

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

**JANUARY 8, 2026**

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

**Also Present:** Highway Superintendent Robert Murray, Victoria Shuster & 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 30, 2025, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

1. NEWTON FUND REPORT for 2025: has been prepared by Account Clerk Jessica Leto for the Town Board's review. The account is in a Money Market Savings. The beginning balance for December 31, 2024 with no interest is 17,730.36. The ending balance for December 31, 2025 with no interest is \$17,730.36. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

2. JUSTICE REPORT FOR December 2025: Justice Carreras \$1,475.00 as duly noted by the Board.

3. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION # 3 OF 2026: "The Town Of Windham Granting Permission to The Run Wild, Inc. To Conduct the Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon Within The Geographical Jurisdiction Of The Town Of Windham: WHEREAS, the Run Wild, Inc. proposes conducting the Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon within State ROW, on or along 591 Big Hollow Road, Maplecrest, located in the Town of Windham (hereinafter MUNICIPALITY), Greene County, and... **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Windham, by means of this Resolution, grants permission to the Run Wild, Inc. to conduct the above-mentioned event within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality and Run Wild, Inc. shall maintain or cause to be maintained, at its own expense the premises of the event and shall cover any expenses that may arise from the conducting of the above-mentioned event, and" A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #4 OF 2026: regarding the General Fund for the year 2025..to authorize the Supervisor to use \$44,818.15 from Unanticipated Revenue in the Income Account Mortgage Tax in order to balance the accounts in the General Fund for the year 2025 as per General Fund Resolution #1 of 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #5 OF 2026: the following resolution to balance the Sewer District accounts for 2025. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #6 OF 2026: regarding the General Fund for the year 2025..to authorize the Supervisor to use \$10,256.53 from Unappropriated Revenue in the Income Account Sewer O & M Charge in order to balance the accounts in the Sewer District Fund as per Town Board Resolution #5 of 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #7 OF 2026: regarding the Ambulance Fund for the year 2025..to authorize the Supervisor to use \$48,165.76 from Unanticipated Revenue in account Ambulance Agreement Jewett to balance the accounts in the Ambulance Fund as per Ambulance Fund Resolution #1 of 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. AMBULANCE FUND RESOLUTION #1 OF 2026: the following resolution to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts for 2025. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #1 OF 2026: the following resolution to balance the General Fund accounts for 2025. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #2 OF 2026: the following resolution to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts for 2025. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

**INVESTMENT CD's FOR 2026:**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #8 OF 2026: “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 National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #9 OF 2026: “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 National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #10 OF 2026: “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 Greene County Commercial Bank, Windham, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #11 OF 2026: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$60,000.00 earned of Library Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxackie, Cairo, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #12 OF 2026: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$50,000.00 earned of Library 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 Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #13 OF 2026: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$300,000.00 earned of Water District Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the National Bank of Coxackie, Cairo, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #14 OF 2026: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$100,000.00 earned of Water District 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #15 OF 2026: “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 Coxackie, Cairo, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #16 OF 2026: “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 Coxackie, Cairo, New York.” A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #17 OF 2026: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$220,000.00 earned of Water Improvement 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #18 OF 2026: “to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$50,000.00 earned of Sewer O & M Contingency 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 Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

4.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #61-10: Authorizing County to Assist Towns & Villages located in Greene County to Minimize Costs Incurred Under Local Unsafe Building Laws Authorizing Demolition (February 17, 2010)

5.AMBULANCE REPORT: Weekends have been hectic, second crews are scheduled and ready to go.

6.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Robert Murray was present. Supervisor Hoyt received a letter agreement from Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP Counsellors at Law. The agreement is for the Town of Windham-Highway Negotiations (Term Commencing January 1, 2027). Their professional services for 2026-2027; will be in connection with the Town of

Windham's negotiation of a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Windham and Labor's International Union of North America, Local No. 17 (Highway Unit).

The Board has reviewed the letter agreement and has approved permission for Supervisor Hoyt to execute the agreement. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

#### 7.POLICE REPORT

8.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** will not be attending the CWT Meeting in January. **Councilman Van Valin** discussed some work to be done at the town hall. **Councilman Goettsche** was nothing to report on. **Councilman Peters** is working on new water rates. He has nothing at this time to discuss. The current rates have been in place since before covid-19, with no increase. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like to change the Thursday, January 22, 2026 town board meeting to Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt would like to be able to offer to Greene County Public Health mobile van to be stored for the winter in the empty bay at the ambulance building. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea will write up an agreement for the season as they will also need to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance. A motion to approve this was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt will have a draft amendment for local law 2 of 2007 the subdivision law. A public hearing will have to be scheduled for February. Supervisor Hoyt and the Town Board received a memo from the bookkeeper Cindy Nelson regarding the results from the Greene County Civil Service testing. **Stephen Bence** was hired effective December 1, 2025 as a full time police officer; he has passed his civil service test effective January 6, 2026. **Ryan Pocarobba** was hired as a recruit effective November 12, 2025 as a part-time; he too has passed his civil service test effective January 6, 2026 pending his graduation for the academy. **Sandra Allen** will have a title change per civil service to Full time clerk effective January 1, 2026. Supervisor Hoyt would like to suggest that the Town use **NBT Bank of Windham** as one of our local banks. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

9.PUBLIC COMMENT: Victoria Shuster is the designer and illustrator of the “ **Native Trees of the Windham Path**” maps and brochure. Victoria brought a map and brochure for the board members. Her goal is to have this distributed throughout the Town of Windham, and surrounding areas. Victoria is also looking for grant money to help with the costs of production.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AND BUDGET COMPARISONS January 8, 2026 files were made available for the Board to review.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #1-G contained vouchers #1-41, totaling \$19,598.97 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-8, totaling \$16,529.79 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-12, totaling \$52,240.10 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman VanValin, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-10, totaling \$3,178.87 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-8, totaling \$3,815.95 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #1-P for **General** contained 8 claims, totaling \$9,549.68 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 15 claims, totaling \$23,043.54 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 1 claim, totaling \$3921.15 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #1-P contained 7 claims, totaling \$20,890.35 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, 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 Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

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