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**TOWN OF WINDHAM  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY  
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**AUGUST 22, 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,

Emily White, Anita Buyers, Jen Schwartz, Molly Hurst, Lisa Ferrari, Nick Bove, Dr. Lori Torgersen, Jonathan Gross, William C. MacGregor, Hinde Morelli, Andrew Wrabel, Connor R. Exum, Maureen Larsen, Lars Larsen, Helen Exum, Sadhbh Lavery, Jon Licurse, Michael Sparrar, Stephen Miller, Christopher Brower, Howard Carlin, Margot Sheridan, Katherine Daly & 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 AUGUST 8, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present.

2.AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION for Certificate of Residency: Olivia M. Drum is looking to attend a Community College in the Fall of 2024. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, will all in favor. Brianna Leishear is looking to attend a Community College in the Fall of 2024. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

3.ATHLETIC EVENTS COORDINATOR Joel Middleton is requesting permission to use the Windham Path and Creamery Pond field for WAJ sport practices. The Cross Country team is requesting use of the Windham Path for practices starting Monday, August 26, 2024 through the end of October 2024. The Varsity and Modified Soccer teams are requesting use of the Creamery Pond Field for practices starting Friday, September 6, 2024 through the end of October 2024. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

4.LOCAL RESTAURANT HAS APPLIED FOR NYS LIQUOR Authority for a/an ST Permit and a Hotel Liquor License: The Henson Inn LLC, 39 Goshen Road, Hensonville. “We originally notified the Town Board back in July, 2023 under the named Entity to be Formed by Ely Franko and received a letter state that the Town has no issue with the application. The SLA has asked that we re-notify with the final entity name, and also disclose that this is a basement to the premises. As nothing else has changed about the application, and the applicant has already been operating under a temporary permit for quite some time, we kindly ask for a 30-Day Waiver”. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

5.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #103 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #18 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #12 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

6.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. The ambulance staff will soon have a new paramedic on board upon finishing their course. This is the first time the ambulance staff payroll has not had overtime.

7.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. Paving has been completed. Due to shortage cuts this year with the State, Begley Road was to having paving done. However, 7/10 of the road on Nauvoo was unraveling and the road would not be surviving this winter’s conditions. Therefore the paving on Begley Road was given to Nauvoo Road. The 284 Form amended Nauvoo Road has been switched back to the original agreement.

An outfit from Hudson, NY Callaruso has done a quality job. FYI for the Board, there will be someone mowing along the roadside near the Windham Path on Friday/Saturday to keep up with the growing grass demand. There is room in the budget for the extra time/payroll to be completed. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington is looking into potential part time winter help for snowplowing. This person is qualified to drive a plow truck.

8.POLICE REPORT: The Chief of Police is out on an emergency family leave. Sergeant David Sherman will be in charge until the Chief returns. The Police vest are currently have expired. New vests have been ordered for each Officer. Elayne Gold, Labor Attorney is working with the Police Union to renew the town's contract.

9.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** has attend the CWT Meeting. Councilman Walker gave an update on what took place at the meeting. The next CWT meeting will be September 6, 2024. **Councilman Van Valin** has nothing at this time to report on. **Councilman Goettsche** has been working on updating for the town's website. **Councilman Peters** hopes to have an updated fee schedule for the local Solar Law and he will also have access to the town's Facebook when Councilman Goettsche is away to keep the updates current. **Supervisor Hoyt** Account Clerk Jessica Leto is working out well. Johnny O'Connor with the Community Windham Foundation hosted a skateboard clinic at CD Lane Park.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #16-G contained vouchers #532-560, totaling \$12,554.15 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #16 contained vouchers #162-168, totaling \$4,254.59 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #16 contained vouchers #218-223, totaling \$3,496.14 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #16 contained vouchers #160-166, totaling \$1,585.72 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #17-P for **General** contained 15 claims, totaling \$15,990.32 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling \$18,244.19 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #17-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$4,455.31 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #17-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$213.57 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

10.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Anita Buyers would like to thank the local police dept during the last storm on August 10, 2024. As the town had a lot of events going on with a large family funeral, Tour of the Catskills and an electric outage throughout the mountaintop towns. Sadhbh Lavery from the Windham Community Center would like to share event flyers with the town. Supervisor Hoyt gave her permission to share the flyers. 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 residents. The comments in concern are about the proposed draft ball fields at the Windham Path and the newly added dog park to the Windham Path. Supervisor Hoyt likes to give each person in the room a chance to comment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

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