

**REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, DECEMBER 10, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

**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, and numerous other town residents.

**RESOLUTION #215-08  
MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM HAMLET  
COMMERCIAL TO SINGLE FAMILY/MFR 10.**

Public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A legal notice was printed in the Glens Falls Post Star on November 26, 2008 in the Glens Falls Post Star, with a copy of said notice posted on the Town Hall bulletin board on November 13, 2008. The content of that legal notice was read into the record.

Supervisor Geraghty did the short form SEQRA.  
No one else wished to comment.

**RESOLUTION #216-08  
RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED,** to close this public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Time 7:05 p.m.

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### **RESOLUTION #217-08**

#### **APPROVE MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes as presented for November 12, 2008.

### **REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee reports were given from the following: Highway, Lighting, Parks and Recreation, Youth, Industrial Parks, Sewer, and Water.

### **DISCUSSION – WOOD**

Supervisor Geraghty explained the wood that has been cut by the Highway Department is available for any of the public who might be in need. Supervisor Geraghty explained the procedure to get this wood that has been cut by the Highway.

### **DISCUSSION – STREET LIGHTING**

Supervisor Geraghty said the Town is aware there are many street lights out again, please call Sherryl Burdett, his secretary to report any out or contact Dean Ackley. The Town is working to have the lights that are out repaired.

### **DISCUSSION – WATER DISTRICT**

Supervisor Geraghty explained the Town exceeded the levels of copper and lead, in some areas of town in recent water tests, three tests out of forty, the town is very close to the allowable limits. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town is asking that when water is first turned on it be allowed to run for a minute to clear the pipes and part of what they are finding now is where the water contains so much iron it is eating away at the inside of the pipes, that is what is causing the particles of copper or lead, depending on what type of pipe you have going into your house. Supervisor Geraghty said there is another agent that will coat the pipes that will prevent this from happening and they are going to try it in the future.

### **RESOLUTION #218-08**

#### **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

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

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**RESOLUTION #219-08  
WATER BILL AMENDMENTS**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED** to make the following amendments to the Warrensburg Water billing role with any changes becoming effective on January 1, 2009:

Sweet/Toney            211.9-4-9 located at 3879 Main Street from \$204.00 to \$306.00  
Grace Properties        211.17-1-34 located at 50 River Street from \$204.00 to \$331.50

**RESOLUTION #220-08  
SEWER BILL AMENDMENTS**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED** to make the following amendments to the Warrensburg Sewer District billing role with any changes becoming effective on January 1, 2009:

Sweet/Toney            211.9-4-9 located at 3879 Main Street from \$320.00 to \$960.00  
Grace Properties        211.17-1-34 located at 50 River Street from \$640.00 to \$960.00

**RESOLUTION #221-08  
AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT OF OLD SPRING ROAD**

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the attached resolution was ADOPTED-VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #222-08  
SCHEDULE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to schedule an Organizational meeting for the Town of Warrensburg for January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #223-08  
OUT OF DISTRICT SEWER CONTRACT**

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

**DISCUSSION –NON TAXABLE PARCELS OF LAND**

Councilman Ackley opened discussion stating the Town currently has 147 parcels of tax exempt properties and the State of New York has 49 of them, a lot of the properties are over two acres. Councilman Ackley said some of the properties are called State Owned

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land and some are called Wholly Exempt, he has been talking to Betty Little's Office, she has been doing a lot making the State pay for what they have here, she also made a resolution asking for a moratorium on the State purchasing property during the crisis that is going on. Councilman Ackley said he wished to have this Board do a resolution in support for the resolution of Senator Littles, and, asking the State of New York to stop buying land in the Town of Warrensburg.

### **RESOLUTION #224-08**

#### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF SENATOR LITTLE'S MORATORIUM**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to show support to Senator Elizabeth Littles' resolution calling for a temporary moratorium on the state purchase of land in the Adirondack Park.

### **DISCUSSION – TOWN PROPERTIES**

Councilman Ackley said he has identified 62 parcels off of the Town's tax roles and he would like to have the committee for properties look into possibly selling some of the land, to look at them next month and make a resolution to sell the ones the town does not use.

Supervisor Geraghty said the town already had a list they have identified and he would have the list made active again.

### **DISCUSSION – NOT FOR PROFIT ORGAIZATIONS**

Councilman Ackley opened discussion telling the Town Board this town is like a magnet for Non Profit organizations, what they are doing is buying places and taking them off of the tax roles and making the tax payers have to make it up. Councilman Ackley said he would only be speaking for himself, he does not want Not for Profits here, if a Not for Profit cannot contribute to the town like the rest of us do, then they should go some where else.

### **RESOLUTION #225-08**

#### **SET SPECIAL MEETING FOR 2008 CLOSE OUT**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to hold a special town board meeting on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. to pay 2008 bills and any other business that may come before the board.

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**RESOLUTION #226-08**

**AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to give permission to Dave Spatz, Arthur Healy, Shale Miller, and Joyce Harvey, the Warrensburg Planning Board, to attend the Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference on January 28, 2009 at the Saratoga Hilton for \$60.00 per person with the understanding if a registered person does not attend after the town has paid their registration fee, they will have to reimburse the Town the \$60.00 registration fee.

**RESOLUTION #227-08**

**ADOPT 2008 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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

**RESOLUTION #228-08**

**AUTHORIZE FORESTER TO MARK HACKENSACK MOUNTAIN FOR  
TIMBER CUTTING**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to give permission to have the Forester to mark Hackensack Mountain for timber cutting in the Spring.

**RESOLUTION #229-08**

**PAY BILLS**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #12-2008.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Sandi Parisi – asked if the Board was aware of what was going on at Hickory Hill and Sit N Bull. Discussion ensued.

Steve Parisi – told Councilman Ackley he wished to address the comments the Councilman made about Not for Profits, that he himself did not work for a Not for Profit company, that the Councilman had to keep in mind some of the Not for Profits in Warrensburg are here to benefit the poor public so to say we do not want you to them could be very offensive. Councilman Ackley said yes it is. Mr. Parisi told Councilman Ackley he needed to look at the Zoning in the town and decide where a Not for Profit could locate and then say some properties are not available to Not for Profits to purchase

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which might be the properties on Main Street, which are prime properties. Mr. Parisi said the town needed to look at the Zoning map and say yes we would like you to be here because you are beneficial to our Citizenry but we would like you to locate in these areas. Mr. Parisi told Councilman Ackley the Councilman needed to modify his comment.

Councilman Ackley responded he would not, he did respect Mr. Parisi and there are a lot of groups whom he respects who do a lot of work; there are other Not for Profit people who come into the town who are not pulling their weight.

Mr. Parisi told the Councilman he agreed, but, he could not just make a blanket statement. Councilman Ackley said he did though.

Supervisor Geraghty announced the town and county rate for taxes will be \$3.15 per thousand for the county and the town will be \$3.40 per thousand, lighting district will be \$.33 per thousand and the fire district will be \$.66 per thousand, this equates to about a \$2.07 decrease in the tax bill for the year 2009.

Councilman Alexander announced the Comprehensive Plan Committee had a meeting last week, the Superintendent of Schools and the Elementary Principal gave them a tour of the Elementary Building and the upgrades recently done. Councilman Alexander said they would be doing surveys with local businesses during the year to get input.

Supervisor Geraghty announced this coming year is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hudson Fulton Champlain Explore New York funding and Warren County has been selected to receive funds, the town should do a resolution to commit bed tax monies in 2009 for the kiosk.

### **RESOLUTION #230-08**

#### **DONATE OCCUPANCY TAX MONIES TO WARREN COUNTY**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED**, to donate occupancy tax money in 2009 to Warren County for the town's kiosk.

### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSIONS**

Supervisor Geraghty thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the new Christmas decorations. Supervisor Geraghty said if the intent is to add more decorations next year, for Main Street and on Route 418.

Discussion ensued on the Stewarts Project, and the Milton Avenue Bridge project.

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On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk