

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, OCTOBER 13, 2010

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilman	John Alexander
	Councilman	Bryan Rounds
	Councilman	Austin Markey
	Councilman	Dean Ackley

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Sandra Parisi, Historian; Steve Parisi, Warrensburg Museum; and numerous Town residents.

BID OPENING FOR TIMBER CUTTING-HACKENSACK MOUNTAIN

Town Clerk Combs read the legal notice that was published in the Glens Falls Post Star on September 20, 2010. Sealed bids were opened and read out loud from the following:

Hollow logging, by William Pidgeon	\$45,300.00
Silversaw Logging by Shawn Holman	\$20,187.50
The A .Johnson Co., LLC by Robert Fields	\$40,547.50

RESOLUTION #171-10

REFER BIDS TO CHRIS GEARWELL FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR HIGHEST BIDDER

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to refer the timber cutting bids to Chris Gearwell, Lake George Forestry for recommendation to award the bid and authorizing the Supervisor to award the bid once the recommendation is received.

RESOLUTION #172-10

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to accept the minutes as presented.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

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

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TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following town committees gave reports: Highway, Lighting, Museum, Historian, Parks and Recreation, and Youth.

RESOLUTION #173-10

APPROVE TOWN LOGO FOR BICENTENNIAL

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to approve the logo presented by the Town Historian and distributed to the Town Board to be the logo for the Town of Warrensburg Bicentennial.

DISCUSSION –BICENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA

Councilman Alexander opened discussion inquiring if the Town would be able to have banners.

Councilman Markey told Mrs. Parisi he had a couple of ideas: if some sort of phrase can be created; there is a place in Glens Falls he has spoken with who does \$5.00 tee shirts, there also is another town who is doing their bicentennial whose committee went to all of the restaurants and had them do a three course meal for \$18.13.

Mrs. Parisi told the Board they will be hearing more from her.

DISCUSSION – MUSEUM

Steve Parisi gave his monthly report to the Town Board. Mr. Parisi reported the Town Museum will do Veterans Appreciation Day on November 11th to coincide with the VFW's activities.

Councilman Ackley asked that a link be added on the Town's website to the Museum's website.

Mr. Parisi said a link and some photos would be good on the Town's website.

Town Clerk will give Mr. Parisi the email address for Jim Mathis, who works on the Town's website.

DISCUSSION –YOUTH

Councilman Markey opened discussion telling the Town Board he had received a letter from Regina Monthony regarding the 2011 Warrensburg Youth Ski and Ride Program with Gore Mountain. Councilman Markey read the letter into the minutes, explaining that the total cost to the Town for the program in 2010 was \$1,935.00, of that there were 48 participates with five local children receiving financial scholarships. The 2011 Ski and Ride program will offer five scholarships to families who express financial need with a total cost to town at approximately \$2000.00.

Councilman Ackley said he wished to mention that Hickory Hill is up and running and he would love to see our money go over to Hickory to help them out because they are going to need all of the help they can get.

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Sandi Parisi told the Town Board there is something planned.

Councilman Markey said he would put a call into Regina Monthony who is the Town's contact and have her reach out to Shawn Dempsey.

Steve Parisi told the Town Board the problem was Hickory Hill is not going to have snow making this year and you cannot take kids there without snow.

RESOLUTION #174-10

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR YOUTH SKI PROGRAM AT GORE MOUNTAIN FOR 2011.

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to authorize payment be made to Warrensburg Youth Ski Program for \$2000.00 for the 2011 Youth Ski Program at Gore Mountain.

DISCUSSION – FOOTBALL FIELD

Councilman Markey opened discussion explaining the work has been progressing on the Football Field, people who have been working on the Football Field are Bryan Rounds, Dave Wick from Soil and Water to assist with getting the permit from DEC, Kevin Geraghty has coordinated the dozer and some other equipment, and Kim Galusha Ross who has been working with Austin Markey, Dean Ackley, Bryan Rounds, Kevin Geraghty and everybody else who has been involved with the Football Field.

Kim Galusha Ross – said that Pat Galusha is donating one thousand yards of topsoil and it is her understanding that Ed Pennock, along with some other people made arrangements for some trucks to haul some of the top soil. Mrs. Ross said the Warrensburg Youth Booster Club and the Football League have been able to come up with some of the money to pay for the hauling of the top soil. Mrs. Ross said she spoke with Pat who was going to call Dan to confirm the money amount was enough.

Councilman Ackley said he wished to thank the Galusha's for the topsoil they are donating, around \$20,000.00 worth, they are only getting paid around \$3,000.00, and, he really appreciates the Galusha's.

Councilman Markey thanked everyone involved in the project.

Councilman Rounds asked the Highway Superintendent to let him know when he starts trucking the topsoil, saying he could probably put a truck or two in line.

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RESOLUTION #175-10

AMEND SEWER PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION #160-10

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to amend Resolution #160-10, setting the public hearing for sewer expansion for Library Avenue Extension, Thompson Street, Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue and Raymond Lane from Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #176-10

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW FOR DOGS

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to schedule a public hearing for a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 77 of the Code of the Town of Warrensburg relating to the licensing of dogs for Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 4:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION #177-10

SEWER ROLL AMENDMENTS

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to make the following amendments to the 2011 Sewer Roll on recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Gale Freiberger, 163 River Street, #210.20-4-4 from 3 units to 2 units

William & Jenny Massaro, 3755 Main Street, #211.13-4-18 from 2 units to 1 unit

RESOLUTION #178-10

WATER ROLL AMENDMENTS

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following amendments to the Water Roll on the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Gale Freiberger, 163 River St., #210.20-4-4 from 3 residence charge to a 2 residence.

William & Jenny Massaro, 3755 Main St., #211.13-4-18 from 2 mixed charge to 1 store.

DISCUSSION –STATE AUDIT

Supervisor Geraghty announced the Town of Warrensburg was one of only two communities in the recent State Audit of Tax Receivers in Warren County that does things properly, and, congratulated the Town Clerk and her Deputies.

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RESOLUTION #179-10

CLOSE BROWNFIELD CAPITAL PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to close Capital Project H36-200 Brownfield Paper Mill and transfer \$21,683.83 back to the General Fund.

DISCUSSION – CEMETERY ON HARRINGTON HILL

Councilman Markey opened discussion explaining a situation that is going on at a property on Harrington Hill has been brought to his attention by Maynard Baker, the Town Board needs to address whether they wish to address the problem legally with the Attorney's and asked if a resolution would be needed to authorize the Town Supervisor to proceed with any litigation with Attorney Schachner's Office or what can be done with this.

Councilman Alexander said he and Kevin (Supervisor Geraghty) have spoken with Sheriff's investigators.

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board they had been up and checked the site out, it appears-he had Sandi (Town Historian) get history on what they believe to be the burial site-they believe there is six persons buried up there on Harrington Hill, they do not think the owner of the property has moved any graves, they believe what he did is to move the headstones which is still a misdemeanor, a civil action according to the Sheriff's Deputy, they had thought it was a felony but he came back and said if the person had tampered with the graves it would have been more. Supervisor Geraghty said the problem with the whole situation is finding anyone who can remember, even the neighbor Bob Grace cannot remember much about the cemetery, the Town could try and pursue it through the civil court as a misdemeanor.

Councilman Markey said before he came here tonight he was contacted by another neighbor who is familiar with the property, again, he would like to pursue this, it is not the first time it has happened on that particular property, he has heard the headstones were taken down and used for porch steps.

Councilman Alexander said he contacted the State Cemetery Association, Division of Cemeteries, they do not have any jurisdiction over private property, as is the Town Cemetery, but he did get their advice and they faxed some documents that he shared with Kevin (Town Supervisor).

Supervisor Geraghty said he had the investigator stop in his office last week and he showed him the documents, the investigator is still pursuing it but it is really up to the Town Board whether they wish to pursue this further.

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Councilman Markey said he would like to have it pursued.

RESOLUTION #180-10

PURSUE ACTIONS REGARDING CEMETERY ON HARRINGTON HILL

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Supervisor to pursue action regarding the cemetery on Harrington Hill about the alleged reports of missing grave stones.

DISCUSSION – CEMETERIES

Councilman Markey opened discussion saying the Town has had multiple problems with at the Cemetery, it has been in the paper, he would like to know if the Board needs to set money aside for motion detectors and cameras, he has been hearing more and more about thief's on grave sites, that is as low as low can be.

Councilman Alexander said this seems to be a pattern that comes around every two or three years, it goes away and then starts all over again. Councilman Alexander told the Town Board to remember it is not a town cemetery, it is a cemetery association which the Town helps by subsidizing the water rates and other help they need, the Association would never turn down any help the Town wished to give. Councilman Alexander said the Association would like to have people visit the Cemetery more often.

Supervisor Geraghty said the Town had a complaint filed about cars parking in the cemetery during Garage Sale weekend, the Town will discuss a way to keep the cars out of there for next year with John Alexander.

Councilman Markey asked that Warren County Sheriff's Office be contacted to put this on their radar.

Councilman Alexander told Councilman Markey that has been done, he thinks this might be isolated incidents and he is sure it will go away.

DISCUSSION – GIGP GRANT

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the Town is applying for a GIGP Grant and Patty has asked for another Board resolution so the Town can go ahead and pursue this grant one more time, the Town has down this once before, this is for the application.

RESOLUTION #181-10

AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to give permission to file a grant application for the GIGP grant.

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RESOLUTION #182-10

PAY BILLS

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #10-2010.

DISCUSSION – PUBLIC CONCERNS

Lynn Smith – told the Town Board the Town’s website is atrocious, it is not updated, she had checked the businesses in the Town and there are at least 10 businesses that are listed on there that are no longer in town and there are some that are not on there that should be; the Comprehensive Board minutes are only through July. The Town Clerk will check into it.

Kathy Ferullo – asked if businesses who have been approved by the Planning Board, who wish to make additional changes to their building in future years need to reapply for new permits.

Mrs. Ferullo was referred to the Town’s Zoning Officer.

Discussion ensued on if the Town of Warrensburg Planning Board mandates the color of buildings.

Councilman Rounds said there is no architectural review board, the Planning Board did however mandate the cement board siding, the two hot topic issues, Stewarts Building and the Rite Aid, were approved with a certain design in mind.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC
Warrensburg Town Clerk