

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

MARCH 12, 2026

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

Absent: Councilman Wayne Van Valin

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Robert “BJ” Murray, Delaware Engineering John Brust, & 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 FEBRUARY 26, 2026, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, Councilman Van Valin was absent.

Supervisor Hoyt would like to **set a public hearing for the adoption of the Zoning Law**. A motion to approve the date of Thursday, April 30, 2026 @ 6:00 pm here at the Town Hall Meeting Room 10 was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

Supervisor Hoyt requested authorization to refer to the proposed Zoning Law to the Greene County Planning Board for review pursuant to General Municipal Law §239. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

Delaware Engineering Helen Budrock will prepare Part 1 of the EAF so the Town Board can get the **SEQR process started as the Lead Agency**. A motion to approve this was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. John presented to the Board a list of all current site plans and subdivision applications that have been presented to the Planning Board along with a map showing where all the projects are located.

1.AGREEMENT WITH SIAM TANK #57 Knights of the Road: “agreement dated January 1, 2026, between the Town of Windham, owner of the property at 124 County Route 12, Tax ID #95.00-1-21 and Siam Tank #57, aka Knights of the Road. The Knights of the Road agree to provide supervised and organized youth activities for the youth in the town.” A motion to approve the agreement for the Supervisor to sign was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

2.CALENDAR FOR COMMUNITY CENTER: George Tortorelis would like permission to host a CRASE training for the public at the Community Center. He would like the evening date of April 2, 2026, and anytime on April 11, 2026. CRASE is “Citizens Response to Active Shooter Events” training. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

3.SEALED BIDS to be approved for Two Years (2026 & 2027) for the annual flowers at town signs and flower beds. “Installing & Supplying of Flowers and Watering & Maintenance of Flowers.” A motion to approve the two-year bids were made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

4.WINDAM LIBRARY seeking permission to use Centre Property: Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 1:00-2:00 pm for the Dementia & Memory Loss Workshop with Medicaid Spec. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent; and on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 @ 10:00 am-6:00 pm for a Health Insurance Navigator (Open Health Market). A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

5.JUSTICE REPORT FOR January 2026: Justice Carreras \$1,103.00 was duly noted by the Town Board.

6.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #45 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. **INVESTING TOWN BOARD RESOLUTIONS:** TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #46 OF 2026: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$50,000.00 plus interest 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 Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #47 OF 2026: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$100,000.00 plus interest 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, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #48 OF 2026: to authorize the Supervisor to invest the sum of \$200,000.00 plus interest earned of Highway 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 Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #6 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

7.AMBULANCE REPORT: The ambulance staff is back to one crew for the weekends. All holiday weekends there were two crews available. One of the ambulance rigs had a battery problem that is all fixed now.

8.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Robert "BJ" Murray was present. Each Board member was given a copy of the "draft Shared Services Agreement with Greene County Highway Department"; to be discussed by Highway Superintendent Murray. The letter was agreed upon by the Town Board. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. Highway Superintendent Murray would like permission to write a bid for a hot mix. He believes he can get a better price. A motion to approve the writing of the bid was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent. The 284 Form may need to be amended after bids come in. The highway dept is going to stay with Kingston Worx's for their random drug screening. The Town Board will authorize Highway Superintendent Murray to spend up to \$7,500.00 on the purchase of a drag box; a motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. Other highway updates, Stephen Honeyman has passed his CDL License, the dept is now fully staffed. The bigger trucks have been in the highway shop for the past week for repair. Garbage and the dog poop station at the park have been picked up. The post of the sign will be removed when the ground gets softer.

9.POLICE REPORT: Chief Rich Selner would like to recommend the re-hiring of Tom Parquez. Tom had to leave last July 2025 for personal reasons. Tom is asking to be considered for a re-hire. A motion to approve the re-hire of Tom Parquez as a part-time police officer was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

10.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker**, the CWT Meeting has been cancelled. CWC will have their annual get together in July. **Councilman Goettsche** has been researching websites as he waits to hear back. He is currently working on the recent adjustments with new standards. **Councilman Peters** has submitted a draft solar law for the Board to review and to be discussed at a later board meeting. **Supervisor Hoyt** along with Amanda Jones and Cindy

Nelson, the office bookkeepers, met with Jamie Reynolds of NBT Bank. Mr. Reynolds went over all their services they can offer to the Town of Windham.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AND BUDGET COMPARISONS March 12, 2026, files were made available for the Board to review.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #5-G contained vouchers #164-206, totaling \$17,452.66 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #5 contained vouchers #50-56, totaling \$17,701.01 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #5 contained vouchers #67-81, totaling \$64,898.87 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #3 contained vouchers #20-22, totaling \$1,814.62 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WARRANT #2 contained voucher #2, totaling \$107.17 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #5 contained vouchers #51-64, totaling \$14,945.08 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #5-P for **General** contained 7 claims, totaling \$10,187.72 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$25,849.38 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent. **Police** payroll contained 8 claims, totaling \$11,312.28 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #5-P contained 6 claims, totaling \$16,439.25 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with 4 in favor, one absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Councilman Peters made a motion at 7:45 pm to recess from the Town Board Meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent. All those in attendance were able to stay.

RECONVENE MEETING Councilman Peters made a motion at 7:47 pm to adjourn from Executive Session to reconvene to the Town Board meeting, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 4 in favor, one absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, one absent.

Absent Councilman
Wayne Van Valin

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILMAN

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TOWN CLERK

OFFICIAL