

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
(2) PUBLIC HEARINGS
JANUARY 11, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
at Albert Emerson Town Hall**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA YOUTUBE INTERNET BROADCAST AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE YOUTUBE LINK CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
Councilperson	John Alexander
Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
Councilperson	Richard Larkin

OTHERS PRESENT: Pamela Lloyd, Town Clerk; Dani Oliver, Supervisors Secretary; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Tracy Benoit, Water/Sewer/Parks & Recs Manager; Joyce Reed, Water/Sewer Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Laura Moore, Museum; Teresa Whalen, Beautification; and **Several Public Attendees, Sign in sheet available for review at the Town Clerks office.**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Geraghty at 7:00 p.m. and Salute to the Flag.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Geraghty opened the Public Hearing to Approve or Disapprove Round 7 Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Norabelle Greenberger (Labella) - Explained that New York State opened up their Seventh Round of the Restore program that is run by Empire State Development and the programs intended to fund demolition, rehabilitation, and reconstruction projects to simulate Economic Development. Labella had spoken with the Supervisor and identified a couple of projects on outreach to property owners in consultation with the EDC and submitted two letters of intent to Empire State Development in the fall to get feedback on whether either project was eligible. They determined that both projects were eligible and town board made the decision to move forward with pursuing an application for demolition of the DPW Garage on King St, therefore the reason for this public hearing. The funding program will fund up to 90 percent project costs, this is a reimbursement program so the town is expected to pay the cost up front.

Jennifer Merry-Bierman – Asking what the demolition and cleanup involves and if there is any environmental concerns that need to be addressed.

John Alexander, Bryan Rounds, and Kevin Geraghty responded - that there was an engineered environmental study and testing already done by Labella to check for hazardous material and there was no contamination found. It would be a simple tear down and they might want to salvage some of the stone block that is there from the bldg. Town has had discussion of possible Senior Housing for that location.

Brenda Monroe - Asked what the 2nd Project was?

Kevin Geraghty responded – It was 7 Hudson Street.

The complete discussion can be viewed on the YouTube link found on the Town Website.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Geraghty declared Public Hearing Closed at 7:10 PM.

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OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Geraghty opened the Public Hearing to Approve or Disapprove 2023 Warrensburg EMS contract.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Linda Marcella – Asked what the EMS financing and budget will be?

Kevin Geraghty responded – there total budget is 1 million dollars they get money from insurance billing, surrounding towns, and now from the tax district which will be \$345,000. There is also a contract with Warrensburg EMS and the town.

The complete discussion can be viewed on the YouTube link found on the Town Website.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Geraghty declared Public Hearing Closed at 7:10 PM.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2022

RESOLUTION #31-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on December 14, 2022.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

NAYS: None

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

The Town Officials reports were received and read by the following: Town Clerk – Pamela Lloyd; Supervisor – Kevin Geraghty; Assessor, Justice, - John Alexander; Dog Report – No Report; Planning Department - Bryan Rounds; Code Enforcement Officer – Keven Geraghty.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

The Committee Reports were received and read by the following: Beautification – Teresa Whalen; Highway – Bryan Rounds; Economic Development – Richard Larkin; Landfill – John Alexander; Lighting – No Report; Historian – Sandi Parisi; Museum – Laura Moore; Parks/Recreation, Sewer/Water – John Alexander; Youth – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

Donation from Sarah Farrar for Christmas decorations

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR THE ROUND 7 RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION #32-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHEREAS, the Empire State Development Corporation is requesting funding proposals for the seventh round of the Restore NY Municipal Grant program; and

WHEREAS, grant funds are available for projects to demolish/deconstruct and/or rehabilitate/reconstruct vacant, abandoned, surplus and/or condemned residential, commercial and/or mixed-use buildings; and

WHEREAS, an important goal of Restore NY is to revitalize urban centers, rural areas, and disadvantaged communities. It is anticipated that upon completion, the projects funded by Restore NY grants will attract individuals, families, and industry and commercial enterprises to the municipality. It is further anticipated that the improved community and business climate will result in an increased tax base thereby improving municipal finances and the wherewithal to further grow the municipality's tax and resource base, lessening its dependence on state aid; and

WHEREAS, Towns with populations less than 40,000 can apply for up to \$2,000,000 in grant funding;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Town of Warrensburg Board of Trustees that it hereby authorizes submission of a Restore NY grant application for the King Street Garage Demolition project and to act in connect with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such information as may be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that project meets the following objectives:

- (1) The project implements an overall strategy for revitalization supported by the Warrensburg Comprehensive Plan.
- (2) The project costs will be financed by Short Term Loan or Fund Balance.
- (3) The project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources.
- (4) The project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities where applicable.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON JANUARY 11, 2023, WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 4 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2023

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR KING STREET GARAGE DEMOLITION

RESOLUTION #33-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg Board of Trustees (“Town Board”) is requesting funding from the New York State Empire State Development Corporation through the seventh round of the Restore NY Municipal Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the project requires that the Town Board meet applicable requirements for the project under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, the Project is an Unlisted Action pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Part 617, known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act (collectively, the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg has completed a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the Project in compliance the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed Part 1 and Part 2 of the EAF; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered all reasonably related long-term, short-term, and cumulative environmental effects associated with the proposed action including other simultaneous or subsequent actions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has compared the proposed action with the Criteria for Determining Significance in 6 NYCRR 617.7 and determined that no significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed action have been identified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, through a review of the Environmental Assessment Form and consideration of the criteria in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), the Town Board concludes the action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a corresponding Negative Declaration will be made, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration and that the Supervisor of the Town of Warrensburg is hereby authorized to execute the Determination of Non-Significance.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON JANUARY 11, 2023, WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

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REQUEST TO APPROVE 2023 WARRENSBURG EMS CONTRACT

RESOLUTION #34-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to approve the 2023 Warrensburg EMS Contract

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the 2023 Warrensburg EMS Contract.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO AMEND RESOLUTION #118-2021 TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF WESTERN STAR 4700SF SINGLE AXLE PLOW TRUCK

RESOLUTION #35-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg received request to amend Resolution #118-2021 to increase the purchase price of Western Star 4700SF Single Axle Plow Truck for the Highway Department. The truck cost is now \$232,195.20, an increase of \$16,493.30 and the truck model year will now be a 2024 instead of a 2023.

WHEREAS, this purchase will require a bond Resolution in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to amend Resolution #118-2021 to the increased purchase price of \$232,195.20 and the model year to a 2024 for the purchase a 2024 Western Star 4700SF Single Axle Plow Truck for the Highway Dept. by County Contract bid price.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 2023 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:

AYES: 4 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

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REQUEST TO DECLARE 11 FT TENCO PLOW AND WING, 11 FT VIKING ONE-WAY PLOW AND 2007 SALSCO CHIPPER AS SURPLUS BY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLUTION #36-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, a request to the Warrensburg Town Board from the Highway Superintendent to declare 11 Ft. Tenco Plow and Wing, 11 Ft. Viking One-Way Plow, and 2007 Salsco Chipper as surplus to sell on GOV Deals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request from the Highway Superintendent to declare as surplus the 11 Ft. Tenco Plow and Wing, 11 Ft. Viking One-Way Plow, and 2007 Salsco Chipper to sell on GOV Deals.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 2023 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO TRANSFER FROM HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE TO HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT ACCT. FOR PURCHASE OF NEW CHIPPER

RESOLUTION #37-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg received request to transfer \$92,388.88 from the Highway Capital Reserve Acct. to the Highway Equipment Acct. to pay for one (1) new Chipper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to transfer \$92,388.88 to the Highway Equipment Acct. for the purchase of one (1) new Chipper.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 2023 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

Discussion on Assembly Bill No. A10155A which was signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul which would allow a property tax exemption up to 10% to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

DISSCUSSION: Kevin Geraghty explained how this Tax exemption will work. Potentially it will have to go through each tax jurisdiction and will be on the docket at the county and then comes to the town, then the Fire District, and then the School Districts and it would allow up to 10% exemption off the volunteer's property assessed value, there is a few criteria that they would have to meet first.

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The 2022 Occupancy Tax Report has been filed with Warren County. \$42,653.73 in Occupancy Tax funds were awarded this year.

APPROVE THE JUSTICE COURT RECORDS AND DOCKETS FROM 2022

RESOLUTION #38-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg received a letter Pursuant to Uniform Justice Court Act 2019-a to examine and approve Justice Court Records and Dockets for 2022, in regards to Judge Mindy J. Fisk and Judge and Judge Kathleen Ferullo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved and acknowledge that the required examination was conducted for the Justice Court Records and Dockets for 2022, in regards to Judge Mindy J. Fisk and Judge Kathleen Ferullo.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

APPROVE TOWN BOOKKEEPER EXPENDITURES CASH RECEIPT / DISBURSEMENT RECORDS FOR 2022

RESOLUTION #39-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg received the 2022 Town Bookkeeper Expenditures Cash Receipt/Disbursement records book for review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved, and acknowledge the 2022 Expenditures Cash Receipt/Disbursement records book.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

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REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #1-2023

RESOLUTION #40-2023

ON MOTION OF: Councilperson John Alexander

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

NAYS: NONE

RESOLVED, to pay the warrants outlined on **Abstract #1-2023** in the following amounts:

WARRANTS:	Total Claims:	\$944,542.76
	General Fund	\$104,472.24
	Highway Fund	\$119,366.80
	Water Trans. Line	\$619,517.40
	Sewer Fund	\$36,748.39
	Water Fund	\$64,417.93

COMMENT from Supervisor Kevin Geraghty: Nice article in Capital Region Living Magazine “Why Warrensburg is More than a Wintertime Pit stop.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joyce Reed - 1st question - Stated she would like to ask the board a few questions to clarify some things. Are the board members paid to sit on the Town Board as elected officials? All Board members responded with Yes.

2nd question - She asked, in the past four (4) years has the budget increased for the councilperson’s pay? All Board members responded with Yes.

3rd question - Did you all personally vote on the councilperson’s pay increase on the Budget? All Board members responded with Yes.

Gary Cooper – Asked if Code Enforcement could take a look at 64 Lake Ave, it is getting to look like some of those un-kept places.

Linda Marcella – spoke about the meeting schedules of the comprehensive plan and the reports that she did not receive because she was not able to attend. Linda handed out a Warrensburg Community Profile Draft and then proceeded to read thru it and point out some of the study results and Town information that caught her interest.

PLEASE SEE COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS ON ALL COMMENTS ON THE YOUTUBE LINK LOCATED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE.

MEETING ADJOURN

On motion of Councilperson John Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk