

SPECIAL MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, OCTOBER 26, 2016

A special meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin B. Geraghty
	Councilperson	Linda Baker-Marcella
	Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
	Councilperson	John Alexander
	Councilperson	Joyce Reed

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Geraghty opened the public hearing on the 2017 budget at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the only change he had made to the Preliminary Budget was to take the control of dogs and put it all into contractual and eliminated the code for equipment and for personal service. Councilperson Reed asked if the change was about the same, Supervisor Geraghty said he put \$1,005.00 in there, that is what they had, he will do it for \$9,000.00, there is \$100.00 if he has to come out on special calls. Supervisor Geraghty said that way the Town has a uniformed dog officer coming out. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board he had put in their message this was subject to Bob's review, it is a simple contract that he will send to Bob before he signs it. Councilperson Baker asked what town's they do. Supervisor Geraghty said they do Luzerne. Councilperson Baker asked where they come from and Supervisor Geraghty said Queensbury; they do Lake George. Councilperson Reed said she thinks there is a guy who works for him that lives right there in Luzerne. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the problem is the County contract with SPCA does not cover dogs. Supervisor Geraghty said the person does a lot of work on cats, right here in Town, cats on South Street. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said the hours listed are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and asked what happens at night. Supervisor Geraghty said he would be called to come out.

Town Clerk Combs asked if he would be signing the tickets for unlicensed dogs and enforce our dog licensing and dog bite policy paperwork. Supervisor Geraghty said he would have Bob read the contract over.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella said this twenty-four-hour hot line does not mean they will come out; it means they answer the calls. Supervisor Geraghty told Councilperson Baker-Marcella if the Town has a contact with them they will come out.

Supervisor Geraghty asked if there were any items about the Budget and said they would move forward and leave the hearing open for a few minutes.

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RESOLUTION #138-16

APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES FOR 2017

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

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

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to approve the following Health Insurance Polices for 2017: Blue Shield of Northeastern New York 2016 POS Gold Standard Plan for regular employees effective 12/01/2016 and Humana LPPO Plan for Retires-Medicare eligible effective 01/01/2017 and to continue with Delta Dental Insurance Plan.

DISCUSSION - HEALTH INSURANCE

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked Supervisor Geraghty to explain what he went over with the employees at the meeting he had with them and asked if this was a better plan. Supervisor Geraghty said it is less cost to the employees, the plan is equal to the old plan and has less co-pay. Supervisor Geraghty said we are going to self insure the first \$600.00 of the co-pays on each of the employee so up to the first \$600.00 will be funded by the Town. Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if this was done before and Supervisor Geraghty said on certain co-pays, when you went in the hospital they would pay for that. Supervisor Geraghty said there are a lot of people who do not use the Health Insurance, they tried to get a higher deductible plan but they could not find something that matched up, many of the employees do not use the plan. Supervisor Geraghty said many towns are switching to this, it will be the same deal, CDPHP wanted a thirteen percent increase.

RESOLUTION #139-16

CONTRACT WITH SPCA FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

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

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

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Warren County SPCA effective January 1, 2017 at a base price of \$9,000.00 after review by the Town Attorney.

DISCUSSION - WATER ACCOUNT W0555 - CRAIG NICHOLSON

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board Mr. Nicholson had high usage, which he was notified of on several occasions, a letter was sent on April 4th, 2016 and he neglected to heed the letter, he had broken pipes. Supervisor Geraghty said on June 30th he used 992 thousand gallons of water and a letter was sent on July 8th, then he came in and started talking to the Town about a reduction in cost. Supervisor Geraghty said he never got back to Mr. Nicholson because he

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got busy, Mr. Nicholson fixed his leaks on the 18th of July and his usage was back down in September. Supervisor Geraghty said what he had done with the bill was to forgive some of the penalty and made him pay the high usage charge; he pays for all of the usage and out of \$8900.00 Supervisor Geraghty is asking that Mr. Nicholson pay \$7,342.27, he must come in tomorrow and write the check. Supervisor Geraghty said it is a fair deal.

**RESOLUTION #140-16
AMEND WATER BILL**

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

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to amend the water bill of Craig Nicholson, Account #W0555 from \$8,952.93 to \$7,342.27.

**RESOLUTION #141-16
APPOINT PART TIME PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

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

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Patti Corlew to the position of part time Planning and Zoning Administrator.

DISCUSSION - APPOINT PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board that Patti has been doing all of the work, she is well qualified for the job. Supervisor Geraghty said Jim Hull will continue to do the Code Enforcement.

Discussion ensued on Civil Service requirements and the fact that Patti will continue to do all of the clerical work so the town does not have to hire anyone else.

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board that he and John had interviewed Patti and talked to her about the position and they covered all of the bases. Supervisor Geraghty said they might have to find someone in the building to cover the meeting the night of the meeting because she will be acting as administrator. Supervisor Geraghty said he is very comfortable with this appointment. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she feels Patti works very hard and that is absolutely the type of person the Town wants.

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RESOLUTION #142-16

ADOPT 2017 TOWN BUDGET

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

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

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to adopt the 2017 Town of Warrensburg Budget.

On motion of Councilperson Rounds, seconded by Councilperson Baker-Marcella, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk