

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

**JANUARY 13, 2022**

**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, Police Chief Tor Tryland & Delaware Engineering John Brust

**Present by telephone:** Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

**Absent:** Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie

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

THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 23, 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.

THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. John handed to the Board each a final copy of the Comprehensive Plan for their review. There are six items specifically discussed in the plan: Natural Resources, Housing, Economic Development, Transportation & Utilities, Community Facility, and Land Use & Planning. Grant monies have paid for this project. There will be a pre-bid meeting for the Ambulance building on Wednesday, January 18 @ 10:00 am.

2.SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEWER PETITION-Mt. Village Sewer Works Inc. “regarding the Petition referenced below for proposed increase to sewer rates. Under Section 121 of the New York State Transportation Corporation Law, Mt. Village Sewage-Works, Inc. (“MVSW”) has submitted a Petition to the Town Board for the increase of sewer rent to be approved by the Town Board. The current sewer rate is \$94/residential unit/quarter (\$376 per unit per year), and the proposed rate is \$125/residential unit/quarter (\$500 per unit per year). The Petition also provides for establishing an automatic increase per year for Town- imposed increases on MVSW customers. At such time and place, all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same. Copies of the Petition are available at the Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection and procurement by interested persons and shall also be available at the time of the hearing.” The public hearing shall be set for **Thursday, January 27, 2022 @ 6:45 pm**. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #5 OF 2022: “Resolution for A Public Hearing on The Petition of Mt. Village Sewage-Works, Inc. **WHEREAS**, a petition for consent to increase the sewer rent and establish an automatic increase per year for Town-imposed increases on Mt. Village’s customers to be known as the Mt. Village Sewage-Works, Inc. Petition, dated November 1, 2021 (“Petition”), has been duly presented to

the Town Board of the Town of Windham, New York (the "Town"), according to law (a copy of said Petition is attached hereto); and **WHEREAS**, Petitioners propose, pursuant to Section 121 of the New York State Transportation Corporation Law, that the Town Board consent to increase the sewer rent and establish an automatic yearly increase per year for cost of living; and **WHEREAS**, in or around 1984, Mt. Village petitioned the Town of Windham for consent to incorporate. The Town Board of the Town of Windham approved such formation. Mt. Village is a New York corporation incorporated in 1984 pursuant to the Transportation Corporations Law of the State of New York with an address of C.D. Lane Road, Town of Windham, County of Greene, State of New York; and...**WHEREAS**, Mt. Village currently still owns and maintains the sewer main and the metering station within its service area; and has contracted with the Town for sewer treatment pursuant to the Sewer Connection Contract; and... **WHEREAS**, concurrent with the proposed sewer rate increase, Mt. Village is seeking permission from the Town Board to roll the yearly increases the Town imposes onto the sewage company customers into Mt. Village's sewer rate." A motion to adopt Town Board Resolution #4 of 2022, was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

3.SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-Final plan prior to adoption: "The purpose of this hearing is to hear comments on the final comprehensive plan for the Town of Windham. The public hearing shall be set for **Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 6:45 pm**. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Below is a link to the final draft of the Windham Comprehensive Plan with maps and appendices included. A copy of the final document can be viewed on the Town of Windham's website (<https://www.townofwindhamny.com/>) or on the Comprehensive Plan website (<https://wearewindham2040.wordpress.com/>)."

4.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #4 OF 2022: "**Governor Hochul Executive Order #11-1** **WHEREAS**, the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law allows a municipality to establish a Senior Aged Exemption & Disabled Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limit; and **WHEREAS**, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order # 11.1, which makes it possible for senior aged and persons with disabilities to have their 2022 property tax exemptions renewed without filing renewal applications. This action was on the slate of requests when we lobbied the Governor, in the New York State Assessors Association's lobbying effort. **WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Windham hereby establishes the maximum income limit of \$29,000.00 for the year 2022 for Senior Aged Exemption that are residents of the Town of Windham. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Windham has an assessing unit, and county and school district taxes are levied on the town's assessment roll, and they all offer the 459-c and 467 exemptions, then if the town opts in, then 459-c and 467 exemptions may be renewed on the town's 2022 assessment roll without a renewal application for county, town, and school district purposes. This order will enable these individuals to have their exemptions continued for another year without risking in-person visits to their assessors' offices in the midst of the pandemic's resurgence. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

5.TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT December 2021: \$5,523.84. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #309-21: SEQRA Declaration and Approving Recommendations for Including Land into Agricultural District No. 124; GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #342-21: Authorizing Delinquent Water, Sewer and Sidewalk Charges Be Added to Assessment Rolls; GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #344-21: Town Levies; GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #345-21: Authorizing the Relevy of Unpaid School Taxes for the Year 2021.

7.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #2 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for the year 2021. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #3 OF 2022: the following resolution regarding the Sewer Fund for the year 2021; to authorize the Supervisor to use \$20,346.30 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the Sewer Fund as per Town Board Resolution #2 of 2022. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #1 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for the year 2021. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #2 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for the year 2022. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #2 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts for the year 2021. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

8.AMBUALNCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present: The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: “**Vehicles:** Wes’ Mobile Repair replaced one of the batteries in 96-1 after an electrical problem returning from a call. No issues since. I reached out to Demers regarding an ambulance quote, have not heard back from them. **Monthly calls:** Total calls for December 2021 - 57; Total calls for December 2020 – 37; Total calls 2021 through December 31<sup>st</sup> - 508; Total calls 2020 through December 31<sup>st</sup> - 442. December was a very busy month not only for us, but for every agency in the county. With an increased call volume and dealing with a large number of Covid patients, to extended wait times at the hospitals it has been very stressful on providers. There have also been a number of providers sick and out of work due to Covid related illnesses. Everyone has been doing more than their part to pitch in and help cover openings due to illness, but it has been exhausting for everyone. January has shown no mercy so far either, with the call volume already at 30 in Windham as of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. **Staffing:** I spoke with the Bookkeeper Cindy Nelson and we will be sending a couple letters out to employees that have not done shifts in quite a while to see if they are still interested in working and I will be contacting civil service to see if there are any paramedics and EMTs looking for employment. We have a few openings on a regular basis and two paramedics will be retiring in April. **Calls for the Month of December 2021:** *Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-20, Basic Life Support (BLS)-5, Call Cancelled (C/C)-4; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-1, Stand By Fire (S/B Fire)-0, Public Assist (P/A)-3; Calls in Hunter: C/C-2; Calls in Jewett: ALS-4, BLS-2, RMA-1, P/A-1 C/C-2; Calls in Cairo: C/C-1; Greene County EMS: S/B-2; Calls in Prattsville: BLS-1; Calls in Ashland: ALS-2, C/C-1; Calls in Durham: BLS-1. Total calls for December: 57, Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Ashland-1, Hunter-3. Vehicle Mileage Log for December 2021: 96-1: 55,696 and 96-2: 134,473.”*  
**Ambulance Liaison Councilman Peters** spoke about December being a very busy month for the ambulance department. Councilman Peters would like to discuss with the Board and there will be no action onto this tonight but to think about for our next board meeting. Basic EMT’s in our two neighboring agencies Hunter & Greenville pay \$18.00 per hour. We the Town of Windham are at least \$1.00 per hour below all of them. This is something we need to think about. Councilman Peters would like to recommend that we be at least at the same pay rate as Hunter & Greenville. The other discussion to the Board is about the purchase of a new ambulance. Councilman Peters and Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, have reached out to the dealer we bought the most current ambulance vehicle from and he has not acknowledged our phone calls. We are going to go back to the salesman that gave us a presentation and trim the sales price to be more affordable to the town taxpayers.

9.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. “The Board was provided with a copy of the following activity report for the month of December: *Arrests-0; Traffic Tickets-5; Traffic Stops-37; Parking Tickets-1; Calls for Service-177; Property Checks-327; EMS Assist-9; Fire Assist-6; and EID, Alarms-6.* (Per the Chief, please do not place all the weight on these numbers as each month is subject to change.)” Car 385 has had wheel alignment service completed on it. The Chief would like permission to send Officer Parquez to a one-day taser instructor training class in Delhi, NY. The cost of the class is \$100, it will be offered in early March. A motion to approve permission for the training class was made by Councilman Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. Chief Tryland stated the grant for the car computers will be submitted next week. It looks like we are to get about \$13,000.00 for the equipment to be installed with the labor included. The town will just need to purchase the hardware-the mounting brackets to hold the computers in place, about \$700.00 per car.

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. The highway department has been working on painting the public restroom at the town hall. The highway

department is also doing a clean-up of debris at CD Lane Park from the last flooding event. We are waiting on a burn permit for the park and then that will all be finished. The sand-salt issue that we have been discussing at the last few meetings, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington will continue to do more research onto that. The 2011 F-250 (red) pick-up truck did sell on auction. We accepted for \$5,100.00. The payment has been satisfied and all the paperwork is in place.

11.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Van Valin** has nothing to report on at this time. All the fuel for the Centre Property has been filled in the proper tanks. Main Care had a new driver and he was not aware that the Centre Property was not being properly filled. **Councilman Walker** there is a CWT zoom meeting on January 17, 2022 @ 7:15 pm he will be attending. He received a SWAC question from Diana Lawrence, he advised her to make the application to SWAC. There is a problem with the plugged stream as it is also affecting the local farmer Scott Tuttle on Paradise Lane. **Councilman Goettsche** has posted former Town Attorney Larry Gardner's last meeting with the Town of Windham on Facebook. A lot of positive responses. Just updating the website as we get a lot of traffic. **Councilman Peters** Greene County EMS has started interviewing for positions. Councilman Peters is not on the interviewing team. **Supervisor Hoyt** stated that Greene County EMS lost a fly-car last weekend. Supervisor Hoyt, stated on the table is Justice McCarthy's court books for the Board's review. Justice Steven's had not provided her court books in time for the meeting to which the Board needs to review. By the next meeting, Supervisor Hoyt will have the numbers available to the Board for borrowing for the replacement loader. The Contractor was able to repair the sidewalks on County Route 65, Hensonville that we approved. The residents have been talking and it is much appreciated. The homeowner did remove the trailer as well there too. The upper end of County Route 65 (a/k/a Brooksburgh Road), Delaware Engineering John Brust has been helping out in the negotiations for the homes to hook into the sewer. The Town Supervisor wants the vacant lots to be able to hook into it as well, not just occupied homes. CWC has also joined in to help the cause.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #1-G contained vouchers #1-89, totaling \$211,018.66 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 #1-12, totaling \$43,882.84 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 #1-17, totaling \$52,410.45 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #1 contained vouchers #1-9, totaling \$1,581.43 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #26-P (12/30/2021) for **General** contained 5 claims, totaling \$5,165.12 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 17 claims, totaling \$17,727.12 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 9 claims, totaling \$9,403.97 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 #26-P (12/30/2021) contained 5 claims, totaling \$11,185.76 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #26-P (12/30/2021) contained 1 claim, totaling \$66.60 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #1-P (01/14/2022) for **General** contained 6 claims, totaling \$5,429.25 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 18 claims, totaling \$20,432.27 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 2 claims, totaling \$2,650.82 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 PAYROLL WARRANT #1-P (01/14/2022) contained 5 claims, totaling \$11,890.05 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 (01/14/2022) contained 1 claim, totaling \$67.48 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

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