

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
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OCTOBER 13, 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, Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Police Chief Tor Tryland, Pastor Charmaine Rusin-Strong, Teri Martin & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and our guest Charmaine Rusin-Strong opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pastor Charmaine and Teri Martin were present; they recently attended a meeting downstairs by the WAJ Seniors-Golden Agers. The Seniors are concerned about the limited services that are still available to them. The month of October they have lost meals-on-wheels with the volunteers just to name one. Pastor Charmaine and Teri are interested in helping (with others) to start a Senior Blood Drive site on the mountaintop. Many Seniors are not able to drive (especially in bad weather) to Catskill, Hudson, Kingston, or Albany to have blood work for various doctor appointments. If there was a service here on the mountaintop that would be helpful to them as to others. Supervisor Hoyt if Lab Corp was interested in a site here on the mountaintop the Windham Town Board will support you. Supervisor Hoyt also suggested that they talk to our Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was not present. Ambulance building is moving forward.

2.GREENE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Abbe Martin Conservation District Program Manager is seeking permission to use the meeting room at the WWTP for the Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting November 17, 2022 @ 5:00 pm and the meeting will be at 6:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

3.GREENE ROOM PLAYERS seeking permission to use Centre Property for "Songbirds" Holiday Concert. Practices December 13 @ 2:00-8:00 pm, December 14 @ 2:00-8:00 pm, December 17 @ 9:00 am-8 pm, December 18 @ 10:00 am-7:00 pm. Concert December 18 @ 2:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

4.WINDHAM ROTARY FOUNDATION seeking permission to have Tag Day/Coin Drop on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the intersection of State Route 23 & 296, Windham @ 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; with a rain date of October 8, 2023. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

5.DRAFT ADOPTION FOR LOCAL LAW #5 of 2022 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c. The proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c establishes the Windham Town Board's intent to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Windham. Supervisor Hoyt would like to make a motion to set a public hearing at the next town board meeting on October 27, 2022 @ 6:50 pm, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022: \$8,480.58. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

7.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT FOR AUGUST/SEPT 2022: Justice McCarthy (August) \$1,132.00 (September) \$2,197.00 & Justice Stevens (August) \$1,529.00

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #43 OF 2022: whereas the group of 93 properties in the Town of Windham Sewer District are delinquent in sewer payments; and these properties are delinquent in the amount of \$25,001.92. Now therefore be it resolved that these amounts are to be included in the Tax Rolls as a charge against the real properties concerned. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #44 OF 2022: whereas the group of 11 properties in the Town of Windham Sidewalk District are delinquent in sidewalk payments; and these properties are delinquent in the amount of \$2,003.76. Now therefore be it resolved that these amounts are to be included in the Tax Rolls as a charge against the real properties concerned. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #45 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND

RESOLUTION #21 OF 2022: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION #7 OF

2022: whereas the group of 80 properties in the Town of Windham Water District are delinquent in water payments; and these properties are delinquent in the amount of \$44,811.97. Now therefore be it resolved that these amounts are to be included in the Tax Rolls as a charge against the real properties concerned. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

9.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #296-22: Awarding Bid for Abrasives (Dry Screened and Washed) Used in Snow & Ice Control & GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #310-22: Authorizing Chargeback of Assessment Roll Related Services and Materials

10.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was present. *Vehicles*: 96-1 has new front tires & is driving better; 96-2 the outside compartment doors were opening; we had lost our Lucas device. It was found unharmed. The doors have been bungee corded from the inside as the ambulance has no signal to let us know if a compartment door is open. Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie would like to make a recommendation to the Board for a **new part-time EMT hire: Ciaran O'Rourke**. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie thanked the Board. The ambulance dept is losing staff and it is harder and harder to find new people. The State is making new changes in protocols, meds, etc. At the Autumn Affair candy was given out and a lot of people had their blood pressure taken. ***Calls for the Month of September 2022***: *Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-9, Basic Life Support (BLS)-3, Call Cancelled (C/C)-5; Public Assist (P/A)-3; Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-2; Calls in Jewett: ALS-9, RMA-1, P/A-1; Calls in Cairo: BLS-1; Calls in Hunter: BLS-1; Ashland (Prattsville) C/C-1. TOT Mutual Aid: Ashland-4, Hunter-2. County Coverage Request Ambulance S/B-2; Total calls: 38, Calls turned over to Mutual Aid Hunter-2. Vehicle Mileage Log for September 2022*: 96-1: 69,647 and 96-2: 141,827.

11.ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The following report was submitted to the Board from the Sole Assessor Richard Tollner: "There was only five sales in Windham in all of September 2022. Call traffic on regular assessment business has returned to a normal volume. Office visits has picked up a bit with season ending property & amp, school tax questions. This season's School tax bill "complaints" are a fraction of previous years. The slower traffic has enabled us to do more office work. A good number of Greene County Property Tax Auction requests for data came in this September. There are lots on Mitchell Hollow and County Route 10 drawing volumes of attention for the October 12th, 2022, website auction deadline. Updating photos for the RPS database continues. We have added more than one hundred plus new photos of the dozen worksites under construction on the mountain, South Street, County Route 10, Old Road and various homesites about the Town of Windham. October marks my third year here in Windham. Thank you."

12.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. The highway dept has a full-time position open. If position is still open during our winter season, we may have to hire a part-time person. The highway dept helped for three days with the WWTP with their annual flushing of the manholes. Sewer lines and manholes were blowing out on County Route 65 which has now all been reset. Brush hogging has all been done. The Windham Path has been mowed again for the WAJ Cross Country race team. There was a tree down on the path and that has been cleaned up. There has been dumping again at the Cross Road. Someone has left kitchen appliances. We have had shared services with the Town of Ashland. The highway dept has bought an electric pump to help with the de-icing winter mixture spraying into the salt for the roads. The Fuel Master System is ready to go.

13.POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Tor Tryland was present. "The Autumn Affair went well with no incidents. We had a lot of visitors in town. Primary task to slow down traffic. Assisted by one Greene County Sheriff's Officer unit on Saturday and two State Police units on Sunday. Completed range training with Cairo PD and Durham PD. Chief Tryland would like permission to place an ammo order for approximately \$2,000.00. Due to the ammo is so backordered this will probably not come in till at least 2024. Again, reminder Drug Take Back Day is October 29, 2022 @ 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Windham Pharmacy." The Board was provided with a copy of the following activity report for the month of September: *Arrests-0; Traffic Tickets-8; Traffic Stops-57; Parking Tickets-1; Calls for Service-69; Property Checks-289; EMS Assist-6; Fire*

Assist-3; and EID, Alarms-5. (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 is up, and the background color is more yellow than expected. BJ Murray is still working on the locust posts. He was having trouble finding the wood. Councilman Van Valin will be draining and closing the little league field building for the winter. **Councilman Walker** the CWT meeting has been cancelled till November. The CWC report is out with 4 stormwater projects. One project is in the town of Windham. **Councilman Goettsche** will post on Facebook the Drug Take Back Day. Councilman Goettsche complimented how nice the new Windham Path sign looks. He will be doing a lot of research on the EV charges for ports in town. **Councilman Peters** Greene County Ambulance has approved their budget for \$1.92 million. **Supervisor Hoyt** spoke to Reid Shunted, from DOT Traffic. He will investigate doing another traffic study on State Route 296 checking on the speed limit and a cross walk on State Route 23. CD Lane Park restrooms and pavilion has been closed for the season. The gates will remain open.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #19-G contained vouchers #802-840, totaling \$27,129.15 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #19 contained vouchers #172-186, totaling \$30,205.87 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 #19 contained vouchers #274-288, totaling \$44,640.33 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #10 contained vouchers #71-82, totaling \$1,775.43 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT WARRANT #5 (Government Law 2021) contained voucher #6-8, totaling \$29,499.40 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

CAPITAL AMBULANCE BUILDING WARRANT #3 contained vouchers #6-10, totaling \$310,388.28 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 #20-P for **General** contained 10 claims, totaling \$11,127.61 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 18 claims, totaling \$16,867.14 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 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.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #20-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$5,557.14 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 #20-P contained 4 claims, totaling \$568.59 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

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