

SPECIAL MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, DECEMBER 16, 2015

A special meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin B. Geraghty
	Councilperson	Linda Baker- Marcella
	Councilperson	Bryan Rounds

ABSENT:	Councilperson	John Alexander
	Councilperson	Joyce Reed

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Steve Emerson, Warrensburg EMS and several town residents.

PUBLIC HEARING-2016 WARRENSBURG EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTRACT

Supervisor Geraghty declared the public hearing open at 4:00 p.m. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Glens Falls Post Star on December 9, 2015, and posted on the Town Clerk bulletin board on the same date. The Notice of Public Hearing was read into the record.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella- asked several questions from Steve Emerson including how he came about his proposed 2016 Budget, and how his increased costs were being addressed in the new budget.

No one else wished to comment.

**RESOLUTION #181-15
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

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

AYES 3 Geraghty, Baker-Marcella, Rounds

NAYS 0

ABSENT 2 Alexander, Reed

IT IS RESOLVED, to close the public hearing on the Warrensburg Emergency Medical Services, Inc. contract at 4:05 p.m.

Town Board Special Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Town Board members present were Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Baker-Marcella, Councilperson Reed, and Councilperson Rounds. Councilperson Alexander was absent.

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RESOLUTION #182-15

APPROVE WARRENSBURG EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 2016.

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

AYES 4 Geraghty, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Alexander

RESOLVED, to approve the Warrensburg Emergency Services Contract for the year for 2016 for \$55,000.00.

RESOLUTION #183-15

APPROVE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

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

AYES 4 Geraghty, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to approve the 2016 Senior Transportation Agreement between the Town of Warrensburg and Warren Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency (CAA) for the year 2016 for 24 possible trips for \$5,040.00.

RESOLUTION #184-15

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF WARRENSBURG FOR THE EMERGENCY TOWER ON MAGGIES ROAD.

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

AYES 4 Geraghty, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #185-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR TOWN ATTORNEY

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

AYES 4 Geraghty, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize a contract between Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC for provision of legal services to the Town of Warrensburg for the same contract amount of \$2,166.67 per month as in 2015.

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RESOLUTION #186-15

APPROVE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

AYES 4 Geraghty, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to approve a shared services agreement for emergency assistance with New York State Department of Transportation.

DISCUSSION - 2016 GOALS

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion on the Town Board goals for 2016.

Supervisor Geraghty listed and discussed his goals as follows:

- 1) To listen to citizens concerns and provide answers.**
- 2) To improve team efficiency and set realistic goals for the Water-Sewer-Recreation Departments.**
- 3) To fill vacant store fronts with at least two new businesses.**
- 4) To establish one more new well for the Town.**
- 5) Finish the restoration of the Floyd Bennett Memorial Bandstand.**
- 6) Continue with a sidewalk replacement plan of at least 1500 feet a year.**
- 7) Start the dredging project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**
- 8) Install one more sand filter at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**
- 9) Rebuild the sewer pump stations.**
- 10) Install a sewer line from Countryside Adult Home to Main Street (Grant project)**
- 11) Start work on the Paper Mill Park at the old Board and Paper Mill (First Wilderness Grant).**
- 12) Make the upgrades to the Farmers Market Park (First Wilderness Grant).**
- 13) Make upgrades to the Veterans Park (First Wilderness Grant).**
- 14) Make a Capital Equipment Improvement Plan for Highway Equipment.**
- 15) Improve the General Fund balance by \$100,000.00.**

Councilperson Alexander had previously submitted his goals by email to Supervisor Geraghty, which included the following goals:

- 1) to complete work at the sewer plant-sand filters, dredging lagoons, etc.**
- 2) County Home sewer hookup.**
- 3) Complete the Bandstand project with either keeping the roadway between the Bandstand and Browns Shoe Store or looking to make it a grassy knoll.**
- 4) Continue exploring the possibility of a new well.**
- 5) LED Street light initiative.**
- 6) White space possibilities.**
- 7) Move forward with the Paper Mill Park.**
- 8) Explore the possibility of a Dog Park.**

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Further discussion ensued on these topics. Supervisor Geraghty asked the Town Board what their opinion was about taking up the road way at the bandstand. Supervisor Geraghty said he felt the roadway needs to be left there, if the Town has band concerts the performers should be able to park and unload their vehicles there. Supervisor Geraghty said someone brought up a question about the tree that is there; he does not think the tree that is there now was originally part of the bandstand and it kind of blocks the view of the bandstand, he has been asked on numerous occasions if the Town wants to take that tree down. Supervisor Geraghty said his thought is it would open up the Bandstand more; it is not part of the original bandstand. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not want to do anything there without Town Board approval, it will make a difference.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she would like to take a look at it. Supervisor Geraghty told her to email him her thoughts.

Councilperson Reed said it would increase the area of the grassy knoll too, if they are going to leave the parking.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if it was determined who owned the little street there and why the Town was thinking of closing it or doing something with it, Supervisor Geraghty explained the Town does own it and it had been part of the plan to increase the green space.

Councilperson Rounds suggested the Town put in paver bricks for the roadway.

Supervisor Geraghty asked the Town Board to let him know about the tree.

Councilperson Reed said that some of her goals were that the Highway Department needs a pole barn for equipment storage, and that she would like to see the Town have a Community Development Board , to plan events. Councilperson Reed said she felt that for so many years the focus has just been on the Garage Sale that we are loosing out on some of the other stuff like the other towns do. Councilperson Reed said to possibly do a Cabin Fever Chili cook off where our restaurants became involved and to get the youth involved. Councilperson Reed said they could let some of the classes compete and then in the summer time she would like to see either a blues or a jazz festival, at the Rec. Field where they could have the school band play and have it from Friday night to Sunday. Councilperson Reed said she would like to see a Committee where they would have somebody from the school, a couple of Board members and the Economic Development Committee all get together.

Supervisor Geraghty suggested they also work with the Chamber of Commerce.

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Councilperson Baker-Marcella said they have an events committee and they would love to have people sit on the committee. Councilperson Baker-Marcella expressed concern over the amount of time and energy that goes into planning an event.

Discussion ensued on event planning and the different groups and people involved.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked Councilperson Reed if she would be willing to sit on a committee with the Chamber, and, told her they would love to have her, especially if she has a connection with the kids. Councilperson Reed said she would.

Councilperson Reed said her other two goals would be the Water and the Sewer.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she did not have any specific goals, that was maybe not clear to her, she never has any idea of how her peers here seem to feel about things, that they seem to have a real brief subject, a resolution and a vote as opposed to feeling and sharing and so on and that was what she was hoping for was to kind of hear how they feel about different things. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she had a couple of questions and asked about time frame for the Sewer.

Discussion ensued on the time line for a sewer district, how they can do it all with out of district sewer contracts with the Horicon Avenue Sewer line.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked questions about the goals on Supervisor 's goal list.

Supervisor Geraghty said that he wanted to help the Highway Superintendent on a plan where every five years he can rotate his stuff, he needs the Town Board's help. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town has a capital project fund, if the Town ends up over and above a transfer can be made into the Capital project fund. Supervisor Geraghty said he has the Highway Superintendent's partial list and it is time they addressed, a sidewalk machine to plow is \$100,000.00 and it is time they started to think about that, we are going to have to buy one. Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if that was under the Highway budget and said she had asked him if his budget took care of all of the things he thought he needed to buy, apparently it does not.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she had a question about the Landfill, to see if there was anything the Town Board wanted to do there. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said some of the other communities use colored bags so there is no weighing or what ever and that is all there is to it. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she had not done anything because she wanted to talk to the Board first. Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if there was anything the Town Board wanted to see at the Landfill.

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Councilperson Rounds talked about brush at the landfill , the way it is handled now, and the way other municipalities handle their brush. Councilperson Rounds said other municipalities have a big company that comes in with a tub grinder that they pay for, it turns into mulch and then these other municipalities have a first come first serve basis for people to take the mulch and use it on their properties. Councilperson Rounds said it would be a win-win for Warrensburg and a good use of tax payers money, and, he feels that is something the Town should do.

Discussion ensued on making mulch at the Landfill.

Councilperson Rounds said his goals were duplicate of the rest of the Town Board other than the sign ordinance, that is something the Town Board needs to address, and some Zoning issues that are going on. Councilperson Rounds said he worked on the last go around with Zoning and they were trying to make the document fit Warrensburg, they had said it would be a living, breathing document, it does not have to be steadfast. Councilperson Rounds said that is not the case with the office out there, if it is not black and white he puts a road block on it so somehow it has to be parlayed that the Town Board is here to address each thing on an individual basis.

Discussion ensued on current Zoning issues.

Supervisor Geraghty said that the changes to the Zoning would have to come from the Town Board, he is 100 percent with Councilperson Rounds on this, they need to have a workshop, adjust the plan and they just need to make the changes, it is up to them to dictate and make the changes.

Discussion ensued on the recommendations that will be coming from the Zoning Officer.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella discussed funding and obtaining funding for homes in Warrensburg. Supervisor Geraghty suggested they have a workshop with the County and look for Community Development money and really focus on Warrensburg.

Councilperson Rounds discussed the Senior Citizen Building, known as the Miles Thomas House and looking for a solution for that building. Councilperson Rounds suggested they put the building out there and have someone commit funding to the project, the Town could even give a tax abatement. Councilperson Rounds said he would love to see this back on the tax rolls but that is just not going to happen.

Discussion ensued on the Senior Citizens Building.

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Supervisor Geraghty discussed the Town's vacant land and asked when would be a good time to try to sell it again. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said in the Spring, March. Supervisor Geraghty said it is six hundred and some acres, it has been logged and it has been broken into lots up there.

Discussion ensued on who might buy the property and the property locations.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella discussed Broadband with the rest of the Town Board. It was suggested the Town Board have a meeting with Time Warner Cable to see what can be done.

Other matters discussed for goals were the EMS, town crew efficiency, some part time help for the summer, adding more Christmas decorations, different methods of collecting landfill fees and increasing the costs of landfill fees.

On motion of Councilperson Rounds, seconded by Councilperson Reed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk