

WORKSHOP MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, AUGUST 23, 2011

A workshop meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Galusha and Joyce Reed.

DISCUSSION – Elimination of Health Insurance for Town Board members and part-time elected officials. Councilman Ackley discussed the elimination of Health Insurance benefits for persons being elected to office as January 1, 2012. Councilman Ackley expressed his thoughts that this would save the Town money in the future. The Officials affected would be future Town Council persons and part-time Justices. Councilman Markey agreed with Councilman Ackley's assessment. Both Councilmen stated that they would not be affected by such a policy because the each has more than 10 years on the Town Board.

Councilman Rounds stated that he did not agree with this policy and Supervisor Geraghty wanted more time to see how much money would actually be saved and suggested that all employees start contributing to the Health Insurance premium but would bring the subject up at the September Town Board meeting. Councilman Alexander stated that he was not in favor of the policy presented either.

Resident Joyce Reed questioned the current benefit of each Town Board member. Councilman Alexander has insurance through the Town, Councilman Rounds has insurance through his wife who is a Deputy Town Clerk, Councilman Markey has insurance through the Town and Councilman Ackley has insurance through the Town and so does Supervisor Geraghty.

Resident Richard Galusha stated that the Town used to reimburse retirees for Medicare several years but the Town Board stopped the policy. Councilman Markey stated that we still carry retiree spouses on the current Town Insurance Policy even if the employee has passed on. Mr. Galusha asked the Board to investigate the ten year policy stating that someone could be elected to the Town Board at age 30, stay 10 years and the Town would carry on the Health Insurance forever.

Discussion held on the future of the Senior Citizens building. Councilman Markey suggested that we close the building and find another meeting place for the group. The expenses on the building are high and we should look at selling the structure. Supervisor Geraghty will speak to the President of the organization for any suggestions.

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It was noted that there was some concern about the new water rates. It was noted that we increased the rate from 28 cents per day to 42 cents per day. People look at the percentage increase and are concerned until they look at the per day cost.

Upon a motion of Mr. Ackley seconded by Mr. Alexander and carried the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Supervisor Geraghty