

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

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

Absent: Councilmen: Wayne Van Valin & Ian Peters, Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Delaware Engineering John Brust, William C. MacGregor, Donald Alberti, Sherry Wack, Charmaine Rusin, Connor R. Exum, Anita Buyers, Lori Torgersen, Nick Bove, Tenjing Sherpa, Clyde Whaley, Sarah Tooley, Ryan Tooley, Selina Li, Catherine Coe, Isabella Doena, John Garzone, Slade Tynan, Susanne Starkman, Ruby Reichardt, Diane Kletz, Georgia Christigan, Katie Daly, Debra Daily, Barbara Grinell, Steven Levi, Silence Dogood, Ellen Schorsch, Calin Meyer, Ronie Bendernagel, Molly Hurst, May Elbaz Belschner & 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 AUGUST 22, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, Councilmen Van Valin & Peters were absent.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING John Brust arrived late giving his report to the Board. WWTP is receiving favorable results. Brock Juusola is visiting the City of Hudson to use as a sample of review. John Brust will owe to the Board a septic report. Josh Vitale has been working with Camp Oh-Neh-Tah (the girls camp) has they are closing up for the season; DEC was very helpful to them as well.

2.WINDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY is requesting permission to use the Centre Property on Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for a Pumpkin Painting with Alice Tunison. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

3.WAJPTA seeking a request of \$500.00 from the Town of Windham for the youth recreational activities. A motion to approve was made y Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

4.AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION for Certificate of Residency: Alyson Lee Hoyt is looking to attend a Community College in the Fall of 2024. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, will 3 in favor, 2 absent.

5.TOWN COURT JUSTICE Report for August: Justice McCarthy \$2,270.00 was noted by the Board.

6.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #104 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 Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #105 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$151,571.66 plus interest earned of Water District Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #106 OF 2024: the Ambulance Fund maturing CD \$313,143.33 principle plus interest earned at the Key Bank, Windham, New York is to be closed and the funds deposited back into the Ambulance Fund account. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #107 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$808,382.22 plus interest earned of General Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #108 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$20,000.00 plus interest earned of Street Lighting Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #109 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$50,000.00 plus interest earned of Library Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #110 OF 2024: the General Fund maturing CD \$764,816.20 plus interest earned at the Key Bank, Windham, New York is to be closed and the funds deposited back into the General Fund account. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #111 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$100,985.83 plus interest earned of Highway Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #112 OF 2024: the General Fund maturing CD \$202,036.60 principle plus interest earned at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, New York is to be closed and the funds deposited back into the General Fund account. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #113 OF 2024: the Highway Fund maturing CD \$202,036.60 principle plus interest earned at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, New York is to be closed and the funds deposited back into the Highway Fund account. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #114 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$35,356.41 plus interest earned of the Capital Sewer EDU Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #115 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$20,203.66 plus interest earned of the Capital Water Equipment Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #19 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 Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #13 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 Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #5 OF 2024: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

7.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #285-24: Authorizing Youth Sports & Recreation/Veterans Project Payments to Towns & Villages GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #294-24: Awarding Bid for Propane

8.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 August 2024: Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-12, Basic Life Support (BLS)-3, Call Cancelled (C/C)-4; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-4, Public Assist (P/A)1; Calls in Jewett: ALS-3, C/C-4, RMA-4; Calls in Prattsville: RMA-1; Calls in Hunter: BLS-1, C/C-1; Calls in Cairo: C/C-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B; Stand by for GCEMS-1. Total calls: 41. Vehicle Mileage Log for August 2024: 96-1: 100,061 and 96-2: 12,750.*”

9.ASSESSOR’S REPORT the following report was submitted to the Board for their review: “1. Inquiries on the WINDHAM MOUNTAIN CLUB process, down to one or two this month. Looking forward to seeing the golf course and South Street construction. Fielding a good number of construction issue questions. 2. School Tax processing, coming off this year smoothly. 3. I continue to contribute to Windham Zoning commission. 4. I’ve added new sections in our Town of Windham photo database allowing us to target some construction types, and Windham progress by dates. Appraisers appreciate the volumes of data provided to expedite *their* appraisals, when they inquire. Area insurance companies are catching on too....5. Far ahead on Continuing Education requirements. Next year’s requirements are completed. 6. Attending via ZOOM this year’s NYS Assessor’s Conference with some new and necessary courses. 7. Issues with laptop software dog the office. Basically some viruses that screw up the printer and some of the basic software. I continue to review that proactively daily. It is time consuming. 8. Look forward to our executive session, budget discussion on the Assessor’s.”

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present and attended a de-icing training event today. The event was very effective and will be a cost savings to the department. Equipment was purchased that will help with the storage and with the man shortage the department is currently facing. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington will not be at the next town board meeting as he will be attending a fall conference out of the town. The town foreman will be available should anyone need something and Gary is always a phone call away. Supervisor Hoyt stated that the paving on Nauvoo Road came out well and looks good. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington is getting price quotes to finish the driveway paving on the blocked side of the town hall. With a shortage of highway guys his department is not able to complete this project.

11.POLICE REPORT: Supervisor Hoyt stated the Police Chief has been busy with active serious issues in town and staying on top of it.

12.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** will be attending the CWT Meeting on September 16, 2024 in Arkville, New York. Progress is being made. CWT Minutes of each meeting are now being sent out to all the towns that participate. **Councilman Goettsche** has been working on the website keeping up with the updates and minutes. **Supervisor Hoyt** the call volume for the ambulance has been higher and all the shifts have been covered. The ambulances have been in for the routine maintenance service. Recently, the homeschooling children made a visit to the ambulance building. Greene County Health Dept has a mobile van that will be visiting the Town of Jewett for anyone who is interested in getting a flu shot. There will be a rabies clinic next Wednesday at the Town of Cairo town park for interested pet owners. There is one event left for the pavilion at CD Lane Park. The part has been very well used this summer season. The Supervisor would like to set a tentative budget work meeting on Tuesday,

October 8, 2024 @ 6:00 pm. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #17-G contained vouchers #561-584, totaling \$11,657.10 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #169-178, totaling \$220,782.29 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #224-239, totaling \$48,835.16 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #167-177, totaling \$4,334.66 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #65-67, totaling \$1,677.55 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

NY RISING WARRANT #46 contained vouchers #77, totaling \$30,000.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P for **General** contained 14 claims, totaling \$13,347.65 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$18,424.83 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. **Police** payroll contained 7 claims, totaling \$10,394.25 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$4,437.52 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$1,468.86 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

13.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Supervisor Hoyt thanked Debbie Daily for helping out with a dog incident from getting out of hand. Someone got bit even though the dog was on a lease. A sign for the dog park has been submitted to the planning board for their approval. William MacGregor spoke; he referenced to the "Town Law Manual" that he had received as a former Councilman. He read from page 21 **4-5. Public participation in town board meetings.** The Friends of the Windham Path have had an interest in attending our town board meetings every 2nd & 4th Thursday. The Friends of the Windham Path have comments and concerns about the proposed draft ball fields at the Windham Path and the newly added sign for the dog park to the Windham Path.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

Absent Councilman
Wayne Van Valin

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILMAN

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Absent Councilman
Ian Peters

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