

OFFICIAL

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Police Chief Tor Tryland, Patricia Charbonneau & Gail Nichol森

Present by Phone: Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

Absent: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington & 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 AUGUST 25, 2022, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, Councilman Peters abstained as he was absent.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present. The new ambulance building is on schedule and on budget.

2.WINDHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE seeking permission to use the Centre Property for the Autumn Affair weekend October 8th & 9th, 2022 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The front lawn will be used for a band and various vendors. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. The Chamber is looking for financial assistance, the Town has supported them every year in the past to pay for the following: 6 port o lets (prior years 4 port o lets were asked for) and one large dumpster. Also, they are asking the Town to contribute 8 large trash cans with liners and 8 orange cones. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. The Chamber would like to request the assistance of the Windham Police Department to be patrolling.

3.SAMANTHA EILENBERGER, President of The WAJ PTA seeking permission to use the Windham Path for Warrior Run and mini-Warrior Run Fundraiser to help benefit PTA. Message to the Board: "My name is Samantha Eilenger and I am the President of the WAJ PTA. I am seeking permission to use the Windham path on October 15th to host a 5k Warrior run and a mini-Warrior run fundraiser to help benefit our PTA. This fundraiser would help the PTA in so many ways. This event would target our class trip funds, our back-to-school BBQ that we host for our students and our holiday shop that we set up for the students every year so they can shop for their families and many more events. We would love to make this event happen; this will be a Family and Community Day filled with fun. Thank you for your time." A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

4.AMANDA BURKE seeking permission to have a marriage ceremony at the Windham Path on October 22, 2022 @ 3:00 pm with 25 +/- guest. The reception will be held at an area restaurant. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

5.LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT #8670: owner of the property James & Dawn Hitchcock, vacant land at County Route 56, Maplecrest, Tax Map #114.00-1-36, 14.00 +/- acres. Supervisor Hoyt will write our standard comments to keep the property accessible to the public with outdoor activities.

6.DRAFT LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2022: Local Law Imposing a Temporary Town-Wide Six-Month Moratorium on Site Plan Review. The Town Board wishes to set a **public hearing for Thursday, September 22, 2022 @ 6:30 pm.** A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

7.DRAFT LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2022: Noise Local Law. Councilman Peters would like to make a change if agreeable with the Board, changing the quiet time from 11:00 pm to "10:00 pm" (see page 2), Councilman Goettsche would like to 2nd that motion, with all in favor. Councilman Goettsche would like to see the "Unreasonable Noise" 75 dBA (page 2); lowered to 60 dBA. Supervisor Hoyt would like to leave that and wait to hear from the public. Councilman Goettsche would like to add "phone number" to Section 3, B-1, page 3 and Section 5 Enforcement, page 4 add "any police agency", Councilman Peters would like to 2nd that motion, with all in favor. The Town Board wishes to set a **public hearing for Thursday, September 22, 2022 @ 6:45 pm.** A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

8.JUSTICE REPORT FOR JULY 2022: Justice Stevens \$922.00 was noted by the Board.

9.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #40 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #19 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.

10.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was present. Davia has an application for employment hire from Thomas Todd. Davia would like to recommend to the Board that he be hired as an ambulance driver. The Board has approved to hire Thomas Todd. Raey will be teaching an EMT Class in Cairo for the next four months. Davia would like to sponsor a person through Windham with no cost to the town in hopes this person will like being an EMT and will work than with the Windham Ambulance. The State will reimburse Raey for the training. Davia has been in touch with another ambulance vendor to give the Board a cost of a new rig. ***Calls for the Month of August 2022: Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-7, Basic Life Support (BLS)-5, Stand by Fire (S/B Fire)-1, Call Cancelled (C/C)-1; Public Assist (P/A)-1. Calls in Jewett: ALS-3, RMA-1, S/B Fire Call-1, C/C-1; Calls in Cairo: ALS-1, C/C-2; Calls in Hunter: ALS-2, C/C-1; Calls in Greenville: C/C-1; Ashland (Prattsville) ALS-1; Durham P/A-1. County Coverage Request Amb. S/B-2. Total Calls: 38. Calls turned over to Mutual Aid- Durham-1, Ashland-5. Vehicle Mileage Log for August 2022: 96-1: 67,934 and 96-2: 141,280.***

11.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The following report was submitted to the Board from Richard Tollner Town Assessor: "The market has SHIFTED. Rates climbed, inventory quality has shrunk, as have the inventory itself. Our call volume and inquiries should drop in a month or two. Watch for market prices to level, and possibly shrink a touch. Good news. Our assessment efforts have paid off for taxpayers and business owners. The office has recorded enough increments to value via numerous site visits in 2022, that we have consumed the 2.76% Budget Hike by the school district. This gives Town of Windham taxpayers a ZERO percent School Tax Increase. Seniors are saving, as are the recent new homeowners just starting in Windham this year. Already handling tax bill calls for the fall. A lot less than past years. Calls down about 90%. The Tax Look Up sheet continues to reduce inquiry/lost bills calls and subsequently any School Tax bill and Property Bill "complaints". Updating photos for the RPS database continues. Thanks for the laptop fan. The laptop is no longer running hot, while a laptop replacement would have been @ \$2,000.00."

12.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was not present. All is good with the regular maintenance. With the current drought two-thirds of the fall mowing is already completed ahead of schedule.

13.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. Chief Tryland handed the Board a "data report showing traffic in front of the Wylder Windham Resort. The data showed that 28,104 cars were recorded. Out of these vehicles 23,147 were driving the speed limit or below. 2,467 cars were driving 40-45 mph and 375 cars drove faster than 45 mph." The speed limit through this area is wrong and should be lower. The State DOT has to make the change. The Town can write a letter of request asking to lower the speed limit. The Chief did some research on the CAD for Windham PD. The Chief recommends, "if we choose to install CAD in at least two of our patrol vehicles, using state bid prices, we are staying with the same system the county is using. Cradlepoint Router: \$1,620.71; WIFI/GPS Antenna: \$304.08; sub total \$1,924.79; install: \$400 per car; grand total \$2,324.79. In addition, we need an air card for each unit. Standard rate for Verizon is \$40.00 per month, unlimited data." Supervisor Hoyt suggested to the Chief that he put this request into his budget for 2023. Today was the first day of school, no big issues. The parents were happy to see us there. Everyone had a very positive attitude. "The Board was provided with a copy of the following activity report for the month of August 2022: Arrests-0; Traffic Tickets-6; Traffic Stops-41; Parking Tickets-0; Calls for Service-66; Property Checks-323; EMS Assist-11; Fire Assist-9; and EID, Alarms-11. (Per the Chief, please do not place all the weight on these numbers as each month is subject to change.)"

14.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Van Valin** the Windham Path sign has been prepped as it will go to Round Top Knit & Screen for the vinyl work. The structure will not need any wiring. **Councilman Walker** CWT will not be having a meeting in September. A business owner at the historical society event over the weekend approached Councilman Walker asking if more directional signs could be in town pointing to the various public parking areas. Councilman Goettsche stated the municipal lots are listed on the town website. **Councilman Goettsche** has nothing to report on at this time. **Councilman Peters** has nothing to report on at this time. **Supervisor Hoyt** we need to set a **budget workshop meeting @ 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.** A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. The residence of 3 MacGlashan Road, Maplecrest; the homeowner has installed a stonewall on town property. It was brought to the homeowner's attention they may be on town property and they should check to make sure they are on their own property. Kaaterskill Engineer was hired by the Supervisor to survey. A meeting has now been set up for this Friday to meet with the homeowners and Supervisor Hoyt. A letter has been written from the Town Attorney asking for the stonewall to be removed from town property. NYS DOH has reached out to CWC stakeholders in Greene County (Supervisor Hoyt will represent Greene County) to help do a study on the financial impacts of the outdoor activities available. We need to tighten up on our town laws, our comprehensive plan committee members will be looking at some of these laws: subdivision, site plan and set back laws. We have a current business that went through site plan, subdivision, now they are 25 feet encroached into the set back law on State Route 296. They have started some of the foundation work, the Code Enforcement Officer has issued a "Stop Work Order" from that part of the project. It is 65 feet from the center of the highway, this is state law.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #17-G contained vouchers #722-749, totaling \$33,746.33 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #158-166, totaling \$8,682.09 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #240-253, totaling \$62,330.25 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #67-70, totaling \$1,116.95 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT WARRANT #3 (Government Law 2021) contained voucher #4, totaling \$12,805.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

CAPITAL AMBULANCE BUILDING WARRANT #2 contained vouchers #4-5, totaling \$367,445.75 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 #18-P for **General** contained 8 claims, totaling \$9,407.06 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 15 claims, totaling \$16,861.51 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 0 claims, totaling \$0.00 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

TOWN BOARD MEETING (CON'T)

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HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$5,675.73 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 \$981.90 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 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

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