

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
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MAY 12, 2022

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

Also Present: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, Delaware Engineering John Brust, Police Chief Tor Tryland, Gail Nichol森 & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington

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

THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2022 TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. Centre Property steeple we are still waiting to resurvey; EFC pushing for good outcome in the next couple of weeks; and Old Road Pump project will start on the week of May 23, 2022. The WWTP project will be completed on the week of May 16, 2022. This is for our schedule of compliance that the DEP had us complete for the SPEDES Report. Delaware Engineering Alan Tavenner may need to audit the water system as we received a pass on the copper from DEP. The Town and Windham Mountain will need to be monitored. Comprehensive Plan members will be having a zoom meeting May 19, 2022. Delaware Engineering is always looking for more grant money on all the town's projects. The ambulance building awards have been issued to the lowest bidders. "Notice to Proceed" will go out next week with the starting date.

2.SEEKING PERMISSION from Board to renew Bette Rhoades' Notary Public License & Stamp. Stamp fee is \$60.00. Supervisor Hoyt, Bette does a lot of documents for the Town and the community. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

3.TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for April 2022 \$8,403.46. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

4.TOWN COURT JUSTICE REPORT: Justice McCarthy March \$500.00 & April \$579.00 was noted by the Board.

5.GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #11 OF 2022: 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.

6.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #137-22: Awarding Fuel Oil Bid to Bottini Fuel

7.PERMISSION TO CHANGE Town Board Meeting date from May 26 to May 25, 2022 @ 7:00 pm. The Board unanimously approved.

Supervisor Hoyt would like the Board's permission to set a **Public Hearing for Establishment of an Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services District at the next town board meeting on May 25, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.** The Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea will provide the engineering report and map of the proposed district that will be available at the Town Clerk's office. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

8.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was present. The following report was submitted for the Board's review: "**Vehicles:** 96-1 - replaced rubber stripping around doors, no longer leaking. 96-2 – using as first out rig, had to order rear passenger side simulator. **Monthly calls:** Total calls for April 2022 - 35; Total calls for April 2021 – 34. YTD (as of 5/11) 211; (Last year 5/10) 149. **Misc.:** I attended a meeting at CMH to discuss the extended wait times that have become a widespread problem among all hospitals. A few guidelines were set in place, but no long-term solutions were reached at this time. Hospitals are severely short staffed, with no end in sight. We are doing well with staffing and covering shifts, as well as having second crews available, two EMT's have recently fill out applications and I am waiting for an application back from a Paramedic. I just completed the paperwork for our agency and narcotics certification renewals and will be sending those back to NYSDOH, our current certifications expire the end of June. **Calls for the Month of April 2022:** *Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-8, Basic Life Support (BLS)-1, Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-1, Public Assist (P/A)-1; Calls in Jewett: ALS-5, BLS-2, C/C-3, RMA-1; Calls in Cairo: ALS-2, P/A-1 S/B FD-1; Calls in Hunter: ALS-1; Calls in Durham: BLS-1, C/C-1; Greene County EMS: S/B-1; County Coverage: S/B-1. **Total calls for April: 35, Calls turned over to Mutual Aid-Ashland-1. Vehicle Mileage Log for April 2022:** 96-1: 64,051 and 96-2: 137,141."*

9.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Richard Tollner submitted the following report for the Board's review: "Tentative Roll work has been submitted to Greene County. A good quantity of updates, increments and few decrements in Assessed Values. All is set for Board of Assessment Review Tuesday May 24th, 2022 from 9:00 am-11:00 am & 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. I have completed meetings with Board members Richard Fournier, Albin Beckmann, and Peter O'Brien as well as alternate Bob Rhoades. They all been updated with my activity and work for this Roll Year in detail. April 2022 Deed transactions were low. There were but 24 deeds submitted, but 50% of those deeds were family or estate or LLC, meaning on those 50% no sale had been consummated, only a transfer from owner to family, or close contacts without payment(s). The office has been loaded with numerous contacts on large projects, both known and in proposition or research stages. A good volume of deed history, site reviews, satellite photography has been delivered to quite a few inquirers. Attorney inquiries on the rise, as our ability to assist them professionally is now common knowledge. Realtor activity remains above normal. Sales prices on Windham area properties and vacant lots remain high as in recent memory. Inventory of lots remains abnormally low.... We continue to grow our contacts database, which continues to expedite taxpayer contacts from Bette Rhoades in water, sewer and sidewalk billing, and Kathy Murray's Property Tax office. The likely volume of these updates exceeds fifty. Site visits increase with larger volume of local projects underway. Added over 100 new site photos in April 2022. Imagine @ 2,200 properties with buildings, and we added 5% more data on them in one month. Final roll is prepped subject to Board of Assessment activity."

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. Highway Liaison Councilman Van Valin has a few things. The highway department is going quiet well. The paving has been moved a week. The Windham Path is doing good. Supervisor Hoyt wanted the Board to know that the forced main has an issue with it. We have a change over the highway department will take care of this next week. There was a question as to where the sewer & water main was; now they know. The highway department will take care of the switch over at the pump house on Monday. The mowing crews has started mowing at the path, the little league field and the cemeteries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Councilman Peters made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to recess from the Town Board Meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss a police personnel issue, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. Police Chief Tor Tryland was allowed to stay. All others in the audience were asked to leave.

RECONVENE MEETING Councilman Van Valin made a motion at 7:43 p.m. to adjourn from Executive Session to reconvene to the Town Board Meeting, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

11.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. The following report was given to the Board by the Chief, "Data recorder for speed should be in place on Friday and we hope to get

data for a complete week. Vehicle 7F385 needed two new tires. Vehicle had an incident stalling and going into safe mode on Saturday. Back in working order as of Monday, no further incidents. We will be monitoring status and keeping the Board posted. Streetlight out on County Route 65A. School Flashing light by Windham Hardware is not working.” The Board was provided with a copy of the following activity report for the month of April: *Arrests-0; Traffic Tickets-1; Traffic Stops-19; Parking Tickets-0; Calls for Service-72; Property Checks-401; EMS Assist-6; Fire Assist-2; and EID, Alarms-5.* (Per the Chief, please do not place all the weight on these numbers as each month is subject to change.)”

12.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Van Valin** reported the back exit door is here and ready to be installed. The power washing of the town hall building was done this week. Town hall building needs some repair work this year. The Windham Path sign needs repair, Councilman Van Valin is waiting for a quote for the repairs. **Councilman Walker** will be attending the next CWT Meeting by zoom on May 16, 2022. They will be discussing the SAP program and the private sewer haulers issue seems to be resolved. **Councilman Goettsche** has had website issues with the agenda. Recently, Councilman Goettsche and his wife were on the Windham Path. There again is a lot of doggie (poop) bags being left behind from dog owners. Anyone walking the path needs to learn if you carry in, you are responsible to carry out. The Windham Path belongs to the community and the dog owners should have respect for everyone. Supervisor Hoyt, “People need to be responsible for their pets.” When the dog owners leave the doggie bags behind; they are being “disrespectful to the Town and the Community”. **Councilman Peters** Greene County Paramedics voted NO for the Union Vote. Councilman Peters passed to the Board a draft copy of the “Town of Windham Local Law Regulating Solar Energy Systems”. Councilman Peters would like the Board to review and make any changes they think. Councilman Peters would like to set the public hearing at the next board meeting for this local law. **Supervisor Hoyt**, five loads of sand have been ordered for CD Lane Park, three loads have been delivered. Red mulch for the playground will be delivered on Friday. The sand and mulch will be paid for by the Windham Foundation-donation money. The water has been pressured tested. The waste water pump station at the park had a glitch in the system. The maintenance guy for the summer park season is ready to go. The schedule is available and is booked on weekends for people wanting to use the pavilion. We have 4.5 lifeguards have been hired for the summer swimming season. The lifeguards will be staffed till mid-August. The little league field will be getting a delivery of in-field sand; and a new first aid kit has been ordered. May 10, 2022 Attorney Kevin Young, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Supervisor Hoyt, Catskill Center and SAP-DEP meet for a meeting. It was a good conversational meeting for all. Cobleskill College will be bringing in more fish for the park. NY Rising South Street Stormwater project has been started and they are due to complete the project mid-September 2022.

Supervisor Hoyt would like permission from the Board to put out for bid on one surplus 1982 homemade trailer in the local town paper. Trailer can be viewed at CD Lane Park. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on May 25, 2022 at the Windham Town Clerk’s Office. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. on May 25, 2022 at the regular Town Board meeting. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #9-G contained vouchers #391-426, totaling \$26,874.93 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #103-105, totaling \$4,413.81 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #124-143, totaling \$27,287.28 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #5 contained vouchers #34-41, totaling \$1,495.61 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

CD LANE PARK ENHANCEMENT WARRANT #20 contained voucher #55, totaling \$75.63 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #9-P for **General** contained 5 claims, totaling \$5,907.37 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling \$16,416.14 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 1 claim, totaling \$1,976.20 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #9-P contained 6 claims, totaling \$10,963.65 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 #9-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$488.10 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 7:49 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

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