

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

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

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

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington & Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Also present: Daniel Cipriani

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

THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

Supervisor Hoyt would like the Sewer Board to review the following:

9.EASTWIND HOTEL & BAR SEEKING PERMISSION: Daniel Cipriani business partner was present. Eastwind Hotel & Barr is looking to purchase one Out of District Sewer commercial edu @ 5088 State Route 23, Windham, Tax Map #79.00-4-1.1. The applicant has paid the \$50.00 application fee. The Sewer Board has approved the purchase of one edu at fee of \$5,000.00 and a meter is required. Recently on October 12, 2024 in an early morning fire; Eastwind lost a structure. This structure held a capacity of 20 guests. Nordic House Owner LLC dba Eastwind Hotel & Bar is currently at the planning board with a site plan to build a new structure to hold a capacity of 24 guests at a different location on the property. Eastwind will need to purchase one

new edu for this structure. The Sewer Board has agreed that once the new building has been built and is in use and; the Sewer Board finds that another edu is necessary Eastwind will be notified to make that purchase. A motion to approve with the mentioned above conditions was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

Supervisor Hoyt would like to recess the Town Board meeting @ 7:05 pm to go right into the Water District Board meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd Councilman by Van Valin, with all in favor.

Supervisor Hoyt has reopened the Town Board meeting at 7:05pm to continue with the meeting.

1.THE COMMUNITY OF WINDHAM FOUNDATION is seeking permission to use the Hensonville Park for the Annual Tree Lighting with Santa on December 6, 2024 @ 5:30 pm. There will be Christmas sing-a-long at the tree with Santa. The Henson & Restaurant Matilda will be hosting refreshments and pictures with Santa. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

2.WINDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY is seeking permission to use the Centre Property for a **Christmas Cookie Decorating with Theresa Corrigan on Friday, December 6 @ 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and an Ornament Workshop with Ms. Jen on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 3:00 to 4:30pm.** A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

3.OMNY Taiko is seeking permission to use the Centre Property on Friday, July 4, 2025 for a show prior to the Independence Day parade. They would also like to use the property prior to the event on July 2 & 3. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

4.WINDHAM ROTARY FOUNDATION is seeking permission to hold a Tag Day/Coin Drop at on **October 11, 2025 @ 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday, October 12, 2025** at the intersections of State Route 23 and 296. The Rotary would also like to request from the Town of Windham Highway Dept 10-15 traffic/safety cones to use to direct traffic while standing on the road. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

5.TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for October 2024 in the amount of \$5,599.71. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

6.TOWN CLERK PLUS DOGS renewal of annual support contract from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025 in the amount of \$476.00 for the year. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

7.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT for September 2024 in the amount of \$2,790.00 and October 2024 in the amount of \$2,658.00 from Justice Stevens. Dully, noted by the Town Board.

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #133 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$19,717.52 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the General Fund as per General Fund Resolution #24 of 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #24 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, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #134 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$29,555.68 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the Ambulance Fund as per Ambulance Fund Resolution #18 of 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #18 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. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #135 OF 2024: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$1,319.66 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the Street Lighting Fund as per Street

Lighting Fund Resolution #136 of 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #136 OF 2024: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Street Light Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #137 OF 2024: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

10.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. Supervisor Hoyt stated the town ambulance has been very busy today.

11.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. Supervisor Hoyt stated the snowflake lights are all up throughout town. The town has received our first snow fall of the season Thursday night into Friday. The highway dept has been busy removing snow from our town roads.

12.POLICE REPORT: Chief Selner as submitted to the Board the following recommendation request for a new part-time officer hire Stephen Bence who will start effectively on November 22, 2024. A motion to approve the new hire was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt would like permission from the Town Board to execute the renewal of the Police Union Contract for the next three years. A motion to approve the contract and allow the Supervisor to execute was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

13.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** did not make the CWT meeting. **Councilman Van Valin** stated the coded door locks have been installed in the new police dept by the local contractor. The town is looking into the fiber upgrade bringing the building up to state technology and into the 21st Century. The Library staff is very happy to be using the mini splits as this has been helping out with the cold mornings and warming the Library room. **Councilmen Goettsche and Peters** have nothing to report on. **Town Assessor Richard Tollner** was asked to join the Board and give his report on the recent S.C.A.R.S. Three tax property cases were presented before the Judge in court. **Supervisor Hoyt** stated no executive session will be needed. The NY Rising Project is coming to an end. They will not approve the extra field expenses that the Engineer made; this will need to be adjusted. The town has a box culvert that was not used in the NY Rising Project that the town can sell to the Town of Ulster.

14.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: no one was present.

15.EXECUTIVE SESSION

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #22-G contained vouchers #712-742, totaling \$11,086.03 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #22 contained vouchers #213-222, totaling \$9,397.13 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 #22 contained vouchers #296-307, totaling \$52,296.69 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #22 contained vouchers #215-220, totaling \$1,029.41 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #23-P for **General** contained 10 claims, totaling \$9,300.44 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 \$18,518.44 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 7 claims, totaling \$11,767.08 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #23-P contained 5 claims, totaling \$8,873.92 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #23-P contained 1 claim, totaling \$71.19 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

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