

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
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JANUARY 9, 2025

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 & Delaware Engineering John Brust

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie & 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 DECEMBER 26, 2024, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2025, ORGANZATIONAL MEETING were approved as typed on the motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. He handed out to the Board “Septage Receiving Station Feasibility Study” December 2024. John spoke to the Board regarding this report study. It is a positive report.

2.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #3 OF 2025: “WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Windham has considered the City’s proposal, Delaware County’s state objection, and supporting explanation as set forth above. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Windham Town Board joins in Delaware County’s objection to the City’s proposal to allow Town-initiated core land acquisition in Priority Areas 3 and 4 and hereby requests that the City eliminate this option for lands in Priority Areas 3 and 4 that are in the Town of Windham.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one abstained by Councilman Walker.

3.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #4 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$1,000,000.00 earned of General Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #5 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$200,000.00 earned of Highway Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #6 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$150,000.00 earned of Library Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #7 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$400,000.00 earned of Water District Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Key Bank, Windham, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #8 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$150,000.00 earned of General Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #9 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$100,000.00 earned of Street Lighting Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #10 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$75,000.00 earned of Sewer #1 Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this

resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #11 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$50,000.00 earned of Sidewalk Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #12 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$350,000.00 earned of Sewer #2 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 Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #13 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$450,000.00 earned of 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 Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #14 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$150,000.00 earned of Water Improvement Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #15 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$60,000.00 earned of UDAG Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #16 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$15,000.00 earned of Youth Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #17 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$75,000.00 earned of Sewer O & M Contingency Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #18 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$20,000.00 earned of 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 Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #19 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$100,000.00 earned of Ambulance 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 all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #20 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to use \$28,340.26 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the Ambulance Fund as per Ambulance Fund Resolution #1 of 2025.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #1 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts for 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION # 1A OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts for 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #21 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to use \$1,062.93 from Unanticipated Revenue to balance the accounts in the Street Lighting Fund in accordance with Town Board Resolution #22 of 2025.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #22 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Street Lighting Fund accounts for 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #23 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #1 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #24 OF 2025: “to authorize the Supervisor to use \$30,230.00 Fund Resolution #2 of 2025.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in

favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #2 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for 2024. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

4.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #499-24: Authorizing Chargeback of Election Related Services and Materials, Town of Windham \$4,619.88. GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #500-24: Authorizing Delinquent Water, Sewer and Sidewalk Charges Be Added To Assessment Rolls, Windham Water Relevy \$50,218.00; Windham Sewer Relevy \$25,786.40; Windham Sidewalk Relevy \$1,161.60. GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #504-24: Town Levies, **Fire or Hydrant**: Hensonville \$0.00; **Light**: Hensonville \$5,000.00; **Water or Sewer**: Hensonville \$0.00; **Library**: Hensonville \$0.00; **Fire or Hydrant**: Maplecrest \$0.00; **Light**: Maplecrest \$2,000.00; **Water or Sewer**: Maplecrest \$0.00; **Library**: Maplecrest \$0.00; **Fire or Hydrant**: Windham \$279,349.00; **Light**: Windham \$16,000.00; **Water or Sewer**: Windham \$199,932.48; **Library**: Windham \$0.00; **Hydrant**: \$3,000.00; **Special Assm't Water**: \$559.00; **Ambulance Fire or Hydrant**: \$578,212.95. GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #505-24: Authorizing The Relevy of Unpaid School Taxes for the Year 2024.

5.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 December 2024***: *Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-14, Basic Life Support (BLS)-2, Call Cancelled (C/C)-5; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-4, Fire S/B-1*; Calls in Jewett: ALS-2, RMA-1, Fire S/B-1, C/C-1, ALS Helicopter-1; Call in Ashland: C/C-1; Calls in Prattsville: C/C-1; Town of Lexington: C/C-1; Town of Gilboa: ALS-1; Town of Durham: C/C-1; Town of Cairo: C/C-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-5; Stand by for GCEMS-6. **Total calls: 50.** *Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Hunter-1. Vehicle Mileage Log for December 2024*: 96-1: 104,375 and 96-2: 15,238." Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie would like to recommend to the Town Board the new hire of Kameron Greene as a part-time driver for the Windham Ambulance Department. He is currently registered for an EMT Course. A motion to **approve Kamerson Greene as a part-time driver** was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

6.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. Gary presented to the Board for their review and signature the 284 Agreement for 2025; naming three town roads for resurfacing work for this summer season: Nauvoo Rd, Begley Rd, and Old Rd. The stair chair in basement entrance to the old senior center is no longer needed. Supervisor Hoyt has asked Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington to surplus the chair on Auction International. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. John Garzone Plumbing will be finishing the repair of the radiant heat at the highway garage. Doyle Security was by today. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington would like permission from the Board to stay overnight in Albany, NY for Advocacy Day at the Capital on March 4-5, 2025. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington announced to the Board he will not be seeking re-election this year in November 2025. He will stay to the end of the year December 31, 2025.

7.POLICE REPORT:

8.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** talked briefly on Town Board Resolution #3 of 2025. He will be attending the next CWT Meeting on January 20, 2025. **Councilman Van Valin** asked Delaware Engineering John Brust if his team could look into a grant for the Centre Property. The inside of the building needs as much attention as the outside. John Brust will have Helen Budrock look into this as she is very good with the grants. Councilman Goettsche has nothing to report on at this time. **Councilman Peters** has been reviewing the ambulance hourly wages from other towns. He would like to make a recommendation that the following hourly wages be changed at the next payroll period: **EMT will be \$22.00 per hour and the Paramedic will be \$27.00 per hour.** A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. **Supervisor Hoyt** Mid-Hudson Cablevision has been in the town hall building installing all new WIFI and the phones will be replaced next. Supervisor Hoyt would like the town to purchase new chairs for the Senior Center. They will need 30 chairs at \$45.00 each. A motion to make the purchase was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by

Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. The WWTP building is upgrading their office carpet. It is in the budget and has been approved by DEP. Josh Vital will take care of the installation with the carpet guy.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #1-G contained vouchers #1-20, totaling \$10,853.15 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-10, totaling \$9,773.16 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 #1 contained vouchers #1-9, totaling \$10,169.99 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-5, totaling \$2,256.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WARRANT #1 contained voucher #1, totaling \$99.99 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-7, totaling \$3,745.72 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 #1-P for **General** contained 7 claims, totaling \$8,262.19 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 15 claims, totaling \$20,772.32 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 7 claims, totaling \$11,112.80 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #1-P contained 5 claims, totaling \$9,073.95 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 #1-P contained 1 claim, totaling \$74.76 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 7:50 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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