

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

**JUNE 24, 2021**

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

**Also Present:** Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Town Attorney Larry Gardner, Police Chief Tor Tryland, Gail Nichol森, Marilyn Carreras, Thomas Poelker & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

**Absent:** Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie & Delaware Engineering John Brust

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

THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present. Supervisor Hoyt spoke to John Brust earlier in the day. Sealed bids will be received on June 30, 2021 at the Town Hall, until 1:30 PM and then at said office will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Wastewater System Upgrades at the WWTP and the Old Road Pump Station. Our upgrades for our SPDES report has been accepted by DEC. Supervisor Hoyt and John Brust will be submitting the ambulance building plans to the Planning Board.

2.NEW APPLICATION FOR OUTSIDE SEWER DISTRICT: Melissa Maldonado, 5 Hickory Hill Road, Tax Map #78.00-6-73, new construction for a one bedroom 600 sq ft guest house. Supervisor Hoyt stated Melissa Maldonado's main house on this property is currently out of district and is hooked into our system at the first manhole on Hickory Hill Road. There is room in the system to approve this out of district connection. A fee of \$5,000.00 will be paid prior to hook up. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

3.SECOND AMENDMENT: Marilyn Carreras was present. Marilyn presented to the Board a petition on the "Amendment 2 to the Constitution codified in the Bill of Individuals' Rights Specifically and clearly reserves to us, its citizenry, The right to bear arms...Marilyn Carreras submits on behalf of the citizens of Windham and some from other towns a petition of over 245 signatures and more coming, to have Windham declared a Protected Town and a Sanctuary for the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment's guarantee of our right to bear arms, which right is encoded in both the US Constitution and The Constitution of the State of New York." Supervisor Hoyt has accepted the petition and as asked the Board to please review. We will address it moving forward.

4.WINDHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE requesting 8 garbage cans and 6 traffic safety cones for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Supervisor Hoyt has already spoken to Brenda Hughes. New garbage cans have been purchased at the Windham Hardware and will be designated just for the Chamber's events. The previous old cans have gone to the park to be used there. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington will deliver the 8 garbage cans and 6 safety cones.

5.JOHN QUINN seeking permission to use the Centre Property on Sunday, July 18 @ 1:00-5:00 pm for the band rehearsal of the Grand Concert on August 7, 2021. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.COMMUNITY OF WINDHAM FOUNDATION Anne Jakubowski would like permission to use the pavilion at CD Lane Park for the "Believe Big Mug Painting Event" on Saturday, August 28 @ 12:00-3:00 pm. The Believe Big is an organization that encourages patients battling

cancer. Event is free. Food vendors-Hensonville Hose and Karen's Kountry Kitchen will be there for the day. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

7.BLACKDOME MUSIC Yako Stavrolakes would like permission to use the pavilion at CD Lane Park to play music for the same event on August 28 @ 12:00-8:00 pm. Music event is free. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

8.VFW POST 1545 seeking permission to hold tag day on Saturday, July 3 @ 9:00 am-1:30 pm at the intersection of State Route 23 and 296. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

9.RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE requests permission to use the WWTP on July 23 @ 12:00-8:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

10.MOWING AGREEMENT WITH WTHP, LLC for two parcels of vacant land adjacent to town hall, tax map #96.14-3-2 and tax map #96.14-3-3. "Windham desires to obtain a license to maintain the subject premises in a mowed condition, to present an attractive lot...a license allowing Windham to mow the described premises, during the period of July 1, 2021, through November 1, 2021; and this Agreement shall automatically renew, for each of the succeeding five years, for the months July 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>, in the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026." Either party may opt out at any time. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

11.AFFIDAVIT & APPLICATION for Certificate of Residency: Brianna Megan Brooke Leishear resident of Windham plans on attending a community college for the Spring Semester in 2021. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

12.JUSTICE REPORT FOR MAY 2021: Justice McCarthy \$3,622.00 and Justice Stevens \$2,432.00 was noted by the Board.

13.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #148-21: As Amended-Resolution Opposing New York State Senate Bill S.4264-A and New York State Assembly Bill A.6967 (Climate & Community Investment Act)

14.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #29 OF 2021: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #9 OF 2021: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

15.AMBUALNCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: "Not too much to report, the rigs are ok, we have been using 96-2 (she's getting tired) as the primary rig while a piece of equipment in 96-1 was sent out to be upgraded as it wasn't working properly. I got an email that it's on the way and once that arrives, we will put 96-1 back in service as the primary rig. I have two crews for the 4th of July, both ALS, the second crew will be on from 15:00 to 22:00 pm. There were 24 calls in May, we are currently at 212 calls for the year. last year at this time we were at 214. We have utilized our new Telehealth service twice and it has worked out well. We had a patient that was very ill, adamant about not going to the hospital because she was worried about her pets. We contacted an online physician via Telehealth and after about 15 minutes she agreed to go to the hospital. Amanda Rion and Mathew Burgher went back to her house during their shift to take care of her animals, took the time to wash/change her bed linens and took her garbage out. We were able to get ahold of a family member that lives in another state and she was able to reach out to a friend that lives locally and made arrangements for the animals to be taken care of while she was in the hospital. *Calls for the Month of May 2021:*

*Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-3, Basic Life Support (BLS)-2, Call Cancelled (C/C)-6; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-4; Calls in Hunter: ALS-2, RMA-3; Calls in Jewett: RMA-1, C/C-2; Calls in Catskill: C/C-1. Total calls for May: 24, Calls turned over to Mutual Aid-0. Vehicle Mileage Log for May 2021: 96-1: 44,353 and 96-2: 131,675.”*

**16.HIGHWAY REPORT:** Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. The highway dept has been busy paving. A section on Mill Street, Windham was completed yesterday and that went well. The highway dept was in Maplecrest today, with a lot of help with the shared services program. The paving vendor had a lot of breakdowns with the equipment today, so we were only able to complete Evergreen Road. Slater Road will be completed on Monday. The highway dept installed a water line at the park as per a request from Supervisor Hoyt. Other than the highway dept short on manpower everything is going well. The highway dept has started with Josh Vital on the annual flushing of the manholes.

**17.POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. The Chief is hoping to have the new purchased police car ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The Chief would like permission to purchase floor mats for the new police car. The floor mats will cost \$121.98. A motion to approve the purchase of new mats was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. “Mountain Top Cares Coalition has provided the Police Dept with new Narcan, as the old ones had expired.” The Police Dept would like to thank the Mountain Top Cares Coalition for their generous donation. The police dept has been using a speed recorder in two different areas throughout town. “The police dept will try to plan speed enforcement based on the data collected.” The speed recorder is still ongoing at other locations. This Saturday the Windham PD has been invited to do training with the Durham PD/Cairo PD. The Chief has police staffing ready for the 4h of July. Councilman Walker asked will the speed recorder pick up on 4-wheeler drivers. Supervisor Hoyt and Chief Tryland have been reviewing the Police Union Contract that is due to renew December 2021. There are a few items that they would like to add into the contract.

**18.COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Councilman Van Valin** has spoken to a local contractor about getting a lift to address the problems with the eaves and etc. at the front of the Centre Property. The maintenance of the building needs to be addressed. **Councilman Walker** will need to speak to the Court Justices about the court clerk’s working schedule. **Councilman Goettsche** has put the registration for the sand castle event on the website with a link to Facebook. Councilman Goettsche was recently on the Windham Path with his family to find an issue with the water backing up on the path. The highway dept has taken care of this. **Councilman Peters** has received a heartfelt thank note from a resident now able to hook up with Mid-Hudson Cablevision in Maplecrest. Councilmen Peters and Goettsche hope to get into the town hall in the next two weeks to update the network in the town hall building. Councilman Peters has been helping out with the renewal of the Police Union Contract. Councilman Peters will be meeting with the Town Attorney Larry Gardner this weekend to review the Town of Jewett Ambulance Contract. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like to request permission to use the Centre Property on July 9, 2021 @ 6:00-9:00 pm for the Windham Republican Caucus. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. The Democratic Committee has requested permission to use the town hall meet room on July 12 @ 6:00-9:00 pm for the Windham Democrats Caucus. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt would like to pay for the new highway 2022 F-250 4x4 S/C Ford pickup truck costing \$40,000.00; by paying \$20,000.00 out of the general fund unappropriated balance and the remaining \$20,000.00 to be paid by a bond for five years. Councilman Peters asked do what know what the interest rate might be. Town Attorney Larry Gardner will look into the interest on this. It will be for a non-callable bond. A motion to approve Town Board Resolutions # 30 and #31 was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. The Town Clerk can do a resolution for this using tonight’s date to be effective. Supervisor Hoyt stated that Joe D ’Anna and his building crew have installed the walk boards and hand rails on the bridge at the park. They have had about 80 hours of time/labor in and will not be sending an invoice; as they have made this their donation to the park as many other contractors have done. **Town Attorney Larry Gardner** has been working on the mowing agreement. He has not received any response from the property owners on Galway Road, Windham. He will send them a second notice as they have a building permit violation.

TOWN BOARD MEETING (CON'T)

JUNE 24, 2021

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #12-G contained vouchers #432-483, totaling \$18,340.92 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 #12 contained vouchers #151-160, totaling \$11,650.59 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #184-200, totaling \$39,257.73 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

NY RISING WARRANT #32 (Culvert CO 56-Generators-Madd Brook-South Street Stormwater) contained voucher #61, totaling \$5,350.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

CD LANE PARK ENHANCEMENT WARRANT #12 contained vouchers #34-40, totaling \$16,412.65 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 #13-P for **General** contained 15 claims, totaling \$12,054.45 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 18 claims, totaling \$15,369.21 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 2 claims, totaling \$3,977.23 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 #13-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$7,088.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AS PER HIGHWAY UNION AGREEMENT PAYROLL Retro to January 1, 2020 to retro January 1, 2021, 2% pay raise; contained 6 claims, totaling \$10,382.61 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #13-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$576.05 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 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

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