

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

JUNE 26, 2025

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

Also Present: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Town of Windham Ambulance Staff, Town of Ashland Ambulance Staff, Town of Hunter Ambulance, Town of Windham Police Officers: Greg Thorp, William Scarey, Jim Scarey, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Michael Scarey, Brian Doughty, Marianne Brigham & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington

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

THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2025, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

The Town Board meeting was recessed to go into the Water District Meeting at 7:00 pm approved by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

The Town Board meeting was reconvened at 7:03pm from the Water District Meeting. A motion to reopen the Town Board meeting was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

1.HIGHWAY WORK PERMIT APPLICATION for Greek Festival Banner: The following banner needs permission by the Town Board and a final permit to be by authorized by NYS

DOT. The annual festival will be held on August 14-17, 2025. The banner is to be placed at State Route 23 at marker location 23-1306-1124 just west of County Route 21, Windham, County of Greene. A motion to approve the banner location & banner to be hung over State Route 23 was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

2.REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY: The Town of Windham will host the annual July 4th fireworks display presented by Young Explosives Corporation at the north lot on the property owned by Windham Mountain. A motion to approve and allow the Supervisor to sign the executed agreement was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor; Councilman Peters will abstain as he is employed by Windham Mountain. And Windham Manor located at 1161 County Route 10 will host on July 5th fireworks display presented by Young Explosives Corporation. A motion to approve and allow the Supervisor to sign the executed agreement was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

3.TOWN OF WINDHAM DEMOCRATIC PARTY would like permission to use the Centre Property for their Democratic Caucus on Monday, July 21, 2025 @ 7:00-9:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

4.ELECTRIC UTILITY SUPPLIER: as noted by Supervisor Hoyt this is a third party to help with the water electric rates. This is the best fixed rate. The Board would like to recommend Constellation Utilities. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

5.TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY: \$1,061.72 was approved by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT FOR MAY: Justice Carreras \$3,280.45 and Justice McCarthy \$4,081.00 was noted by the Town Board.

7.APPLICATION TO NAME PRIVATE ROADS: Edward Cassidy located at tax map #61.00-2-77 and #61.00-2-78 would like permission to name a private road "Cassidy Way" in the Town of Windham. No other road is named so and has been confirmed by the Town Clerk's office. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #83 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 Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #84 OF 2025: "to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$750,000.00 of General Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Cocksackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman VanValin, with all in favor. AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #9 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #14 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 Van Valin, with all in favor.

9.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was present. The ambulance staff is doing better on staffing all shifts and overtime.

10.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: the following June report was present to the Board for their review from Sole Assessor Richard Tollner: 1. The Final Roll completed. 2025 Tax Roll had 100 plus increments this year, and a few decrements. BAR this year went well. We will be going to SCAR in Greene County Court in Catskill, later this year. Optimistic about the court results there. 2. Since we last reported, was on vacation in May, sales inventory is still fluctuating. Stonewall Windham LLC has had a few sales, all \$1 Million and above, seven (7) to be exact. Larger listings selling, not certain why, medium listings is case by case, and lower listings \$300,000 and

below sales are normal. 3. Looking forward to this year's SCAR, (September or October), my sixth year in Windham. 4. Volunteered to be a web test case for RPS with NYSORPTS who may be "replacing" our RPS system with web based set ups. Stay tuned. A feather in Windham's cap, no one wants to be a guinea pig... I do. 5. I would appreciate meeting with the Town Board to discuss any goals or concerns with the October 1st, 2025 appointment of the Town of Windham Assessor. Other inquiries have begun. One Assessor in Greene is not returning to their town. Albany County has theirs too. I'd like to discuss what our work goals are. We need to review possible work place changes the office maybe subject to, with the new technology, a real stopper for some aging assessors statewide.

11.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. The highway dept. has paved Begley Road, 1.5 miles. They are still currently working on the shoulders.

12.POLICE REPORT: The Town of Windham Police Dept. has purchased a new 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle AWD for \$39,666.50. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

13.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** went to a CWT Meeting last Monday in Arkville, NY. The DEP will no longer be having a C-SAP program in the future. The discussions for this will continue. There is still additional funding for the septic repairs with CWC. **Councilman Van Valin** due to the rainy weather the broken window and gutters are still waiting to be fixed at the Library. **Councilman Goettsche** has nothing at this time to report on. **Councilman Peters** has been in communications with Joe from ITS as he is working on the police dept's computers. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** still has active 13 Escrow Accounts with the planning board. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like the Board's permission to enter into a contract with CWC for the septic system project at the WWTP. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. CD Lane Park is currently open for the summer season. The Town of Windham should have a good summer has there are a lot of events going on this summer. As the meeting comes to an end the Town Supervisor would like to read and present a recognition plaque to Glenn Morrison for his years of service to the Town of Windham Ambulance Service. The Town of Windham Board wishes Glenn and his family a safe travel to their new home in Tennessee.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #12-G contained vouchers #398-427, totaling \$31,701.55 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #116-127, totaling \$5,035.67 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #171-181, totaling \$10,695.77 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #134-137, totaling \$4,835.44 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 #13-P for **General** contained 14 claims, totaling \$16,672.27 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$20,951.67 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #13-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$5,953.66 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #13-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$716.10 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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