Their waste water problem has been solved with the help of the Town of Windham WWTP. This allows the camp to open and operate. There is no cost to the town.

2.16TH ANNUAL TOUR OF THE CATSKILLS: The following letter was presented to the Board for their review by Dieter Drake, Event Director: "The organizers of the Tour of the Catskills announce the 16th Annual event to be held on Saturday, August 12, 2024. As, with previous years, the event is now noncompetitive in format and all 'rules of the road' are to be followed by all participants. Various support personnel will be on course throughout the day to assist riders on the 3 courses available. The event is currently being coordinated through the Greene County Sheriff's Dept., the NYS Police, and the various Towns and Villages through which the event passes." A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

3.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #267-24: Awarding Bid for #2D Diesel Fuel to Main Brothers Oil Co., Inc. & GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #268-24: Awarding Bid for Gasoline to Bottini Fuel.

4.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #89 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$40,325.11 plus interest earned of Sidewalk Maintenance Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Bank of Greene County, Catskill, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #90 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$60,487.68 plus interest earned of UDAG Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Bank of Greene County, Catskill, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #91 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$150,000.00 plus interest earned of Water Improvement Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #92 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$75,000.00 of Street Lighting Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, NY. The balance of \$25,982.30 plus interest earned is to be returned to the Street Lighting Fund Account. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #93 OF 2024: to authorize the

Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$353,438.05 plus interest earned of Sewer District #3 Crystal Pond Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #94 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$353,438.05 plus interest earned of Capital Sewer EDU Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #95 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$757,350.00 plus interest earned of General Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 30 days at the Key Bank, Windham, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #96 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$100,000.00 plus interest earned of Highway Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 30 days at the Key Bank, Windham, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #97 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$100,980.00 plus interest earned of Library Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #98 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$200,000.00 plus interest earned of Water District Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #99 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to \$6,220.00 from Unanticipated Revenue to balance the accounts in the Street Lighting Fund in accordance with the percentage as follows: Windham-48.99%-\$3,047.18; Hensonville-31.62%-\$1,966.76; Maplecrest-19.39%-\$1,206.06. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #100 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 Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #101 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to \$9,650.15 from Unanticipated Revenue to balance the accounts in the General Fund as per General Fund Resolution #16 of 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #16 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 Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #10 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, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

Supervisor Hoyt has received a memorandum from the bookkeeper to the following personnel hire dates: “Jack Conneely, part-time lifeguard, hire date 06/23/2024; Jesse Casselman, full-time highway laborer, hire date 07/09/2024; Jessica Leto, full-time provisional account clerk, hire date 07/03/2024; and Christopher Maeurer full-time ambulance paramedic, hire date 07/08/2024.” A motion to approve new hires was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

Supervisor Hoyt also received a memorandum from the bookkeeper. “June 12, 2024 was the 35 year Anniversary of Cindy Nelson working for the Town of Windham.”

5.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present.

6.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. There was some storm damage on Begley Road. High voltage wire layed in the roadway for about an hour and did some significant damage to the roadway. Begley Road has been dug out and repaired. Old Road has had some micro-surfacing work done. The highway guys completed 1.25 miles. The new hire has made a couple of attempts with motor vehicle; as they have had issues with their computer system. He will be getting his NYS permit towards for his CDL license. A certified instructor will help in completing the new hire’s license as it is now a new federal law. Supervisor Hoyt would like the Town Attorney to draw up a contract, with the new hire as the

town will be paying for him to obtain his CDL License. The new hire will have to give the town so many years or he will have to reimburse the town for his schooling. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, the instructor will allow the town to use our equipment saving us money. There is now a lock on the dumpster at the town hall. Mr. Bear has decided to make this his picnic ground. The bear will not be issued a key. The highway dept continues to have a labor shortage. Right now there is not enough staffing to fill all four main plow runs or taking care of the sidewalks on Main Street properly. We have ads running the last month in the newspaper and on the media; no one has contacted Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington with any interest.

7.POLICE REPORT: no report was given.

8.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** there was no CWT Meeting as no quorum could be met. Meeting is planned for next month. The Attorneys are still working on the LAP. **Councilman Van Valin** has received a quote from Alpine Flooring Kitchen & Bath Design, Windham for \$8,500.00 for the new floor replacement in the new police office downstairs. Councilman Van Valin would like permission to have this installed. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. A notice to bidders centre property painting was posted in the local town newspaper, July 22, 2024 all bids were due to the Town Clerk's office. No bids were submitted. Councilman Van Valin we still need to have this project completed, we will need to submit the notice to the Dodge Report. Concrete repair on the ramp will need to be fixed. Councilman Van Valin has someone in mind who could complete that. **Councilman Goettsche** has nothing to report on. **Councilman Peters** has a report that is out by the Ambulance for Greene County EMS. The Town of Windham and the Town of Jewett (whom Windham Ambulance services) have the lowest numbers as the town is self sufficient. **Supervisor Hoyt** CD Lane Park has been extremely busy with visitors. Everything is going well there. August 6, 2024 Chief Selner, Labor Attorney for the town Elayne Gold and Supervisor Hoyt will be meeting by zoom with the Police Union to work on the renewal contract for the police. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** has been taking care of the escrow accounts for the projects at the planning board meetings, a total of 9 on-going projects.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #14-G contained vouchers #460-507, totaling \$30,803.47 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #14 contained vouchers #146-154, totaling \$3,817.13 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 #14 contained vouchers #189-198, totaling \$7,511.13 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #14 contained vouchers #143-147, totaling \$498.20 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 #15-P for **General** contained 18 claims, totaling \$17,116.77 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 15 claims, totaling \$20,400.40 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #15-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$7,147.70 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 #15-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$545.79 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 7:21 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

President/Treas. Hoyt called the water district meeting to order at 7:21 pm. Water district meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm on a motion by Commissioner Walker, 2nd by Commissioner Peters, with all in favor.

The Supervisor Hoyt called the town board meeting back to order at 7:23 pm for Public comment.

9.PUBLIC COMMENT: At each meeting a sign in sheet is passed around for all those who would like to sign in for attending the meeting. 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. All comments are always well received by the Board as they listened on to each person's comments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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