

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

AUGUST 26, 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, Delaware Engineering John Brust, Police Chief Tor Tryland, Paul Mutter, Zach Mutter, Robert Rhoades & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Supervisor Hoyt asked our guest Zach Mutter to open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

1.DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION: the following you tube video was played for the Board. The Comprehensive Plan Committee has put together a short video. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/MXrziQp2z58> Here is a link to see the full draft document: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1EF2Wghurjpx2ZV5hJAzt3zC6_Ec9iGnN&authuser=hbudrock%40gmail.com&usp=drive_fs

2.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. John Brust presented to the Board and public a draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan. John has been coming here for almost 20

years now with the various projects he has helped the town with; he thinks it represents the community well and it was a unifying activity. He noted in the draft copy various pages for the Board to look at page 1 "Purpose of the Comprehensive Plan"; page 57 "Goals & Objectives" and page 62 "Action Plan". There are a couple of action items that need to be completed. A public hearing needs to be set and a draft copy sent to Greene County Planning Board for the 239 review and comment. The Supervisor would like to set a public hearing for **Thursday, September 23, 2021 @ 7:00 pm** regarding the draft comprehensive plan. At such time the residents of Windham wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard. A motion to approve the date for the public hearing was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. A motion to approve allowing John Brust to present the draft copy to the Greene County Planning Board was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt has asked for Hubbell Construction to come back to make surface road repairs on County Route 65. The paving has been completed and is satisfactory. The road is now in a safer condition. The Centre Property CFA application, we will be having more conversations with Parks & Recs regarding recommendations on improving the property. John is looking into other funding to help with the expense of the new ambulance building. John Brust there was a pre-construction meeting with the contractors for the Old Road & WWTP project. We are not using EFC money. We are using town escrow funds that the town has established over the years. Because we are not using state funds, we expect the project to move along very quickly. The contractors will start on the Old Road project first and then to WWTP where if winter arrives sooner than expected they can still be working.

3.RESIGNATION LETTER from Recording Secretary to the Planning Board Janine Soule was received. Per Janine's letter dated August 9, 2021 she is resigning effective immediately. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt has a tentative appointment with the Chairman of the Planning Board to discuss a past recording secretary has the interest to fill this position.

4.SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW NO. ONE OF 2021 to opt-out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4. The Supervisor would like to set a public hearing for **Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 6:00 pm** for the purpose of hearing any comments. At such time the residents of Windham wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard. A motion to approve the date for the public hearing was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

5.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #43 OF 2021: Support of The Second Amendment. **Whereas**, the Town Board for the Town of Windham has expressed its opposition to New York State's infringement on an individual's 2nd Amendment "right of the people to keep and bear arms", and **Whereas**, the Town Board here by declares itself a Sanctuary for the Second Amendment, and **Whereas**, this Windham Town Board will continue to oppose any infringement on the 2nd Amendment such as, but not limited to, long-gun registration, social media and search engine history background checks, requiring gun owners to purchase insurance for each gun legally owned, and/or restrictions that otherwise impair the civil liberties of lawful gun owners; and **Whereas**, any gun legislation that infringes on our 2nd Amendment rights, the Town Board opposes; **Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Windham goes on record reaffirming our support of the 2nd Amendment which states: "well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin with all in favor.

6.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #44 OF 2021: to decrease the Sewer District Billing for 2021 in the amount of \$19.00 due to a shortage from DEP for the Paul Morales property. (Bill #S529) A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #45 OF 2021: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #13 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, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #4 OF 2021: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts. A

motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

7.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. Ambulance Liaison Councilman Peters has been in discussion with Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie on how to transition to a staffing model. Ambulance is running alright with a lot of open shifts and for Greene County EMS as well. Staffing, pay and benefits are in discussion right now with all agencies. Supervisor Hoyt has spoken to Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie to research the specifications for a new rig to stay in rotation of new equipment.

8.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. Would like to thank the police depart with traffic control in taking down the car show banner. The storm event from last week Tropical Storm Henri overall we did fine; credit goes to the routine maintenance of culverts. That was a big help. We do have “one section of roadway at 825 County Route 56 in Maplecrest. There is about a 100-foot section to be re-armor with the roadway from the stream.” Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington has already started the permit process with DEC. New York State declared a state of emergency for this event. “There is no danger to the traveling public.” Estimated stone needed \$3,600.00. For the equipment, we may be able to use shared services with another town or do it ourselves. “It will be a medium to heavy stone fill.”

9.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. Chief Tryland has a car update. “Car 385 had a seat belt buckle replaced. Also needed a new battery and Chris Suda from Windham Truck & Equipment replaced that. Training is completed and Officer Parquez passed with flying colors. Hope to get him certified as a fire-arms instructor in the spring of 2022. With all the activities last weekend, all went well. The car show was a big success. The helo-pad was the only issue. An alternate site was designated and luckily, we did not need to use it. We received new equipment in.” Supervisor Hoyt asked if the old police car was ready to be auctioned off. Chief Tryland the car is ready to go, we just need to remove the lettering. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, just has to renew the contract with the auction site. Supervisor Hoyt, County Route 40 is in the process of being repaved and he would like to see more police presence on that road.

10.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Van Valin** meet with Matt Grossman to pressure wash the front to the base of the bell tower and the north side of the Centre Property. Councilman Van Valin has received a written quote #87 for \$982.50 from Matt Grossman, M&C Power Washing, Hunter, NY. Councilman Van Valin would like to make a recommendation that the Board accepts this quote, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. The window and door for the town hall is currently on back order. Supervisor Hoyt we did a temporary fix on the Windham Path sign on State Route 23 the base needs to be fixed soon. Councilman Van Valin is working with Delaware Engineering Fred Grober on a better solution to fix the sign. **Councilman Walker** would like to see recreational hunting added in the comp plan. He doesn't see it mentioned. **Councilman Goettsche** spoke to people at the car show, they had a great time and they too were concerned about the helo-pad. There was no notification about South Street being closed. Greene County Highway has the authority to close County Route 12, as a permit process was obtained by the Windham Rotary. Maybe in the future we could get notification to post on Facebook for the public to know about. Councilman Goettsche received an email from KathodeRay Media Inc. one of our calendar/event plug ins on the website needs to be refreshed and redone with a due date by January, 2022. The fee for this is \$450.00. A motion to approve the update and fee was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. Councilman Goettsche would like permission from the Board to post the legal notices for the two upcoming public hearings on the website and Facebook. **Councilman Peters** has read the draft comp plan. He will be looking into affordable housing the action town can take and will be looking at extended cell service upgrades. **Supervisor Hoyt** was not able to attend to meet with various contractors who are interested in bidding for the repairs at the Windham Path on the State Route 296 side; however, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was there to meet with them. The bids are due in on September 1, 2021. Greene County Soil & Water is going to handle this. The agreements with the private land owners have been signed allowing us access to do the repair. Permits have been signed by DEC. Earlier today we had a pre-construction meeting with Merritt Contraction for the NY Rising project. They will start from the upper part of CD Lane

Road to County Route 12. They will then start on the west end of County Route 12 back to CD Lane Road. This will start in September, 2021. In theory CD Lane Road should be paved this year. Supervisor Hoyt and Town Clerk Bonnie Poehmel met with our health insurance rep. September 8, 2021 @ 6:30 pm our rep will be here to meet with all employees to discuss the two new policies that will be offered this year in our health insurance. A letter will go out to our two unions for the police & highway. Our health insurance is due to renew October 1, 2021.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #16-G contained vouchers #602-643, totaling \$19,529.41 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #16 contained vouchers #193-203, totaling \$40,261.45 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #16 contained vouchers #253-262, totaling \$34,799.57 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WARRANT #3 contained voucher #3, totaling \$38.25 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P for **General** contained 15 claims, totaling \$12,394.21 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$15,713.24 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 10 claims, totaling \$8,048.40 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$5,415.69 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$957.30 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters with all in favor.

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