

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
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FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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 on the phone & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie & Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington

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

Please stand for a moment of silence William C. "Bill" MacGregor
Bill was a Town Board Councilman from January 1988 to December 2003 (15 years)
In the minute book a blank page will be left in memory of Bill.

THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

1.WAJPTA seeking permission to use CD Lane Park on June 7, 2025 for 3rd Annual 5k Color Run: Elisa Schieren President of the "WAJ PTA would like to request the use of the pavilion at CD Lane Park for our 3rd annual 5k color run on June 7, 2025. Setup will begin at 9am and our race will start at 11am;" with a rain date of June 8, 2025 if needed. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

2.LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2025: "A LOCAL LAW amending Local Law Number 1 of 2023 relating to providing real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in accordance with Sections 466-a and 466-l of the Real Property Tax Law. BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Greene, as follows: SECTION 1. The purpose of this Local Law is to amend Local Law Number 1 of 2023 by amending Section 2 (a) to read as follows: (a) the applicant resides in the County of Greene and is a member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service which provides service within the city, village, town or school district or who provides service to a neighboring city, village, town, county, or school district." The public hearing for this was held on February 13, 2025 with the Town of Windham. Greene County Legislature was holding a public hearing on February 19, 2025. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea will provide the Local Law Filing papers for Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk. Attorney Rappleyea will also provide SEQRA for the Local Law #1 of 2025. A motion to approve and allow the Supervisor to sign the SEQRA was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

3.TOWN JUSTICE REPORTS for January 2025: Justice McCarthy \$2,903.00 and Justice Carreras \$300.00 was noted by the Town Board.

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4.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #50-25: Approving Recommendations for Including Land into Agricultural District 124 and Declaring Negative SEQRA Declaration

5.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #42 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$38,765.37 from Unanticipated Revenue in the Income Account 3005 Mortgage Tax in order to balance accounts in the General Fund as per General Fund Resolution #6 of 2025. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #6 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for 2024 year end. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #43 OF 2025: 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, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #7 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 Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.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 January 2025: Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-17, Basic Life Support (BLS)-2, Call Cancelled (C/C)-2; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-3; Calls in Jewett: ALS-2, BLS-2, C/C-1; Calls in Ashland: C/C-1; Calls in Cairo: ALS-1, P/A-1; Calls in Hunter: ALS-6. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-4; Stand by for GCEMS-8. Total calls: 50. Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: 0. Vehicle Mileage Log for January 2025: 96-1: 105,901 and 96-2: 16,701.*” Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie has had a second sit down meeting with other ambulance directors to discuss going county-wide. The meeting went well.

7.ASSESSOR’S REPORT: The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: “1. Computer issues in process of being fixed. New Flat screens 11 feet wide are in place. I still require PROFESSIONAL help. The loss of work time in set ups, printing consumes valuable labor time daily. The frustration is immense. Multiple small issues that stop work flow, sometimes while a taxpayer or co-worker waits for the “fix”. The paperwork and information requests have doubled since my arrival over five years ago. The slower workflow affects that pace. 2. The office traffic remains extremely busy with 2025 Exemption paperwork. This was prepped months back. If I didn’t start prepping the roll and tax exemption paperwork months early, we’d be behind... with some taxpayers not being served. 3. Sales inventory still growing. There are many high end listings with longer Days On Market listings. Million dollar listings are growing slightly. 4. Going on rounds for reviews March 4th, for 2025 roll data collection, to add to my ongoing work. 5. Look forward to having time to organize office & RPS.”

8.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. The highway has been dealing with frozen culvert pipes. The snowflake decorations are coming down. The highway is hoping to have enough road salt available for the rest of the winter with all these small storms.

9.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** did not attend the CWT meeting, but Supervisor Hoyt did. They are discussing easements on the (NYS DEP) City properties which are okay with the State. Also in discussion are the solar farms on city property. The solar companies will need to follow each town’s solar law. Right now the old maps are still valid on the wetlands as per DEP. Also discussing projects “Stormwater for the Future” and they should have a project “Septics for the Future” for their septic repair program. Salt sheds now are all of age and having maintenance issues; a program to help the municipalities would be good. **Councilman Van Valin** has nothing to report on at this time. **Councilman Goettsche** has been updating the town website with new phone extensions. **Councilman Peters** has been speaking with the town’s phone service provider; as the town would like to cancel or be able to transfer the lines. All this is still pending. **Supervisor Hoyt** at the Supervisor’s meetings has been discussing the watershed. Supervisor Hoyt would like to appoint two alternate members to the planning board. The planning board is very busy with a lot of projects and they will need to have a constant quorum. Supervisor Hoyt would like to **appoint Sandra Allen and Jon Licurse. They will be alternate members as needed if a regular member is out;** a motion to approve

was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. March 11, 2025 NYMIR will be visiting the town of Windham buildings. The new police office has been cleaned and is waiting for the police officers to move in. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** has not sent out his report on the Escrows for January. Windham Resort funds are low and will need to be replenished. Attorney Rappleyea will send over the Local Law Filing forms for Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk and will send over the paperwork for the SEQRA on Local Law #1 of 2025.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #4-G contained vouchers #147-171, totaling \$14,544.48 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #4 contained vouchers #36-47, totaling \$19,247.17 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 #4 contained vouchers #53-65, totaling \$19,083.29 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #4 contained vouchers #41-50, totaling \$21,265.36 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #4-P for **General** contained 7 claims, totaling \$8,871.02 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$22,894.92 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #4-P contained 5 claims, totaling \$14,822.45 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 #4-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$904.20 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- no one was present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

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