

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, MARCH 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 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
	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; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Greg Klingler, Assessor and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #54-13

MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson 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 a Public Hearing advertised and scheduled for this evening at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TAX EXEMPTIONS

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

A legal notice was printed on February 26th, 2013 in the Glens Falls Post Star with a copy of said notice posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board on February 26th, 2013. The contents of that legal notice were read into the record.

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining that the town has been at \$12,025.00 for a long time, last year the county raised their exemption from \$24,000.00 up to \$32,400.00. Supervisor Geraghty said he brought it to the Board's attention last year that Warrensburg is one of the three low end towns in the county, most of the sliding scales range anywhere from the \$29,000 in the Town of Queensbury, \$21,500 for Bolton, \$18,000 for Chester, \$17,500 for Glens Falls, \$18000 for Hague, \$18000 for Horicon, \$12,000 for Johnsbury, \$18,500 for Lake George, \$18,000 for Lake Luzerne, \$18,000 for Stony Creek, \$12,000 for Thurman so that is why this was brought it to the Board's attention the hearing tonight is to increase it up to \$18,000 and a fifty percent exemption. Supervisor Geraghty said he would like to go to a sliding scale; that is just his opinion.

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Supervisor Geraghty asked if anyone from the public wished to speak on the Senior Exemption. No one commented. Supervisor Geraghty asked the Town Board for their questions.

Councilperson Alexander – asked Greg Klingler, Assessor how it worked on the sliding scale when people do come in to prove their income.

Mr. Klingler – explained income is proved by giving the Assessor the last years' IRS, then the income is put into that bracket, whatever they qualify for.

Councilperson Alexander asked if the sliding scale would be a fairer system.

Mr. Klingler said it would seem so because that is what everyone else is doing.

Councilperson Rounds – said that if the Town goes under \$18,000 that would mean the sliding scale will be adding \$8400.00 to \$18,000.00, which actually brings the Town to \$26,400.00, so a person making \$26,400.00 will be eligible for a five percent; then it goes down from there. Councilperson Rounds added that he is in favor of the sliding scale to incorporate that many more people, it comes out to pennies.

Councilperson Reed – told the Town Board that this is like a one percent increase to the other tax payers in order for a senior to stay in their home; a hundred thousand dollar house would be \$10.00 more, one percent of that. Councilperson Reed said the Town is not looking at an increase in the tax of one to two hundred dollars increased in the tax base.

Discussion ensued on the towns' value and the fact that the increase would be less than one percent of the town's value.

Councilperson Baker Marcella said she wanted to know what the lady sitting next to the lady who does not get the exemption has to pay. Councilperson Rounds said people who are outside the realm would end up paying about \$.04 per thousand, by his calculations.

Supervisor Geraghty explained if it is a \$100,000.00 house it would be \$4.00 and if it is a \$150,000.00 house it would be \$6.00, a \$200,000.00 house would be \$8.00.

Councilperson Rounds said it would be a very minimal amount spread out among the rest of the taxpayers, which would be around \$12,000.00 according to his figures.

Councilperson Baker Marcella said this was exactly what she wanted to know. Councilperson Baker Marcella said her concern was that there would be seniors

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who will not benefit from this and they will have to pick up the increase, whatever it is. Councilperson Baker Marcella said that along with the seniors there are a lot of single head of households that are rubbing pennies, her concern was if this was going to negatively affect them.

Supervisor Geraghty said the total assessed value of the Town is \$3,414,006.00, this is minimum impact and the argument he heard from the seniors who came in and asked for this was they have paid for sixty five years and do not get any other exemptions. Supervisor Geraghty said this is why he is in favor of this; it is something they can do to help them.

No one else wished to speak.
Public Hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

RESOLUTION #55-13

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilperson Rounds, seconded by Councilperson Alexander, the following resolution was:

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

RESOLVED, to close this public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Time 7:06 p.m.

RESOLUTION #56-13

APPROVE MINUTES

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

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from February 13, 2013.

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: Economic Development, Highway, Lighting, Historian, Museum, Parks and Rec., Sewer and Water and Youth.

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RESOLUTION #57-13

ADVERTISE FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBERS

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

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

RESOLVED, to advertise in the help wanted classified of the Glens Falls Post Star for Board of Assessment Review Members.

PUBLIC CONCERN

Councilperson Baker Marcella said she had been asked by Mrs. Parisi last week to let people know far enough ahead that on July 4th we will be doing a parade so if you are part of an organization that would like to march in it please let Sandi or the Chamber know and equally important is that they are going to be marching to the Rec. Field and so what they are doing is they are offering to let not for profit of any kind set up a fund raiser there. Councilperson Baker Marcella said that if you are part of a group and want to do some fund raising, and, she does think a couple of groups from school will want to do it, they offered to let them be there, there is no charge but you do have to let them know what you are going to do, kind of. Councilperson Baker Marcella said that will be open from 1:00 to 4:00, or something like that.

Sandi Parisi said the hours would be from noon to 4:00 and that the Chamber has a form to be filled out.

Councilperson Baker Marcella asked if the forms are on the website. Town Clerk Combs said the forms are on the Chambers website and that she also has the forms, as well.

A discussion ensued on the age of the residents in the town, how to know who is over 100 years old, the idea to have residents over 100 years of age be in a car for the parade, and, people who will be driving older vehicles in the parade.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A proclamation from the Town of Thurman Town Board congratulating the Town of Warrensburg and recognizing the Town of Warrensburg with a proclamation for its 200th Anniversary Bicentennial.**

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RESOLUTION #58-13

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2013, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION

On motion of Councilperson Reed, seconded by Councilperson Alexander, the attached resolution was ADOPTED by role call vote –

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

DISCUSSION – TRUCK BIDS

Truck bids were received and opened for the purchase of a 2013 F150 Ford Pickup Truck from the following bidders:

Warren Ford \$15,063.00

Vision Ford \$15,741.00

RESOLUTION #59-13

AWARD F150 PICKUP TRUCK BID

On motion of Councilperson Marcella, seconded by Councilperson Alexander, the following resolution was

ADOPTED – AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to award the contract for the 2013 Ford F150 pickup truck to Warren Ford whose bid met all of the qualifications.

DISCUSSION – TRUCK BIDS

Truck bids were received and opened for the purchase of a 2013 F550 4x4 Cab and Chassis:

Warren Ford \$32,684.00

RESOLUTION #60-13

AWARD 2013 F550 4x4 Cab and Chassis

On motion of Councilperson Reed, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the following resolution was

ADOPTED – AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to award the contract for the 2013 F550 Ford Cab and Chassis to Warren Ford whose bid met the specifications.

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DISCUSSION – FISHER PLOW

Bids for a Fisher Plow were received and opened for the purchase of a Fisher Plow for the 2013 F550 Ford from the following:

T&T Sales	\$4700.00
Arrowhead Equipment	\$4971.00

RESOLUTION #61-13

AWARD FISHER PLOW BID

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

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

RESOLVED, to award the Fisher Plow bid to T&T Sales for \$4700.00.

DISCUSSION – SPREADER DUMP BODY

Bids were for a 2013 Spreader Dump Body were received and opened from the following:

Warren Ford	\$15,063.00
Vision Ford	\$15,741.00

RESOLUTION #62-13

AWARD BID FOR SPREADER DUMP BODY

On motion of Councilperson Baker Marcella, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED, to award the spreader dump body to Warren Ford for \$15,063.00.

RESOLUTION #63-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WARRENSBURG AND WARREN COUNTY RELATING TO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE DISPOSAL SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION.

On motion of Councilperson Reed, seconded by Councilperson Baker-Marcella the attached resolution was

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

DISCUSSION RECYCLABLE DISPOSAL SERVICE CONTRACT

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked Supervisor Geraghty if this contract locked the Town in if they found during the year someplace to dispose of plastic for more money.

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Attorney Hafner said they are with them for the year.

Councilperson Baker – Marcella asked if we could pick and choose. Supervisor Geraghty said yes, we can pick and choose.

DISCUSSION – SOLE ENGINEER

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining he is asking for this because when they do contracts like the one for the State for the Band Stand, they need something in writing that says Cedarwood Engineering is the sole source for engineering services to the Town. Supervisor Geraghty said this will clean things up because Cedarwood has been the sole engineer for about two years.

RESOLUTION #64-13

RESOLUTION TO ENGAGE ENGINEER

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson Reed, the attached resolution was

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

RESOLUTION #65-13

RESOLUTION ASKING WARRENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE GENERAL PURPOSE ROOM IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS.

On motion of Supervisor Geraghty, seconded by Councilperson Reed, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED, to ask Warrensburg School District for permission to use the General Purpose Room in the Elementary School for the Summer Recreation Program for Arts and Crafts.

RESOLUTION #66-13

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT.

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept a justice court assistance grant in the amount of \$15,045.37.

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RESOLUTION #67-13

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER CODE

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

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to schedule a public hearing for a proposed local law to amend Chapter 204 of the Town Code titled Water Service to be held on Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and authorizing Town Clerk to advertise the public hearing legal notice in the Glens Falls Post Star.

RESOLUTION #68-13

BUDGET AMENDMENT/BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Councilperson Reed, seconded by Councilperson Alexander, the attached resolution was

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

RESOLUTION #69-13

PAY BILLS

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

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

RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #4-2013 in the following amounts:

General fund	\$116,092.72
Highway fund	\$ 33,363.51
Lighting fund	\$ 8,639.88
Sewer fund	\$ 7,752.32
Water fund	\$ 10,399.64

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued on the possibility of doing a Code amendment to add backflow preventers, and discussions regarding the Warrensburg Central School Board and some of their proposals and policies.

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On motion of Councilperson Rounds, seconded by Councilperson Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk