

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
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MAY 25, 2023

Present: Supervisor: Thomas F. Hoyt
Councilmen: Stephen Walker & Kurt Goettsche
Town Clerk: Bonnie Poehmel

Absent: Councilmen: Wayne Van Valin & Ian Peters

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Delaware Engineering John Brust & 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 MAY 10, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent from meeting Councilmen Van and Peters.

1.DELAWARE ENGINEERING: John Brust was present. Ambulance and Senior Center signage is going up on building. The plumbing still needs to be finished; John Brust will write a letter to the plumber to finish. The place looks great. Carpets are in. There is still some stone work to be done outside. Wednesday the final paving was done. Mulching is going on, weed mats are put in place and Kern's Nursery will be doing the final flower planting. All the work is very close to the end. The remaining vendors for electric, HVAC and ceiling/floor tile/painter

have just a few days for finishing their work. John Brust has been working on development projects with Galway Road. Red Rock Road is completing the excavation work near the town's pump station; they are having discussions about the sewer transportation corporation; etc. John did a site visit there today.

2.NEW APPLICATIONS FOR OUTSIDE SEWER DISTRICT seeking permission to connect property located at the corner of Hickory Hill Rd & Thunderbird Terrace, 2 lots. Tax Map #78.00-6-57 and #78.00-6-59 (tabled 5/10/2023) John Brust is working with the engineer Dan Crandall looking for this to be cost effective as much as possible. It's a steep slope, more discussion and work has to be done on this project. A **motion to table pending further information** from John Brust and Dan Crandall was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

3.NEW APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL EDU's seeking permission to connect property within the Town Sewer District located Route 296, Tax Map #96.00-1-14, Evan Schieren, commercial property. There was no quorum to pass. A **motion to table** was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 2 in favor, 2 absent. Supervisor Hoyt has to abstain with full disclosure as this is a family member.

4.NEW APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL EDU's seeking permission to connect property within the Town Sewer District located Route 296, Tax Map #96.00-1-43 & 96.00-1-44, 50 CR 65 LLC (project Windham Cove), residential-single family homes. Applicant has not come forth to Town Board. (See as per Town of Windham Sewer Use Local Law #1 of 2009, page 44 Section 804 F-Permit Transfer); request has been denied. A **motion to deny** was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Walker, 3 in favor, 2 absent.

5.MOUNTAINTOP SOCCER PROGRAM seeking permission to use the Creamery Pond Field, for Saturdays beginning May 20th through June 24th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm [Spring Training ages 3-6]. And for June 7th through August 22nd from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm (Monday-Friday) [This is the Summer Rec. Program]. The program is looking to increase the interest of soccer; as they are attempting to kick start a summer U6 program as well. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

6.REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT: **Wylder Hotels** is seeking permission to hold a firework event on Sunday, May 28, 2023 @ 9:15 pm (All fireworks to be completed before 10:00 pm per Local Law #4 of 2022) A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. Councilman Goettsche would like a public announcement made on the local radio station. Supervisor Hoyt asked Councilman Goettsche to list this event on the town's Facebook page. The **Town of Windham will be holding a firework event on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observation of our Independence Day event.** A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

7.TOWN CLERK's REVENUE REPORT FOR APRIL: \$3,629.75. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

8.TOWN JUSTICE REPORTS FOR APRIL: Justice McCarthy \$1,286.00 and Justice Stevens \$1,540.00 was noted by the Board.

9.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #45 OF 2023: at the Town Board meeting on April 27, 2023 the need to update the Town of Windham's Procurement Policy was discussed for adoption; it is mandatory as per the Office of the State Comptroller to have such a policy. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #46 OF 2023: 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 Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #47 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to use \$26,000.00 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance the accounts in the Highway Fund as per Highway Fund Resolution #4 of 2023. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #48 OF 2023: the Library Fund maturing CD plus the interest earned at the Bank of Greene County, New York, is to be deposited back into the Library Fund account. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #49 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the maturing CD plus the interest earned in the amount of \$201,279.65 of Water Improvement Fund money into a new Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Bank of Greene County, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #50 OF 2023: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the maturing CD plus the interest earned in the amount of \$100,546.80 of Street Lighting Fund money into a new Certificate of Deposit for 90 days at the Bank of Greene County, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #4 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 3 in favor, 2 absent. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #8 OF 2023: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

10.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTIONS #169-23: Awarding Fuel Oil Bid; #174-23: Awarding Bids to Purchase Materials-Highway Dept.; #175-23: Awarding Bid for Washed & Screened Crushed Stone; #187-23: Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax.

11.AMBULANCE REPORT: Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie was not present. Supervisor gave a brief report, all shifts have been filled. A recent hire as a driver has completed her EMT course. The new employee will move up as a certified EMT.

12.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington was present. The town is in good shape for the Memorial Day weekend. He would like to thank the highway dept for a job well done pulling together to get the work done. Great job! About 95% of the Windham Path is completed; \$2,000 was spent for materials and with shared services from other towns. The old section has been closed off. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington has revised the 284 Form as the State of New York was able to give more money for the repair of town roads; about a total of \$167,650.86. Highway Superintendent Gary Thorington will be out of town June 4-7, 2023 for the Highway Supervisors Association of Towns schooling in Ithaca, NY. We do have beavers by the Windham Path, may need to address this again the future. There is also an active colony on Begley Road.

13.POLICE REPORT: Sgt. David Sherman Jr. has submitted a report for the Board's review: "The A/C condenser was replaced and fixed at Sawyer's in Saugerties on May 9, 2023. The cost of repair is \$1,141.00. When I spoke with the service representative, he advised me that there have been problems with the A/C condensers in the 2020/2021 Dodges. There are no recalls as of yet for it but if there is we should be able to submit the bill for reimbursement. Once I have received the signed voucher from Sawyers, I will submit it for payment. Officer Donald Schoenborn has submitted his resignation letter to me effective May 20, 2023. We appreciate his service and wish him well in his future endeavors. I am hopeful to have another applicant soon that can replace him and when I receive the application we can submit it to the Board for approval and start his background." A motion to accept the resignation of Officer Donald Schoenborn effective May 20, 2023 was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with 3 in favor, 2 absent.

14.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** went to the CWT meeting. They discussed the land acquisition program, and about the Corp. Lab program specifically on the knotweed. Supervisor Hoyt meet with Jeffrey to bring him up to speed on the land acquisition program. Supervisor Hoyt in discussion with CWC and six other cities that own their waste water treatment plant. Town of Hunter has a project coming up. Town of Walton is having issues with the I & I as they have an older collection system. **Councilman Goettsche** wanted to note that the Windham Path sign posts look good. BJ Murray did a very nice job. Supervisor Hoyt noted we raised the elevation of the sign. Those who are pulling out of the parking area onto State Route 23 are able to see better with the site distance. **Supervisor Hoyt** "the Town of Ashland

