

**REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, AUGUST 8, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilman	John Alexander
	Councilman	Bryan Rounds
	Councilwoman	Joyce Reed
	Councilwoman	Linda Marcella

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Thomas Belden; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Steve Parisi, Museum Director; Chris Belden, Code Enforcement Officer; Gail Olden, Deputy Town Clerk, and numerous Town residents.

Supervisor Geraghty announced that MacKenzie Blydenburgh was there and that he represents Troop 100 and he was going for a merit badge. He said one of his merit badges was to attend a Town Board meeting. Supervisor Geraghty welcomed him and everyone else to the Town Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION #144-12**

**MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was **ADOPTED**

**AYES 5** Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella  
**NAYS 0**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #3 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**  
Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A legal notice was printed on July 25, 2012 in the Glens Falls Post Star with a copy of said notice posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board on July 25, 2012. The contents of that legal notice were read into the record.

Richelene Morey of 8 Summit Street spoke regarding enforcement of the law and stated that snow removal on her

street is not routinely done and sidewalks aren't plowed. She stated that she thought with multi-family premises and commercial premises the Town was extending themselves too far into an individual's right to maintain their own property.

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Frank Bennett of 3 Pratt Street stated that he spent over 20 years in the Army fighting for their freedom and his own and he comes back to his town and it's like a dictatorship. He said he thought it was terrible.

Larry Perna owner of 119 River Street stated he had issues with the grass being over 6 inches tall. He said the grass on Town property needs to be cut also. Mr. Perna said that not everyone can afford to paint their house.

Supervisor Geraghty stated that there was nothing about painting the house in the code.

Councilman Rounds said that there were so many vacant and abandoned houses around town that were just left with no maintenance whatsoever. He stated that the Code Enforcement Officer presented the Town Board with Lake George's code. Councilman Rounds said they put it up for a public hearing but that wasn't to say that they all agree with everything in it. He said they were looking for a local solution where they could have contractors or town employees cut the grass on some of the abandoned houses.

Supervisor Geraghty said they were listening to everybody's concerns and that they didn't necessarily have to adopt it that night. He said this was a result of the numerous phone calls they had this year about abandoned and foreclosed properties.

Supervisor Geraghty said it was never their intent to have anybody paint their house. He said maybe the newspaper took it that way and wrote it up that way but that was never their intent. Supervisor Geraghty said they needed something to help those people who come to them and ask what they are going to do about the abandoned house. He said at least they could take care of that property and put it onto their tax bill.

Alan Hall stated that there are four of these vacant houses near him. He said that although he was not one hundred

percent in agreement with this he still thinks they ought to go through with it.

Richelene Morey asked if there were fire laws for homes that have fire hazards. She asked if there was a public fire hazard law or health laws that could be applied that were already on the books instead of putting another law on the books.

Chris Belden, Code Enforcement Officer, said that there is a County Department that regulates a property maintenance code. They get complaints and respond to them. He said the trouble being is that the properties Kevin is referring to that are up for foreclosure, there is no one they can take to court.

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Supervisor Geraghty stated that there were not enough people in the County to go out and enforce this type of property maintenance code. He said on a town level it was local rather than having the County Attorney come up to court and spend his time chasing after this. Supervisor Geraghty said they could handle it better from a local standpoint.

Councilman Alexander spoke about an abandoned house several years ago that was attracting rodents and some of the neighbors asked him if there was something the Town could do. He said with out any teeth like this there was nothing. Councilman Alexander said he had come in front of the Town Board at that time with a document that thirty six people signed just to make it public that they had an abandoned house that needed to be rehabbed but there was nothing they could do. He said this would help neighbors too.

Councilwoman Marcella stated that they've had some cases where there were people who were just not good neighbors with abandoned cars outside, piling garbage in the car or behind their house near the neighbors fence, cats run unneutered and grass that's never mowed which can lead to fleas and ticks. She said it wasn't fair to the neighbor's and their values. She agreed it may need to be tweaked a little bit regarding the \$250 fine.

Councilwoman Marcella said she thought they could tweak this so their objective can be served which is to give the Code

Enforcement Officer what he can do if there's no response to the request.

Tina Sackman spoke and said she came from a neighborhood where it was like Stepford and it was like plastic. She said one of the things she loved about here is everything is natural and people have their own sense of style. Ms. Sackman said what she worried about was that once they get the ten houses that are atrocious fixed up then what. She said do they then start looking down the street and comment on their horrendous green paint and maybe they should do a law that says they shouldn't have that color. Ms. Sackman said she worried about where it ends. She said this panel may be on target but down the road another panel won't be. She said she was concerned with fairness.

Robert Greene of 4111 State Route 9 stated that this nation is a free country and they were trying to impose all kinds of limits. He said there were enough trees by the road where you don't even see his place. He stated that when the leaves are off in the winter you might see the house there but that going by doesn't look very good. Mr. Greene said they want dead trees taken down but if you leave them there for a couple of years they are good firewood. He said if they wanted to remove the dead limbs as they specified in 4J it would take an army to do that. Mr. Greene said you can't store firewood, dead wood, on your place. He stated that people have a freedom that they are trying to infringe on.

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#### RESOLUTION # 145-12 MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Marcella, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED  
AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella  
NAYS 0

RESOLVED, that the minutes of July 11, 2012 be approved.

#### 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, Sewer and Water, and Youth.

#### DISCUSSION – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Richard Larkin asked if where they are already sending people demands that they get their property up to speed or they will be fined. He asked if it was going to be put into law that day or were they voting on that.

Supervisor Geraghty said he thought they weren't going to pass it today. He said all they would want is input.

Richard Larkin said he would like to see this voted down until they put some more effort into making it correct. He said there were a lot of senior citizens with fixed income that were not in capacity to do a paint job on their house or rebuild their porch or put a new roof on.

Mr. Larkin said yes they want to improve the community but they don't want to do it by sending senior citizens and lifetime residents down the road because they can no longer afford to live here.

Councilwoman Reed stated that she didn't think Mr. Larkin had been there at the beginning of the meeting and that this was for everyone's input and that they had no intentions of passing anything. She stated that some of the things in the paper were incorrect. She said they were not telling people that they have to paint their house. Councilwoman Reed said they were targeting the grass that is two to three feet high on some of the vacant lots.

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Mr. Larkin said a friend of his that lost her husband and is on a fixed income received a letter that states that if she doesn't have this done by October 1<sup>st</sup>, she has people that are begging to come over to scrape her house...

Supervisor Geraghty asked if that came from the Town of Warrensburg.

Mr. Larkin said he believed it did if he understood her correctly.

Chris Belden, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that they currently don't have anybody on the books to make anybody paint their house.

Councilman Alexander told Mr. Larkin he had heard from many people with the same attitude on Tom's story that they were going to come after the people on a fixed income with the bad economy. He said it was ridiculous.

Tina Sackman stated that what she was thinking in terms of the lawns and that a lot of times people are going through a hard time. She suggested getting the high school kids involved through community service.

**RESOLUTION #146-12**

**TABLE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to table the Public Hearing on Property Maintenance for 30 days and they would have a workshop.

Supervisor Geraghty thanked the public for their input.

**RESOLUTION #147-12**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to close this Public Hearing on Property Maintenance and to return to the regular session. Time 7:47 p.m.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) A letter from Lake George Triathlon which will pass through the Town on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Supervisor Geraghty said he would like to use Dave Cavanaugh that day for some traffic control. He said he sent them a letter back stating that they support that.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Geraghty made the following public announcements: The sale of the pickup truck and the wood at the Jamboree netted the Town \$1010.00.

Glens Falls National Bank held a Community Appreciation Day on July 25 and it netted the Town a donation of \$665.00 towards the rehabilitation of the bandstand. He thanked Glens Falls National.

## RESOLUTION #148-12

### WATER BILL AMENDMENTS

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to amend the following water bills:

Misata, Tracy &

Barrett, Angela 211.18-1-2 From \$1950.00 to \$1365.00

Cheney, Gayle 210.16-2-28 From \$195.00 to \$48.75

Hill, Barbara 211.9-4-14 From \$390.00 to \$243.75

McKinney, Keith &

Patricia 223.8-2-26 From \$390.00 to \$195.00

## RESOLUTION #149-12

### REQUEST FOR SEWER BILL AMENDMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to deny request for sewer bill amendment by  
Barbara Hill, 211.9-4-14.

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RESOLUTION #150-12

AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY PROVIDE GRANT SERVICES FOR  
A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

On motion of Councilwoman Marcella, seconded by Councilman  
Alexander, the attached resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #151-12

AUTHORIZING TOWN JUSTICE BRYAN H. WINSLOW TO APPLY FOR  
A JCAP GRANT TO COVER THE SECURITY ISSUES AT TOWN  
COURT

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilwoman  
Marcella, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize Town Justice Bryan H. Winslow to  
apply for a JCAP grant to cover the security issues at Town  
Court.

RESOLUTION #152-12

USE OCCUPANCY TAX MONEY TO PURCHASE AD

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman  
Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to use \$100.00 of Occupancy Tax Money to  
purchase a full page ad for the Town in the Town Highway  
Association banquet book.

RESOLUTION #153-12

AWARD OCCUPANCY TAX MONEY TO WARRENSBURG VOLUNTEER  
FIRE COMPANY

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by  
Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 4 Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0  
ABSTAIN 1

Geraghty

IT IS RESOLVED, to award the Warrensburg Volunteer Fire Company \$ 5,159.00 to reimburse them for advertising expenses for the Smoke Eaters Jamboree.

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RESOLUTION #154-12

AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A REVISED EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR THE LOCATION OF THE NEW WELL

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella  
NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, that Town Supervisor Kevin Geraghty is authorized to sign a revised easement agreement with Warren County for the location of a new well.

DISCUSSION – RESTRICTED PARKING DURING GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

Supervisor Geraghty asked the Fire Chief, Justin Hull, to come up. Supervisor Geraghty said he got the first look at it today and didn't agree 100% with what they were trying to accomplish and he thought they needed to have some discussion.

Supervisor Geraghty said he didn't see any problem with Emerson Avenue.

Justin Hull, Fire Chief, said that Emerson Avenue was their only access to the backstreets and that both sides of Stewart Farrar need to be open.

The Town Board was okay with the temporary posting of Emerson Avenue.

Supervisor Geraghty said he wasn't sure what was meant on Library Avenue, north to James Street.

Mr. Hull said just on the north side where Lamy's house was to James Street. He said if people are parked on both sides of the road there they cannot get on Library Avenue.

Supervisor Geraghty said they could put temporary parking there (Library Ave) for a block.

Supervisor Geraghty said Stewart Farrar both sides but that he thought there was an issue with this one. He said the Presbyterian Church has Church and they also sell strawberry shortcake out of the Church. He said to put temporary parking on the Stewarts side of that street and leave parking on the church side.

Supervisor Geraghty said Second Avenue both sides had been talked about on numerous occasions. He said they would have no access to some of the bigger places on Main Street. He said if Main Street is plugged they do use Elm Street to Hudson Street but getting over to Main Street they are concerned about the bed and

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breakfast on the corner. Supervisor Geraghty said they really need to enforce that no parking from the sign to the corner this year, that they never have. He said he was okay with both sides of Second Avenue.

Supervisor Geraghty stated that he felt they should leave Elm Street the way it is. He said there is not parking on one side and if they do both sides, they won't have any place to go.

Mr. Hull said that last year on Friday they had a huge problem there. He said he couldn't drive up Elm Street at all and traffic had come to a complete standstill.

Mr. Hull also asked that they try to maintain the 15 feet on either side of the fire hydrants on Main Street at a minimum.

Discussion ensued on posting the no parking and buying the signs for that.

**RESOLUTION #155-12**

**TO SEND RESTRICTED STREET PARKING LIST DURING GARAGE SALE WEEKEND TO WARREN COUNTY**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED  
AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella  
NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to send the restricted street parking list for garage sale weekend to Warren County.

Councilwoman Reed stated that Hackensack Avenue was another street that she has walked down and that you couldn't even get a car through there when they are parked on both sides of the street.

Supervisor Geraghty said that maybe they should do one side of Hackensack also and asked the Highway Superintendent what he thought.

Supervisor Geraghty said they would add Hackensack Ave., one side. He said no parking would be on the North side.

**RESOLUTION #156-12**

**AUTHORIZING TOWN SUPERVISOR TO BUY A SMALL PORTION OF MARK BROWN'S PROPERTY**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED  
AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella  
NAYS 0

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IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize Supervisor Geraghty to buy a small portion of Mark Brown's property on Schroon River Road for the new well development.

Supervisor Geraghty explained that the reason for this purchase was that you need a 200 foot buffer around the well and that we are about 80 feet shy. He said that Mr. Brown has agreed to sell the Town a chunk of property up there that borders our well. He said they were going to keep this piece as small as they can and they will have to pay to have it surveyed and mapped out. Supervisor Geraghty said what they would probably do is come back to the Board once they purchase the property, it would be less than a half acre, and they would probably come back and turn this property over to the Town

because it would be a landlocked property which nobody likes to have a landlocked property and this would avoid any encroachment on his right of way into his tree farm. He said they need to do this for the well site.

Councilwoman Marcella asked how much it would be to buy the property.

Supervisor Geraghty said he'd have to bring the price back to the Board and that he just needed a resolution to move ahead with it.

**DISCUSSION – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM**  
Supervisor Geraghty said he needed a resolution for the Town to apply for approximately \$475,000 under New York State Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Grant Program. He said this would allow for 13,000 feet of sidewalks, bike racks, and another speed indicator sign. Supervisor Geraghty said this was within two miles of the school.

**RESOLUTION #157-12**

**ALLOW THE TOWN TO APPLY FOR APPROXIMATELY \$475,000 UNDER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM**

On motion of Councilwoman Marcella, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the attached resolution was **ADOPTED**  
**AYES 5** Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella  
**NAYS 0**

**DISCUSSION – WATER METERS**

Supervisor Geraghty stated that the cutoff date for water meters is September 1<sup>st</sup>. He said they have been talking about this since February and people are very, very slow about getting their water meters installed. Supervisor Geraghty said he believes they made phone calls although the phone call count is slight. He stated that they needed to take a drastic step tonight to get people to install their meters. Supervisor Geraghty said that those 462 people who have installed their meters will be billed by flat rate and metered rate starting September 1. He said those people who don't have their meters installed they would have to set a flat rate high enough  
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that would warrant them installing the meters. He said his thought was to set a flat rate of \$500 for the year for water

that would push people to make appointments to get their meters installed.

Supervisor Geraghty said that the message through numerous newspaper articles is not getting out there and we were not getting calls in. He said we have extended a lot of money to make this project. He said the project is already paying dividends for the Town. Supervisor Geraghty said that the town has cut their water usage rate by 30,000 gallons a day. He said we've cut our flows to the treatment plant by almost equal amount per day. Supervisor Geraghty said their intent of getting meters installed is working. He said he didn't know what to do to get people's attention and that they need to make the appointments and get them. Supervisor Geraghty said the only way to do that is to make the rate high enough that people will call in and make the appointment. He said they had less than a month to install 500 meters. Supervisor Geraghty said he was asking the Board what they wanted to do.

Councilman Alexander asked Town Clerk Combs if the 85 phone calls she made started August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Town Clerk Combs said that they started with the phone calls in February/March. She said then they stopped making phone calls and called businesses. She said they got a lot of appointments in right away. She said now it's just stopped.

Councilman Alexander asked Town Clerk Combs if they could start making 25 phone calls each day.

Councilwoman Reed stated that she thought there was some confusion with people that have old meters not knowing they need a new meter.

Tom Belden said that they have hung 170 flyers on doors so far.

Councilman Alexander asked if they could get the water department to stop at residences on Saturdays without an appointment to change out their meters.

Councilwoman Reed said that if the Town Clerk calls somebody during the day and they don't get an answer she would take the list and would call them at night.

Town Clerk Combs said another thought too was to ask other offices in the building to help make the calls when they are not busy.

Discussion ensued on how a lot of people work during the day and a lot of people don't want the meter.

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Supervisor Geraghty stated that in other communities when people don't install water meters, which if they don't want a water meter they don't have to have a water meter but their bill will be so much that they wish they had three water meters and that is what they do in other communities.

Supervisor Geraghty said the purpose of this discussion was to get the public and hopefully get something out there in the press to let people know that we have 30 days to accomplish this project and that they have 400 and some odd people plus all the businesses have complied to this. He stated that businesses are already being metered on flat rate and usage rate. Supervisor Geraghty said we need to get these done by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion ensued on the water department going door to door on Saturdays to install meters.

Supervisor Geraghty said they also need to set a rate to get their attention.

Thom Randall asked if it was appointment by September 1<sup>st</sup> or the installation by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Geraghty said he would like installation but he was a realist. He said appointments by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Randall asked how many of the new meters had been installed.

Councilman Alexander said 439 in residential.

Mr. Randall asked how many meters were left to be installed.

Councilwoman Marcella said 673.

**RESOLUTION #158-12**

**TO SET A FLAT FEE OF \$500 FOR RESIDENCES THAT DO NOT HAVE A WATER METER APPOINTMENT MADE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2012**

**On motion of Councilwoman Marcella, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED  
AYES 5                    Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella  
NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to charge each residence a \$500 flat fee if they do not have a water meter appointment scheduled by September 1, 2012.**

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**DISCUSSION – TRAIL SYSTEM**

**Councilman Alexander thanked Kathy Varney for all she has done with the grant. He thanked Eddie's (Highway Superintendent) crew and said they did a marvelous job opening up the access to Blister Hill. He told everyone to take a minute and drive up there. Councilman Alexander said they have some neat signage now, they put some material down for the parking area, and another kiosk will be in there for the trail system.**

**Councilman Alexander said it was a great thing what has happened with access off from Hackensack and Blister Hill. He said there is some neat information that we have with some signage that was provided through the grant and the Earth Science class with John Burns and Up Yonda Farm with their technology and their map making skills. He said a lot of people put a lot of effort into this and now it's Hackensack Park. Councilman Alexander said to take the time and enjoy the mountain.**

**Supervisor Geraghty said what was nice about it was it was a partnership between the Town and the school. He said they owed Kathy Varney a round of applause. (Applause). Supervisor Geraghty said he implores people to take a ride in there or walk over there.**

**DISCUSSION – REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS AT HIGHWAY GARAGE AND PURCHASE OF ABOVE GROUND TANK**  
Supervisor Geraghty stated that DEC has been making the rounds on floor drains and underground fuel tanks and before they came over to site the Town, Highway Superintendent Ed Pennock was proactive and the Town did their own testing and removal and they were suggesting now that they go out for quotes for an above ground fuel tank.

Supervisor Geraghty said we have dug up our old fuel tanks and that we were fortunate that the ground was tested and they found no traces of anything. He said the fuel has been pumped out of them and a company was coming in to remove them.

Supervisor Geraghty said that after they did all of that DEC still decided to give the Town a Violation Notice. He said the Town has a little violation to pay on DEC. He said we were going to a 1000 gallon tank which will not fall under any regulations, where we have to have it tested once a year.

Supervisor Geraghty said he applauded Ed (Highway Superintendent) and the Highway crew. He said they have done all the work themselves. He said they had to bring in outside vendors to do some of the environmental testing, but that had been done. Supervisor Geraghty said the Highway Superintendent would bring in prices for an above ground tank.  
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Highway Superintendent Ed Pennock said that they still had one fuel tank in the ground that they will still have to remove and do a soil test.

Supervisor Geraghty asked what the cost was to pay for testing, about \$100.

#### **DISCUSSION – INVASIVE PLANTS**

Supervisor Geraghty said he has had a resident come to him and talk to him about invasive species and plants. Supervisor Geraghty said he has ordered some door hangers and brochures. He said the resident's main concern was for Japanese knotweed which he felt there was a lot of in the community. Supervisor Geraghty said he had a ten day seminar on invasive species and they were going to be able to get some door hangers and brochures. He said that they would have them here at the Town Hall but that he also had a volunteer that would go out and without going on the property

would put a door hanger out stating they have an invasive plant on their property and that they should try to remove it.

Councilwoman Marcella asked what they wanted them to do with it.

Supervisor Geraghty said that you pull it up and take it to the landfill where they'll burn it.

#### DISCUSSION – HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Supervisor Geraghty stated that the Heritage Festival was Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Schroon River Fairgrounds. He said the gates open at 9:00 a.m.

Supervisor Geraghty said that there was a new brochure out stating The Hudson Runs Through It which details the Hudson River running through Warren County. He said there is a nice page in there identifying some of the features of Warrensburg.

#### TOWN WEBSITE

Supervisor Geraghty gave a reminder that there is a new Town website and that the website has been changed but the old website will connect to it. He said it was [www.warrensburgny.us](http://www.warrensburgny.us).

Supervisor Geraghty said that the Town Assessor, Greg Klingler, is the web person here in the town and that he has done a remarkable job posting pictures of the community and they are trying to get more stuff on the website as they go along.

#### RESOLUTION #159-12 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the attached resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

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#### RESOLUTION #160-12

##### PAY BILLS

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Marcella, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, that the bills be paid on Abstract #9 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$ 48,501.47
Highway Fund	\$ 13,201.27
Sewer Fund	\$ 31,130.11
Water Fund	\$ 6,097.90
Water Meters	\$ 503.25
Brownfield Car	\$ 346.80
Lighting District	\$ 5,470.28

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chuck D'Angelo - stated he was an absentee landlord who owns 3753 Main Street, across the street from the Museum, which consists of a barber shop, a two floor house, a one bedroom apartment, a two bedroom apartment and a garage. He said just recently a no parking sign was put on his side of the street by his garage down to Main Street. Mr. D'Angelo asked for a revision on that. He stated that he has one tenant and a maintenance man that lives there. He said every time he goes over there everyone is talking about the parking. He said he was trying to make it work for everybody. Mr. D'Angelo said he understands that from his garage toward Water Street he understood you can't have parking there. He said he was looking for a little bit of solution or if they could redo something on that street.

Supervisor Geraghty said unfortunately it was his tenants that caused the problem. He said he got numerous complaints on his tenants. Supervisor Geraghty said the people on the street couldn't get out of the garage and couldn't back their car out. Supervisor Geraghty said he received emails which were in his office if he cared to look at them. He said the Town Board discussed it with the Highway Superintendent and the Fire Company and said it was very difficult to get emergency vehicles up that street.

Mr. D'Angelo said he understood.

Supervisor Geraghty said if he was to make it so they could park on the other side of the street... He said if people used common sense they would see that they were blocking their neighbor's driveway when they were trying to get their car out. Supervisor Geraghty said that the Town Board went down

and saw the issues. He said they didn't care about the neighbors so the Town took a measure to stop it.  
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Supervisor Geraghty stated he knew Mr. D'Angelo had a tenant issue but that he had a public safety issue and they need to protect the other people on that street.

Councilman Alexander asked Mr. D'Angelo if he owned the dirt road, the driveway that's behind his building.

Mr. D'Angelo said that it looked like Hudson Headwaters owns it right up to the side of his driveway. He said they did a measure to at least get some parking behind the garage but the neighbors were jamming up the right of way.

Councilman Alexander said it's a valuable parking area right there and maybe Hudson Headwaters would lease it to him.

Supervisor Geraghty stated he believed the parking issues have been resolved and that he hadn't seen a car on the street so they must be finding places to park. He said they didn't mean to cause anybody hardship.

Mr. D'Angelo said someone indicated they weren't going to be plowing against his house.

Highway Superintendent said that he plows that himself.

Supervisor Geraghty said that right now they'd like to leave it the way it is because it's working.

Steve Emerson stated he was the operation manager for the Warrensburg EMS and that they were handed information that he released to the Board and asked if they had a chance to take a look at it yet and what their thoughts were on contracting with them in 2013.

Councilman Alexander said he read the packet and there were good details and statements. He said he thinks it's the issue of the Comptroller's opinion of what they can do with collecting. Councilman Alexander said they needed to sit down and talk about that and that Mr. Emerson got a different opinion than he did.

Mr. Emerson stated that Attorney Pinski gave the information out but failed to reveal that it would be easily resolved with a resolution by the town to allow this. He said one of their Board members called the comptroller themselves and that's what they were told.

Councilwoman Reed said she thought that if they were paid using tax dollars they couldn't do that.

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Mr. Emerson said but if there was a resolution you could do it.

Supervisor Geraghty said the Town has an attorney and would let Mr. Emerson know when they were going to start negotiations on the new contract.

Lynn Smith, Chamber of Commerce President, stated that one of the Garage Sale vendors this year has offered to donate 25% of the sale of every lemonade to a charity of their choice. She said the charity of their choice is the Bandstand.

Supervisor Geraghty said he appreciated that.

Lynn Smith said they are trying to get more vendors to do this.

Supervisor Geraghty said they were hopeful that through the First Wilderness Corridor they did apply for grants and that hopefully through the consolidated funding they will get something to start work on the bandstand.

Supervisor Geraghty said the cost estimate is around \$277,000 to rehab the bandstand.

Councilwoman Marcella asked if they were just tabling the Local Law for 30 days and if they were going to do a workshop.

Supervisor Geraghty said they were going to do a workshop.

A workshop for Local Law #3, Property Maintenance, was schedule for September 5, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.

On motion of Councilwoman Marcella, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town

Clerk