

**REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Kevin B. Geraghty  
Councilman Joseph Barlow  
Councilman Dean Ackley  
Councilman Austin Markey  
**ABSENT:** Councilman John Alexander

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Edward Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Richard Galusha, Water Superintendent; Matt Securo, Zoning Officer; Sandra Parisi, Historian; Steve Parisi, Historical Society; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; William Lamy, Warren County Highway Superintendent; Paul Dusek, Warren County Attorney; Nathan Bud York, Warren County Sheriff and numerous other town residents.

**RESOLUTION #196-08  
MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLVED**, that this meeting be interrupted to allow Warren County to hold a public hearing advertised and scheduled for this evening at 7:00 p.m.

**WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING – QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT OF OLD SPRING ROAD.**

Warren County Highway Superintendent William Lamy called the Public Hearing to order.

The following people spoke on the proposed qualified abandonment of Old Spring Road: Dorcas Arocho, Victor Arocho, Livio Lazzari, Carolina Lazzari, Robert Grace, Cynthia Grace and Attorney Paul Dusek.

It was determined that the Warren County and Warrensburg Town Officials will meet and make a decision at a later time.

No one else wished to speak.  
The public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

**RESOLUTION#197-08  
RECONVENE MEETING**

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLVED**, that this meeting be reconvened to regular session at 7:40 p.m.

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**RESOLUTION #198-08  
APPROVE MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLVED**, to accept the minutes as presented for Oct.8, 2008 and for Nov. 5, 2008.

**REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

Reports were read and placed on file from the following Town Officials: Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, Assessor, Justice, Dog Control Officer, and Enforcement Officer.

**TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Town Committee reports were given from the following: Highway, Historian/Museum, Parks, Rec., Sewer, Water and Youth.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-PUBLIC CONCERN**

Councilman Markey deferred his Youth report to Regina Monthany, who is in charge of the Warrensburg Ski Program and serves on the Board of the Warrensburg Youth Commission.

Regina Monthany – told the Town Board she serves on the Youth Commission Board that services the baseball, football and ski program; she was present to talk about improving the safety of the football program for their players, by purchasing fifteen additional shoulder pads and they are asking the town for about \$1500.00 dollars.

Councilman Markey told the Town Board the Town gave an amount of money to start the Pop Warner Football to help with the expense of the uniforms and should pads. Councilman Markey told the Town Board this organization works hard with fund raisers; the Youth Commission has new leadership which is very well organized and is showing a lot more activity.

**RESOLUTION #199-08**

**DONATE \$1500.00 TOWARDS PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to donate \$1500.00 to the Warrensburg Youth Commission for the purchase of equipment for the Pop Warner Football Program.

**DISCUSSION – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH SKI PROGRAM**

Ms Monthany told the Town Board she is the Program Advisor for the Youth Ski Program, it is a program that is done in partnership with Gore Mountain; Gore

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Mountain gives them a very good price on providing a full day of skiing for the local youth. Ms. Monthany said they currently have 31 children from the area registered, the Town provides funding to the Ski Program to allow them to discount the program even further, it makes it very affordable for the local youth and in addition they have a program to sponsor children in financial need. This year they have five children who have asked for scholarships.

**RESOLUTION #200-08**

**SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP FOR FIVE CHILDREN FOR SKI PROGRAM**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED;** the Town of Warrensburg will support scholarships for five children to participate in the Youth Commission Ski Program at Gore Mountain.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications were announced from the following:

- 1) A letter from Nick Plenzick about Warrensburg Bike Week asking if the Town would advertise it for next year.

**DISCUSSION – ADVERTISE BIKE WEEK**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board people do not understand why Warrensburg does not advertise Warrensburg Bike Week, it is a tricky thing; the Town Board should give this consideration before next June's event as to whether the Town wishes to put a blurb in the paper. Supervisor Geraghty said the more that is done in Warrensburg, the more the Town is shut out by the Americade organizer, it would be nice if they could come to some resolve but with the economy the way it is there is going to be competition for those dollars next year. Supervisor Geraghty said the tours were sent around Warrensburg last year, which did hurt our vendors a little bit.

**DISCUSSION – REMINDER ABOUT TOWN CODES**

Supervisor Geraghty said he had received a request to announce a reminder that there is a town code on dog defecation in the Town of Warrensburg and we will try to put a notice in the newspaper reminding people the town does have this local ordinance, some people are walking their dogs and not cleaning it up.

Supervisor Geraghty said if you are walking your dog please bring a baggy and a spoon or pooper scooper to clean up.

Supervisor Geraghty reminded the public the ban on winter parking on streets does start on December 1<sup>st</sup> and is in effect until April 1<sup>st</sup>, the hours are Midnight to 6:00 a.m., the purpose of this law is to help with snow removal.

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**RESOLUTION #201-08**

**SEWER BILL AND WATER BILL AMENDMENTS**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLVED**, to accept the recommendations of the Code Enforcement Officer to do the following reductions to the Water and Sewer bills:

Anthony M. Ardito, 103 River Street, tax map #211.17-5-11, to reduce the sewer bill from \$819.20 to \$680.00 and to reduce the water bill from \$204.00 to \$102.00 for the year 2009.

**DISCUSSION - OLD SPRING ROAD**

Supervisor Geraghty said there would be no action tonight on a resolution consenting to the qualified abandonment of Old Spring Road.

**DISCUSSION – AVALON ASSOCIATED**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining a resolution of support to hire Avalon Associated to be hired to write a Restore NY grant for the rehab of the Brown Shoe Store building, for Glenn Baumler GDB Holding Co., LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 is needed to help Mr. Baumler finish his rehab, he would qualify for rehab and for store money. Supervisor Geraghty said Avalon Associated will write the grant application in the Town's name because everything has to be worked through the Town. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board Mr. Bumler continues to work on the building, he wants to put in three retail units and four apartments in the building.

Councilman Markey asked why the Town Board is hiring Avalon Associated. Supervisor Geraghty explained they have expertise in writing the Restore New York and have been pretty successful; we can use their prototype to do it again. Councilman Ackley said he did not want this to be a slap in the face to Patty but he had thought Patty was very qualified. Supervisor Geraghty explained Patty is going to be working with them. Councilman Ackley asked why she could not do this. Supervisor Geraghty said not this first time out.

Supervisor Geraghty said the Town would probably not pay for this, Glenn will probably reimburse the Town for the price of the grant writing.

**RESOLUTION #202-08**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO HIRE AVALON ASSOCIATED TO BE RETAINED TO WRITE A RESTORE NY GRANT FOR THE REHAB OF THE BROWN SHOE STORE BUILDING.**

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On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLVED**, to support the hiring of Avalon Associated to be retained to write a Restore NY Grant for the rehabilitation of the Brown Shoe Store Building owned by Glenn Baumler of GDB Holding Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3500.00.

**RESOLUTION #203-08**

**RE-APPOINT TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 3 NAYS 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTENTION 1- (Councilman Ackley abstained from voting)

**IT IS RESOLVED** to reappoint Louis Ackley to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to begin on October 1, 2008 and which will expire on September 30, 2013.

**RESOLUTION #204-08**

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR YOUTH PROGRAM MATCHING FUNDS THROUGH NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF YOUTH.**

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Markey, the attached resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #205-08**

**AWARD OCCUPANCY TAX MONIES TO WARRENSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE MUSEUM.**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Supervisor Geraghty, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to award Occupancy Tax monies to the Warrensburg Historical Society for a request submitted to purchase lighting tracks and fixtures, glass shelving for display cabinets, photo enlargements and mounting in the amount of \$2,300.00 for the Warrensburg Museum.

**RESOLUTION #206-08**

**AWARD OCCUPANCY TAX MONIES TO NORTH WARREN TRAIL BLAZERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.**

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to award Occupancy Tax monies to the North Warren Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, Inc. for a request submitted for trail maintenance, brochures and maps in the amount of \$3,500.00.

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**RESOLUTION #207-08**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2009 WARREN COUNTY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the attached resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #208-08**

**AUTHORIZING NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE**

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED;** that the Town Supervisor, the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and or any Town Official who wishes to attend the 2009 Association of Towns in February in New York City has authorized permission to do so by this Town Board.

**RESOLUTION #209-08**

**AUTHORIZE WARRENSBURG BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO USE TOWN HALL FOR CHRISTMAS IN WARRENSBURG**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLVED,** that the Warrensburg Beautification Committee is given permission to use the Town Hall on Saturday, December 6, 2008 for their annual Christmas in Warrensburg children's crafts and Santa.

**RESOLUTION #210-08**

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED,** to hold a public hearing for Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Albert Emerson Town Hall for a Zoning Map amendment for tax map #210.12-2-2 to change from Hamlet Commercial to Single Family/Multi Family Residential 10,000 and it is further

**RESOLVED,** the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise this public hearing in the legal section of The Post Star Newspaper.

**DISCUSSION – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING**

Attorney Hafner reviewed his recommendation for the need of referral to the Warren County Planning Board and what the statute requirements are.

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**RESOLUTION #211-08**

**AUTHORIZE 2008 BUDGET TRANSFERS**

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Markey, the attached resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #212-08**

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND AATV**

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is authorized to attend the annual AATV meeting in Lake George on December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$50.00.

**RESOLUTION #213-08**

**RESOLUTION ADDING TIME WARNER CABLE BILL TO ABSTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to add the Time Warner Cable Bill in the amount of \$603.75 for internet services to Abstract #11-08 for payment.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Supervisor Geraghty announced there is a United Way Hotline that has been established by Tri County United Way, anybody who is in need of heat or anything that you are having a problem with can call 761-6300, a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week hotline.

**RESOLUTION #214-08**

**PAY BILLS**

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract 11-08.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Rounds, Alden Avenue – told the Supervisor they had skipped over a discussion on the Industrial Park.

Supervisor Geraghty explained Austin (Councilman Markey) will be addressing that with the press, having pictures taken and doing an interview.

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Councilman Markey said he had a little pet peeve with the Industrial Park, he knew the Town Board had been on Mr. Bunting; they got some good work coming out of the Industrial Park with the concrete being laid, frost walls are up and the framing is up. Councilman Markey said everything is up to snuff so there was no need to have discussion on the Bunting property tonight. Councilman Markey said it is sort of selective to just keep hammering and hammering, it is being worked, on he contacted the press today because members of the Planning Board, the press and the community have been contacting him to find out what is going on in the Industrial Park so he did ask for a press lease so the community will know what is going on up there.

Rita Ackley-spoke about her assessment going up again, and her limited funding on her fixed income.

Supervisor Geraghty suggested to Mrs. Ackley she might wish to consider obtaining information for some of the plans available and to take advantage of them.

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC