

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, JANUARY 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilperson	John Alexander
	Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
	Councilperson	Joyce Reed
ABSENT:	Councilperson	Linda Marcella

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Thomas Belden, Water and Sewer; Steve Parisi, Historical Society; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Steve Emerson, Warrensburg EMS, and numerous Town residents.

Supervisor Geraghty asked for a moment of silence for Brent Bertrand, a teacher at Warrensburg Central School who recently passed away.

**RESOLUTION #35-12
MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

IT IS RESOLVED, that this meeting be interrupted to hold Public Hearings advertised and scheduled for this evening at 7:00 P.M. and 7:15 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #1, 2012-SNOW REMOVAL ON
SIDEWALKS**

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

Following distribution of the proposed Local Law to the Town Board in December of 2011, a legal notice was printed on December 29, 2011 in the Glens Falls Post Star with a copy of said notice posted on the Town Clerk’s bulletin board on December 30, 2011. The contents of that legal notice were read into the record.

Supervisor Geraghty- explained that the purpose of the Local Law was to amend the Code to add a new section to regulate snow removal on sidewalks.

No one wished to speak.
The Public Hearing was recessed at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #2, 2012-WATER
Public Hearing was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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Supervisor Geraghty- explained that the purpose of the Local Law was to amend the Water Code to change the consumption charges and rates for water service.

No one wished to speak.

The Public Hearing was recessed at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2012 EMS CONTRACT

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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Alan Hall, Sr. – asked questions about coverage with the EMS for the Town of Thurman.

No one else wished to comment.

The public hearings were closed at 7:08 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

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, Historian, Museum, Parks and Rec., Sewer and Water, Youth.

RESOLUTION #36-12

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2012 AMENDING CHAPTER 147

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2012 amending Chapter 147 to add Article III prohibiting obstruction of streets, sidewalks and public property by foreign material, objects and or snow and ice.

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RESOLUTION #37-12

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2012 AMENDING WATER RATES

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to adopt Local Law #2 of 2012 amending the water rate code in Chapter 204, Article V relating to consumption charges and rates for water service.

RESOLUTION #38-12

AUTHORIZE EMS CONTRACT FOR 2012

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with the Warrensburg EMS for the year 2012 in the amount of \$30,000.00.

DISCUSSION-REQUEST FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLING ADJUSTMENT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board there is a letter from Grace Properties; Grace Properties has shut the water off at 87 River Street which is the Day Care Center and he has requested a change in the water and sewer billings for the year 2012. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board when the water is shut off the Town Board normally drops the Sewer charge down to debt service which is \$200.00.

RESOLUTION #39-12

ADJUST SEWER BILLING FOR GRACE PROPERTIES DAYCARE

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to reduce the rate for Sewer for Grace Properties Day Care Center from \$1755.00 to \$200.00 debt service for 2012.

RESOLUTION #40-12

LANDFILL PUNCH CARD SALE

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the annual buy one get one half price Landfill Punch Card Sale at the Town Clerks' Office only for the week of February 13th to February 17th, 2012.

DISCUSSION – 1992 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board this truck is the 1992 International Landfill Roll Off truck, the Board should declare it surplus equipment and then receive bids for the truck at the February Town Board meeting. Supervisor Geraghty

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said he had just received additional information before the Town Board meeting that there is potential to sell parts off the truck but he would like to have a resolution now to surplus it, the town will either sell it by auction or bit by bit for parts, he will discuss it with the Department Heads and see which way to go with that.

RESOLUTION #41-12

DECLARE 1992 INTERNATIONAL ROLLOFF TRUCK SURPLUS

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to declare the 1992 Landfill International Roll Off truck surplus equipment.

DISCUSSION-STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board he had a request from people who live in the Lighting District, they would like to see the Town do away with the Lighting District and incorporate the whole town as part of the lighting district. Supervisor Geraghty said basically what that would do is it would do away with a separate tax for lighting on tax bills, that tax would be eliminated and it would become a line item in the general fund. Supervisor Geraghty said that a lot of towns do it this way, they have a line item in their general fund, and there are pros and cons to this. Supervisor Geraghty explained the rate would be reduced for those who are in the lighting district, then there would be a slight increase in the town budget for those not in the district. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not know how this will work with the 2 percent tax cap, if the town were to abandon the district and roll that into the general fund; going over and above the tax cap, he needs to find out. Supervisor Geraghty said they would like to schedule a public hearing at the next regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. for discussion purposes only of changing this, the change would not take place until December 31st. Supervisor Geraghty said not to quote him on this but there would probably be about a ten cent reduction on the lighting district charge for the residents within the district, you would see it go from 36 cents to be meddled into the general town tax of about twenty four cents increase, so a twenty four cent increase per thousand. Supervisor Geraghty said this was a request that was received last year, they did not get to it so they will do a public hearing this coming month.

DISCUSSION – QUOTES FOR TEST WELL SITE AT HORICION AVENUE

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town needs to secure a quote, look for another source of water to supplement the wells that the town already has, the Town has learned there is plenty of room at the Horicon Avenue site for another well at the County Home well site. Supervisor Geraghty said he is asking the Town Board for permission to go forward with a test well at the Horicon Avenue site, the cost of the test well will be around \$20,000.00.

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RESOLUTION #42-12

AUTHORIZE QUOTES FOR TEST WELL AT HORICON AVENUE/COUNTY HOME SITE

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize quotes for a test well at the Horicon Avenue/County Home Site.

DISCUSSION – AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion asking for permission to send a letter of support of the opening of the Tahawus Rail Line in support of Saratoga –North Creek Railroad, since they wish to reopen it. Supervisor Geraghty said this railroad was the right decision made by the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION –SOLAR EFFORTS

Supervisor Geraghty reported to the Town Board that he had met with a company from Schroon Lake called Northern Solar on Tuesday, right now they have three companies bidding for the Town's solar work, a gentleman out of Diamond Point who works for Miller Solar, one out of Latham and Northern Solar. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town will continue to pursue this and will have some type of solar in the Town by the end of the year.

RESOLUTION #43-12

SCHEDULE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ESTABLISH GOALS FOR 2012

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to schedule a workshop meeting for the Town Board on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. to establish the goals for the Town Board and Audit the Town Books.

RESOLUTION #44-12

BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Councilman Rounds, seconded by Councilman Alexander and Councilwoman Reed, the attached resolution was ADOPTED–VOTE–AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #45-12

PAY WARRANTS

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

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IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #1 in the following amounts: General Fund - \$17,643.62, Highway Fund-\$30,156.74, Sewer Fund-\$4623.19 and Water Fund-\$3927.22.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-PUBLIC CONCERNS

Kathy Varney-spoke to the Town Board regarding the Hackensack Mountain Project and the Creating Healthy Places, the Bicycle Collation and the Safe Street Survey. Ms. Varney said she wished to know if the Town Board wished to move ahead of this. Supervisor Geraghty told Ms. Varney they could meet sometime in March, and, asked Ed Pennock, the Highway Superintendent how many feet of sidewalks the Town intends to do this year. Mr. Pennock said there is 45 feet of sidewalk to be replaced; this will be done through Glens Falls Adirondack Transportation Counsel again. Supervisor Geraghty asked Ms. Varney if they could meet to discuss looking for something for the basketball courts and expressed thanks to Ms. Varney for her volunteering of her services.

Jerold McNeill-asked about the status of the proposed supermarket that might be coming to Warrensburg.

Supervisor Geraghty said the developer had been in and addressed the Planning Board in October and the Town has not heard anything more from them.

Councilman Rounds said the entire Town Board attended the Planning Board meeting because they were so anxious to hear what the developer had going on, the developer told the Town Board he would be right back on Monday and he has never been back, the consensus is there was a competition going on, he had a green light from the get go and the Board wanted it.

Councilman Alexander said the developers who are interested in Lake George have met with the Lake George Officials to see what they have to do to obtain the permits for Lake George.

Supervisor Geraghty said that they had called the Town of Warrensburg developers in early December and told them they needed to do something, to come back, to pull the trigger here for the Town fathers and set up a meeting so they will know what is going to happen and that has been the extent of it. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not know what more they can do, the property has not been sold, there is a lot of talk right now, he did write Golub cooperation because they had heard it was them who was interested in Lake George and in the letter he asked them to consider the Town of Warrensburg, there was no reply.

Discussion ensued on the steps that have been taken by the Lake George supermarket developer.

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On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk