

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Present: Supervisor: Thomas F. Hoyt
Councilmen: Wayne Van Valin & Stephen Walker
Town Clerk: Bonnie Poehmel

Also Present: Town Attorney Tal Rapplelea on the phone, Connor Exum & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Councilmen: Ian Peters & Kurt Goettsche, 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.

THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, Councilman Goettsche and Councilman Peters were absent.

1.SET Tentative Budget Work Session for 2026: The Town Board has approved of the following date of Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 7:00 pm for a Special Town Board Meeting for the purpose of a work session on the Tentative Budget for 2026. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

2.WINDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY requesting permission to use Centre Property for “Medicare Assistance for all Plans”-Monday, Oct 6, 2025 @ 10am-12noon. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

3.REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR Fireworks Display Permit: A wedding event to be held at Windham Manor on Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ dark 8:30pm. Councilman Walker will approve with the conditions that the neighbors are notified and the notice is placed on the town’s Facebook page. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

4.GCSWCD requesting use of WWTP on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 @ 4:30 pm-8:00 pm with a 6:00 pm meeting for the fall Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC) Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

5.CORNELL LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM requesting use of WWTP for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 @ 6:30 am to 4:00 pm for a highway workshop. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

6.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION Authorizing Consent to Incorporate Sewage Works Corporation with Windham Skye. The resolution is still a work in progress with the attorneys as stated by Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea. A motion to Table was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

7.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #119 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 Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #120 OF 2025: to increase the Sewer District Billing for 2025 in the amount of \$449.02 for account #S782 at 5098 State Route 23 due to an incorrect code in the sewer software program. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #121 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of \$757,378.77 principal plus the interest earned of General Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Coxsackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #122 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of \$200,000.00 principal plus the interest earned of Ambulance Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Coxsackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #123 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of \$101,967.39 principal plus the interest earned of Ambulance Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Coxsackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #124 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of \$250,000.00 principal plus the interest earned of Highway Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Coxsackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #125 OF 2025: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of \$75,503.38 principal plus the interest earned of Sewer #1 Fund Money at the Greene County Commercial Bank, Catskill, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van

Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #14 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 Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #20 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 Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

8.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #284-25: Awarding Bid for Abrasives (Dry Screened and Washed) Used in Snow & Ice Control

9.TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for July: \$8,679.69. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for August: \$7,677.68. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

10.TOWN COURT JUSTICE REPORT for August: Justice Marilyn Carreras \$1,999.00 was duly noted by the Town Board.

11.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. The ambulance staff has been busier this year than in past years. Thursday night there is a Greene County wide ambulance meeting.

12.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: the following report was submitted to the Town Board for their review from the Assessor: "The WAJ School taxes have gone out. This school year we received only four calls on WAJ school tax, so far. A big difference to years back, especially my first year where we had about one hundred calls. Credit the Windham Tax Look Up sheet. The look up sheet has all names, phone numbers, emails, and deadline for all Windham Property & School tax bills. (Copy in all your emails on Monday Sept 22nd). Optimistic about not having a volume of tax bills complaints or confusion in the future again. Each school year the taxpayer concerns decrement. Sales inventory is still increasing. Stonewall Windham LLC has had phone inquiries. A good number of sales are generating calls to the assessor's office for "more information". The Million and above market holding well. Whilst the middle \$300,000 to \$800,000 is moving along. Anything under \$300,000 seems to move just as well as usual. Stay tuned, watch rates....There is a web based RPS meeting in October. I will be attending. I looking forward to offering Windham as an early adopter. (Likely means we will have to run simultaneous software. Old and net based.) I will "clean out the laptop for any viruses, cookies, or junk, before I add the new software to insure ease of use without "issues". The office remains in good shape. Simple concerns about viruses or hacking persist. Will review what new risk(s) are if any when RPS (our NYS Assessing software) is replaced, with the web based alternative. Thank you for re-appointment. Look forward to assisting the Town of Windham professionally in the coming years."

13.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington is away this week at AOT Highway Superintendent School. Foreman Troy Aplin is in charge of the highway dept while Gary is away. Gutters at the town hall have all had a fall clean out anticipating a much needed large rain fall for Thursday. All the local water dams, the Windham Path and the landfill have all had a fall mowing for this year. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington is working on the snow/ice supply to be ordered soon. The banner has been hung up across State Route 23 for the Windham Chamber's Autumn Affair event.

14.POLICE REPORT: all is good with the police dept. The morning and afternoon patrols have been at the school helping with the buses, children and parents.

15.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** has attended the CWT Meeting on September 15, 2025. Just before the meeting ended Delaware County handed a water supply resolution to be passed. It was tabled as the committee needed to review before approving. September 17, 2025 the committee met again to discuss the resolution; and it was passed at this meeting. The Mountaintop Town Supervisors/Mayors meeting is in support of the CWT actions.

CWT is conducting a study in the watershed on FAD. **Councilman Van Valin** is waiting for the contractor to submit a quote for the maintenance at the Library. He is also waiting on a quote from the painter for the work that is needed at the Centre Property. Councilman Van Valin would like to get the property back into a rotation schedule of work that as been missing the last few years. **Supervisor Hoyt** the last day the restrooms will be open at CD Lane Park will be this Saturday, September 27, 2025. After that the park grounds only will be open. There will be no more swimming or boating. The park restrooms will need to be winterized. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** has been working on the bond for the purchase of the new plow truck for the highway. He currently still has 6 escrow accounts still open with the planning board projects.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #18-G contained vouchers #590-607, totaling \$18,929.26 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #18 contained vouchers #171-173, totaling \$5,719.87 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #18 contained vouchers #250-257, totaling \$11,069.40 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #18 contained vouchers #191-200, totaling \$2177.62 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P for **General** contained 15 claims, totaling \$15,643.69 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 15 claims, totaling \$20,610.64 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$6,598.80 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$688.59 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

16.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Connor Exum would like to debate the Town Supervisor before the upcoming November elections. Supervisor Hoyt has told Connor many times. The town properties are not to be used for political gain. There will be no debate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

Absent from meeting
Kurt Goettsche

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILMAN

COUNCILMAN

Absent from meeting
Ian Peters

COUNCILMAN

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TOWN CLERK
