

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY**

MARCH 26, 2020

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

Also Present: Town Attorney Larry Gardner
Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle listened in without comment

Supervisor Hoyt called the Town Board Meeting to order via-telephone conference call with the Windham Town Board Members, Town Attorney and the Town Clerk at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hoyt asked the Windham Town Board members, Town Attorney and the Town Clerk to state their names for record that they were present.

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The Supervisor gave a brief statement for the matter of the telephone conference call meeting which allows the Windham Town Board by law to conduct this meeting:

As per Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, has issued an

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CONTINUING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION OF
LAWS RELATING TO THE DISASTER EMERGENCY**

“WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York;

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to be continue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New York, do hereby continue Executive Order 202, dated March 7, 2020, and I hereby continue any suspension or modification of law made by Executive Order 202 for thirty days until April 11, 2020, except that such Executive Order is amended to read as follows:

FURTHER, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby temporarily suspend or modify, for the period from the date of this Executive Order through April 11, 2020 the following:

Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar service:

Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed;

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to issue any directive during a disaster emergency necessary to cope with the disaster, I hereby issue the following directives for the period from the date of Executive Order through April 11, 2020:

Any guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health related to prevention and infection control of COVID-19. Any place of business or public accommodation, and any gathering or event for which attendance is anticipated to be fewer than five hundred people, shall operate at no greater than fifty percent occupancy, and no greater than fifty percent of seating capacity, for thirty days effective on Friday, March 13, 2020.

Written and signed by the Governor of the State in the City of Albany the twelfth day of March in the year two thousand twenty.”

THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION # 4 OF 2020: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the general fund accounts. From the General Fund two new line items have been added: Law Enforcement Cell Phones and Garage Cell Phones. The monthly fee will be \$284.52 for the law enforcement and \$189.68 for the garage. The Supervisor is moving the funds now for the year rather than monthly. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. The Board has approved to move one time for the Law Enforcement Cell Phones a total fee of \$2,845.20 for the remaining ten months and has approved to move one time for the Garage Cell Phones a total of \$1,896.80 for the remaining ten months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Councilman Walker** has nothing to report on. **Councilman Goettsche** has been working on keeping the Town Website (www.townofwindhamny.com) up to date on a daily basis as information changes with the COVID-19 Greene County Publications. Also, he has been keeping our Town of Windham Facebook page up-to-date. The Facebook page has information only, any public comments will be deleted. Supervisor Hoyt appreciates and thanked Councilman Goettsche for keeping the information updated. Supervisor Hoyt has heard good comments out from the residents, that we are keeping them informed. **Councilman Van Valin** has nothing to report on at this time. He would like to commend everyone for their hard work and patients during this time of crisis. The essential ladies in the office, Police, Ambulance, IT team and our Administrative Leadership. **Councilman Peters** has been in contact with the Ambulance Dept. Everything there is going well and they are doing their job and doing it well. Councilman Walker asked if anyone has been checking on the older residents at the Windham Willows? Supervisor Hoyt the County checks on everyone that is on the call list. **Attorney Larry Gardner** there has been controversy with the second homeowners. There is correspondence that went out with the County. The County's initial message was correct and Larry supports it. **Supervisor Hoyt** we have shown the leadership at the County and we may have been criticized for it, but it is for the benefit of everybody, they took the actions they needed to do. The Supervisor has had some phone calls and after talking they understand the actions that were taken and why. The Supervisor hopes that our visitors and second homeowners abide by social distancing. With all the information that is out there just today the Windham Path on the State Route 23 side, the parking lot had 20 cars and people were socializing around their cars; and the State Route 296 side, the parking lot had 15 cars with similar activity. Every new update that the Supervisor receives from the County he will be notifying the Board with that afternoon so that everyone will be informed of the latest update. The Public Health Dept. is checking on those that are in quarantine, daily twice a day, 7 days a week. People that are positive are being checked on daily twice a day, 7 days a week. Currently we have no one hospitalized. In Greene County there are 9 confirmed cases, of the 9, 3 have tested twice to be negative.

Supervisor Hoyt has received reports from the following departments:

POLICE REPORT: The Police Chief said the two police recruits have gotten through the academy; and they are doing their road training.

With the COVID-19 the Greene County Law Enforcement are starting to receive domestic verbal dispute cases that they have to respond too.

HIGHWAY REPORT: all is good there.

DELAWARE ENGINEERING John Brust has sent a letter update for the Board's review.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING DEPARTMENT has given a progress report for January-March 2020.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #6-G contained vouchers #243-273, totaling \$28,305.74 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #6 contained vouchers #58-61, totaling \$7,690.69 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #6 contained vouchers #76-77, totaling \$108.55 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #7-P for **General** contained 5 claims, totaling \$5,816.24 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 18 claims, totaling \$14,205.77 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 3 claims, totaling \$3,561.13 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #7-P contained 6 claims, totaling \$10,681.83 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #7-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$945.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SUPERVISOR

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TOWN CLERK
