

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

**OCTOBER 24, 2024**

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

**Also Present:** Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Connor Exum, Helen Exum, Donald Alberti, Jonathan Gross, Ellen Schorsch, Maria Elena Papson, Marie Patsis, Martha & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

**Absent:** Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington & Delaware Engineering John Brust

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

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:00 pm to adopt proposed Local Law #2 of 2024 to “Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c”

1. “NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board for the Town of Windham at the Windham Town Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018, at 7:00 p.m., regarding the adoption of a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. This law is being proposed to comply with subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same. Copies of the proposed law shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to and after the hearing at the Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons. The proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c establishes the Windham Town Board’s intent to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Windham. Bonnie Poehmel, Town Clerk Town of Windham Dated: October 10, 2024.” Supervisor Hoyt gave the public a chance to comment or ask any questions. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea this law protects the town.

The public hearing was closed at 7:12 pm by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche with all in favor.

The Supervisor called the regular town board meeting to order at 7:12pm.

THE TENTATIVE BUDGET WORK HEARING MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 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.BOARD OF ASSESSEMENT REVIEW member Albin Beckmann would like to renew his term for another 5-years. His new term will expire on September 30, 2029. A motion to approve his term was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

3.SET PRELIMINARY BUDGET public hearing for the fiscal year 2025 on Friday, November 8 @ 6:50 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

4.RESCCHEDULE TOWN BOARD meeting for falling on Thanksgiving Day to Friday, November 22 @ 7:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

5.WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK Annual Renewal for Sewer Software Support Contract 11/01/2024 to 10/31/2025 for a fee of 717.00. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

6.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT: September 2024 Justice McCarthy \$2,044.00 was noted by the Board.

7.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #127 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 Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #128 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$756.44 from Unanticipated Revenue to balance the accounts in the Streetlighting Fund in accordance (see Town Board Resolution #127 of 2024). A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #129 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #16 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. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #22 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

8.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #378-24: Establishing Equalization Rates (2024)

GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #379-24: Amounts Due to County Treasurer by Respective Towns

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

Supervisor Hoyt would like a **motion to adopt the Local Law #2 of 2024 to “Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c”**; a motion was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. CHIPS has been filed for 2024. There will be \$2,618.20 will be rolled over into the 2025 budget.

11.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** will be attending the SWAC meeting to be held on October 28, 2024 at the WWTP. **Councilman Van Valin** reported the new police office is just about complete. Still to be done is the safety glass, locking system of doors, flooring to be finish, restroom for the new police office. **Councilman Goettsche** has nothing at this time to report on. **Councilman Peters** is working with the current telephone billing company. **Supervisor Hoyt** the blacktop pavement at the town hall is complete. Tomorrow morning Chief Selner, Supervisor Hoyt and the Town's Labor Attorney will be meeting with the Police Union to renew their contract; this will be their second meeting. The ambulance staff is still filling shifts. Wylder Windham has asked for permission to use the Windham Path for their annual turkey trot on Thanksgiving for their guests. They did this last year and it was a huge success. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** is working with the planning board and the escrows for the new projects.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #20-G contained vouchers #649-680, totaling \$20,218.85 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 #20 contained vouchers #190-200, totaling \$10,471.29 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 #20 contained vouchers #268-278, totaling \$57,461.94 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #20 contained vouchers #195-205, totaling \$2,735.14 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 #21-P for **General** contained 13 claims, totaling \$14,852.79 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 13 claims, totaling \$19,162.43 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #21-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$6,673.10 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 PAYROLL WARRANT #21-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$450.87 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

12.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Ellen Schorsch does "Meals on Wheels" and delivers at the Willows. The road going into the Willows is in need of despite repair. Supervisor Hoyt said the road is private road. He will get in touch with the owner and let them know.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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