

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

JULY 24, 2025

Present: Supervisor: Thomas F. Hoyt
Councilmen: Stephen Walker & Kurt Goettsche
Town Clerk: Bonnie Poehmel

Absent: Councilmen Wayne Van Valin, Ian Peters, Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie,
Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington & Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Also Present: Windham Planning Board Chairman Tom Poelker, Dr. Janelle McCullar, Larry &
Karen Gardner, Town of Hunter Councilman David Kukle & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

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

Supervisor Hoyt allowed Windham Planning Board Chairman Tom Poelker speak to the Town Board. Tom Poelker wanted to thank the Town Board for letting him lead the planning board as chairman for so many years. Tom also thanked Larry Gardner, Esq. for his years as the Town Attorney for the Town of Windham for his help with some of these projects. The past few years

the planning board has been extremely busy with a lot of site plan, minor/major subdivision projects. Tom Poelker is looking for to moving on this fall.

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2025, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, Councilmen Wayne Van Valin & Ian Peters were absent.

1.GREENE COUNTY HEALTH SEEKING PERMISSION to use the Community Center/Senior Room September 22 @ 9:30-11:30 am for their flu vaccination clinic. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

2.SEEKING PERMISSION TO USE Creamery Pond Field on August15-17, 2025. Christopher Durnan @ 29 Windham View Rd, Windham would like to ask for permission for his son's soccer club from Iona College will be up in Windham for team building activities and practice for the upcoming season. A certification of Insurance will be submitted. A motion to approve use of the field was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

3.NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING seeking permission to use Centre Property. "NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing shall be held by the Zoning Commission of the Town of Windham at the Windham Centre Church Property, 5379 NYS Route 23, Windham, NY 12496 on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to hear comments from the public on a Preliminary Report regarding the enactment of zoning regulations for the Town of Windham pursuant to NYS Town Law, Article 16, Subsection 266 (Adoption of First Zoning Ordinance). A copy of the draft Zoning Map and Zoning Text can be found on the Town's website at <https://townofwindhamny.com/> and at <https://wearewindham2040.com/>. At such time anyone wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard. Due to limited space, you may also submit your comments on this matter by a letter or email to the Town Clerk's office at windhamnytownclerk@gmail.com until 2:00 pm the date of the meeting. By Order of the Windham Zoning Commission Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk Dated: July 22, 2025" A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. (see the Town of Windham website for the "Public Hearing Scheduled on Windham Draft Zoning" press release)

4.JUSTICE REPORT for June 2025: Justice Carreras \$4,901.00 was noted by the Board.

5.AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #11 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #16 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 Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #88 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to pay back the loan from the Town of Windham General Fund account in the amount of \$50,000.00. Said funds were borrowed to cover the expenses in the Sewer District account. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #89 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$60,590.30 plus interest earned of Library 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 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #90 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$200,000.00 of Ambulance Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 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 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #91 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$250,000.00 of Highway Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 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 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #92 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$151,475.75 plus interest earned of Water District 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 Goettsche, 2nd by

Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #93 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$353,408.90 plus interest earned of Sewer #2 Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Cossackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #94 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$20,194.79 plus interest earned of Capital Water Equipment Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Cossackie, Cossackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #95 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$100,973.97 plus interest earned of Ambulance Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 30 days at the National Bank of Cossackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #96 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$454,382.88 plus interest earned of Capital Sewer EDU Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Cossackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #97 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$75,503.38 plus interest 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 Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #98 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$30,000.00 of Streetlighting 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 Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #99 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$75,503.38 plus interest earned of Sewer #1 Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #100 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$100,000.00 plus interest 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #101 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$60,402.71 plus interest 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 Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #102 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$50,335.58 plus interest 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #103 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$151,006.75 plus interest 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 Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #104 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$15,100.68 plus interest 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #105 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$150,000.00 plus interest earned of Highway Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 60 days at the National Bank of Cossackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #106 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of \$1,000,000.00 plus interest earned of General Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Cossackie, Cairo, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

6.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #216-25: Awarding Bid for Propane (Nolan Bottle Gas Company Inc.); GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #222-25: Awarding Bid for #2D Diesel Fuel (Bottini Fuel); and GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #223-25: Awarding Bid for Gasoline (Bottini Fuel)

7.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. In a memo from the Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Davia would like to recommend to the Town Board the hiring of Heather Younes as a part-time EMT for the Windham Ambulance. A motion to approve the new hire was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

8.ASSESSORS REPORT: the following Assessor's report was submitted to the Board for their review: "1.) Summer has arrived with some traffic. The sales market is filling. The good news is prices are holding. Stonewall Glen has started to take off with additional new sales, making it the most noticed property in Windham. Buildings and lots on South Street are gaining interest, as new parcels coming to market on South Street. The land sales/offerings are up. The Windham Mountain Club is gaining in the marketplace, drawing new conversations and opportunities. 2.) RPS our state sponsored real estate/taxation software is to be replaced within the next approximate year. Test sites have been picked, with the next wave being the offices that volunteer, who have particular settings (town size, parcel volume, technological set ups). I've let it be known, that Windham is ready to jump in. 3.) This year's SCAR, Small Claims Assessment Review in October and possibly November has three cases, one of which already has been successfully addressed...4.) Our technology/computer setup is doing well. We are able to review half dozen websites simultaneously. It allows us to handle odd information requests on the spot for walk-ins and call ins alike. We've now built photo inventories for garages, decks, drone views and construction. 5.) I would like to present my proposed budget. I have no new needs for the office or the department, and can confirm any Town Board needs or goals, at the August Town Board meeting. This would allow the Board to get my department out of the way, during your budget planning process. It will give me, time to supply those needs/goals, in writing if desired, prior to your appointment of the Town of Windham Assessor. Please let me know what you think of this, as reappointment is important to myself, my spouse and our taxpayers. I want to keep working in Windham."

9.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. Town of Windham Begley Road has been completed. The highway dept is now working on the driveways and shoulders along Begley Road.

10.COMMITTEE REPORT: Councilman Walker has nothing at this time to report as the last CWT Meeting on July 21, 2025 was cancelled. Councilman Goettsche has nothing at this time to report on. Supervisor Hoyt has spoken with the Windham Chief of Police Rich Selner and with the Union Shop Stewart along with Civil Service; Michael Harte will be the SPO Officer where as needed. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. CD Lane Park has been very busy. The residences are using the park well and keeping it clean after every event.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #14-G contained vouchers #461-484, totaling \$10,145.66 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #14 contained vouchers #136-139, totaling \$1,224.96 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #14 contained vouchers #201-207, totaling \$10,461.41 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #14 contained vouchers #149-154, totaling \$1,445.37 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #15-P for **General** contained 16 claims, totaling \$17,999.90 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling \$21,309.78 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #15-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$6,802.06 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #15-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$587.88 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

	Absent Councilman Wayne Van Valin	
_____ SUPERVISOR	_____ COUNCILMAN	_____ COUNCILMAN
	Absent Councilman Ian Peters	
_____ COUNCILMAN	_____ COUNCILMAN	_____ TOWN CLERK
