

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin B. Geraghty
	Councilperson	John Alexander
	Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
	Councilperson	Joyce Reed
	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; Cathy Radner, Town Attorney and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #43-14

MINUTES

On motion of Councilperson Baker-Marcella, seconded by Councilperson Reed, the following resolution was **ADOPTED**

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, that the minutes of January 2, 2014 and January 8, 2014 be accepted.

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., Landfill and Sewer and Water.

DISCUSSION - SURVEYS

Councilperson Baker- Marcella opened discussion telling the Town Board in some of the constructive work they have been doing at the Chamber, they would like to send out some surveys perhaps to local businesses and to prior vendors to see what their responses are to the Garage Sale and any input they might have to improve it. Councilperson Baker- Marcella said that as Mrs. Smith had pointed out at one of their last meetings, it is within the top five of the largest events that are held in the County and they wish to keep it moving in that direction. Councilperson Baker- Marcella said the Chamber wanted to know if they could do the surveys through survey monkey, which the town pays a yearly fee to have survey monkey and there is no charge to have as many surveys as they want. Councilperson Baker-Marcella

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said she wanted to know if the Town Board would allow the Chamber to use that, otherwise the Chamber will have to get their own subscription.

Supervisor Geraghty said he did not see any problem, it would be no cost to the Chamber, and no additional cost to anybody so he was okay with that.

The consensus of the Town Board was to be okay with the Chamber using the Town's Survey Monkey.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) An email communication on the 2014 "Ride with the Vets" Bicycle Ride.

DISCUSSION - NOISE ORDINANCE

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board they have copies of the Noise Ordinance in their folders and asked that they read them over.

RESOLUTION #44-14

AWARD CONTRACT FOR RECREATIONAL PARK AND PLANNING DESIGN

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

DISCUSSION - CHAZEN CONTRACT BID AWARD

Councilperson Baker-Marcella opened discussion saying that she thought in the bids that was not the lowest bid.

Attorney Radner told the Councilperson it was addressed in the last of the Whereas clauses in the resolution. Attorney Radner explained there was a slight difference but Chazen is familiar with this project so in the long run it was felt it would make sense to choose them because of their familiarity with the site.

DISCUSSION - APPRAISAL FOR PART OF CFA GRANT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town had to get an appraisal for part of the CFA Grant; he had Patty contact Warren County who contacted the State and asked if we needed a narrative or a form appraisal. Supervisor Geraghty said they were told as long as it was certified a form appraisal would be ok.

Supervisor Geraghty explained the form appraisals were \$250.00 and the narratives were \$600.00 a piece so he was asking that the Town Board accept the quote from Timothy Long in the form appraisal for the Warrensburg Board and Paper Property.

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RESOLUTION #45-14

ACCEPT APPRAISAL QUOTE FOR BOARD AND PAPER MILL

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #46-14

ADVERTISE FOR SECOND CROSSING GUARD

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to allow the Supervisor to place an advertisement for a second crossing guard for the school, whose salary is covered in the Town's Safe Routes to School Grant.

DISCUSSION - NYSERDA FUNDING APPLICATION

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town has an application into NYSERDA for funding variable speed drives on the new well, this is an application for a refund.

Tom Belden, Water- explained the old motors come on instantly wide open and that is why the power bills are very high, a variable speed will ramp up very slowly, they can actually set it for what they want it to come and is a twenty percent savings in our electrical costs.

RESOLUTION #47-14

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR NYSERDA FUNDING

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to approve the application to NYSERDA funding for the installation of a variable speed drive on the new well.

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RESOLUTION #48-14

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR 2014 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AND STREET MAINTENANCE

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #49-14

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CEDARWOOD ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING CONTRACT

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into an agreement with Cedarwood Engineering for an engineering contract for the year 2014.

RESOLUTION #50-14

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE \$500.00 OUT OF PARKS AND RECREATION CONTRACTUAL FOR GRANT

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to approve up to \$500.00 out of the Parks and Recreation Contractual to be used for the Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play Grant.

DISCUSSION - CFA GRANT FUNDING PROCESS FROM EFC AND PREPARE SEQRA

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining that this is the Wastewater Engineering Study that is being done through the CFA grant funding process from EFC in the amount of \$24,000.00. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board this is the grant the town received to study the wastewater treatment system, Cedarwood Engineering applied for this on the Town's behalf and the Town was successful in being awarded the grant, there are several actions the town needs to take tonight. Supervisor Geraghty asked Attorney Radner to assist the Town Board with the SEQRA information.

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Attorney Radner told the Town Board the first thing that needed to be done was the resolution for SEQRA purposes, which is the environmental review. Attorney Radner said that she had spoken to Tom Suozzo of Cedarwood to ensure that there is nothing in this grant application that commits the town to go forward and spend the money on any project that would be a type 1 or an unlisted project, all that is going to happen at this point is the collection of information and data, it is not an invasive process. Attorney Radner told the Town Board she had prepared a resolution for them declaring this to be a SEQRA type 11 determination which says that because this is simply a collection of data not committing them to any process, this is not subject to further SEQRA.

RESOLUTION #51-14

RESOLUTION FOR SEQRA TYPE II DETERMINATION

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #52-14

AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #53-14

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF LOCAL MATCH

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

DISCUSSION - MAKE A CONNECTION GRANT FUNDING

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the Town is re-applying for funding for sidewalks on Hudson Street through Make the Connection.

RESOLUTION #54-14

AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR GRANT THROUGH MAKE A CONNECTION

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

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NAYS 0

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IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to apply for grant funding through Make the Connection for 3,800 feet of sidewalk on Hudson Street for total project cost of \$197,400 and with a 77/23 match.

DISCUSSION - SAFETY LEADER FOR TOWN OF WARRENSBURG

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion reporting to the Town Board that Chip Webster has been recognized for completing Safety Courses at Warren County and becoming a Safety Leader.

RESOLUTION #55-14

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #56-14

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #57-14

PAY BILLS

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following bills as outlined on Abstract #2-2014:

General Fund -	\$ 46,412.96
Highway Fund-	\$ 87,816.68
Lighting Fund-	\$ 9,928.54
Sewer Fund-	\$ 45,300.10
Water Fund-	\$ 11,541.62
New Well Capital Project	\$ 10,967.02
Band Stand Capital	\$ 5,563.21

**DISCUSSION - HUDSON HEADWATERS HEALTH CENTER
CONSTRUCTION**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion reporting that the general contractor for Hudson Headwaters has walked off the job. Supervisor Geraghty said it was not just this job but several municipal jobs in the area; the project was bonded so there

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are no real concerns other than it does slow the project down. Supervisor Geraghty said they expect to see another general contractor on the job within two weeks.

DISCUSSION - REQUESTS FOR GRANT

Councilperson Baker-Marcella opened discussion asking that Teresa Whalen have privilege of the floor for discussion with the Town Board regarding a grant application, and, said that she has a grant deadline.

Teresa Whalen- spoke to the Town Board requesting a resolution be passed in support of the pursuit of a grant funding for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Senior Center, the Miles Thomas House and a request to have a workshop meeting in March.

It was explained to Ms. Whalen that the Town is currently involved in so many different projects for numerous grants that the recommendation is to table the application at this time. Supervisor Geraghty said to receive a packet of information at 1:00 o' clock in the afternoon the day of the Board meeting and not have any time to study it is not the way he wished to do business. Supervisor Geraghty said if they are going to apply for money it is going to be done through the Town, he would like to have the Town Board delay this application for a year.

Councilperson Alexander asked Ms. Whalen who would pay for the match for this grant, the \$500.00. Ms. Whalen said that they have the \$500.00; they are not asking the Town for any money.

Councilperson Rounds asked Ms. Whalen if by applying for this grant the Town Board would be tying their hands for later on if they decided to put the property back on the tax roles. Ms. Whalen said not at all, this was just a conditions assessment.

Councilperson Reed asked Ms. Whalen if the Town gets a report this year and nothing can be done with the building for a year, would another report be required at that time.

Ms. Whalen said if the grant was approved in March of this year then the work would need to be done by the end of the year; we would not even have the report until the end of the year.

Discussion ensued. Supervisor Geraghty asked if the Board wished to bring the discussion to the floor.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked who the feasibility study would belong to.

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Ms. Whalen said it would belong to the Town.

Supervisor Geraghty called for an end for discussion and called the question, and, asked if someone wished to make a motion.

The Town Attorney cautioned the Town Board that if they were going to make a motion to be very specific about what they were moving, the form resolution that they were given tonight did not match what was just described in the presentation.

Ms. Whalen asked in what way.

Attorney Radner told Ms. Whalen in huge ways, that the resolution said nothing about a feasibility study and who is paying the matching grants, the resolution has to say what she is saying.

No motion was made.

AUDIT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

The Town Board conducted the audit of the following Town Officials books: Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Town Justice.

RESOLUTION #58-14

AUDIT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, Pursuant to Town Law Section 123 the criminal and civil dockets of the Town Justice for 2013 having been duly examined and the fines and fees turned over to the proper officials, with the monthly cash summary being viewed, and, that the records of the Town Clerk for 2013 having been duly examined and found all fees have been turned over to the proper officials with the monthly cash summary being viewed, and the records for the Supervisor for 2013 have been duly examined with all monies disbursed properly this town board finds that all town officers books are in order for the year 2013.

On motion of Councilperson Rounds, seconded by Supervisor Geraghty, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk