

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Pamela Lloyd, Town Clerk; Dani Oliver, Supervisors Secretary; Brian Reichenbach, Town Attorney; Tracy Benoit, Water/Sewer/Parks & Recs Manager; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Jim Hull, Code Enforcement; 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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 28, 2022, JANUARY 3, 2023, AND JANUARY 11, 2023

RESOLUTION #41-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings held on December 28, 2022, January 3, 2023, and January 11, 2023.

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 – Jim Hull.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

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

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COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY AT 91 RIVER STREET

RESOLUTION #42-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Kevin Geraghty
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg received request to clean up property at 91 River Street. Code Enforcement has had communications with the owner and the Code violations still exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved request to clean up the property at 91 River Street and Relevy the cost of clean up to the 2024 property taxes.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023, WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WARRENBURG AND WARREN COUNTY UNION LOCAL 1046B AND COUNCIL 66

RESOLUTION #43-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg received request to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Warrensburg and Warren County Public Employees Union Local 1046b and Council 66. AFSCME AFL-CIO. The pay rate for the Highway workers covered under this agreement will increase \$1.25 per hour effective retroactivity to January 1, 2023 for remaining term of CBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Warrensburg and Warren County Public Employees Union Local 1046b and Council 66. AFSCME AFL-CIO.

DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

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RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023 TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM TOWN TAXES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

RESOLUTION #44-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board wishes to consider adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 to provide real property tax exemptions from Town taxes for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is authorized in accordance with New York Real Property Tax Law §466-a; and

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law §466-a requires the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of this Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Warrensburg Town Board shall meet and hold a Public Hearing at 3797 Main Street, Warrensburg, New York at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 to consider proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 and to hear all interested persons, and at that time may take any other actions authorized by law concerning proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Warrensburg Town Board authorizes and directs the Warrensburg Town Clerk to publish and post a Notice of Public Hearing concerning proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 in the manner provided by law.

DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

RFP FOR BIDS ON PREFORMING A REVALUATION ASSESSMENT OT THE TOWN

RESOLUTION #45-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Kevin Geraghty
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to allow the Assessor to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) to perform a Revaluation Assessment of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved to allow the Assessor to create an RFP on bids to perform a Revaluation Assessment of the Town of Warrensburg.

DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

Request for proposal on Legal Service to be submitted to the Town by March 8, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Geraghty stated that the RFQ was put together and advertised in the Post Star and any responses will be discussed at the April 2023 board meeting.

REQUEST TO SELL AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT A 2001 CATERPILLAR BACKHOE

RESOLUTION #46-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to sell as Surplus Equipment on Gov Deals, (1) 2001 Caterpillar Backhoe that was used at the Landfill and Water/Sewer Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved to sell as Surplus Equipment on Gov Deals (1) 2001 Caterpillar Backhoe.

DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

Deputy Supervisor John Alexander may have some updated information on the LED Street Light project.

DISCUSSION: John Stated that a year ago we had talked about replacing the street lighting with LED which is more efficient fixtures that the town would own. He spoke to Casey Mastro and they have completed a 90 percent design phase and the other 10 percent we need to make sure we are happy with the numbers before the town moves forward. From the summary supplied there is \$27,000 a year in energy savings and about \$45,900 in fixture savings. The town was also considering a Bond Note to get started. Kevin and John will be talking with Casey Mastro with the Power Authority again to go over more of the cost and figures.

Supervisor Geraghty – Stated that the only way he would agree to do this is if they can prove to me that it's going to reduce the lighting District Tax and he is not convinced of that yet.

Susan Matzner, Dave Matzner, Teresa Whalen, and Manu Davidson – Asked questions of the Town Board. **ALL COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS AND COMMENTS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE YOUTUBE LINK LOCATED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE.**

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APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – (1)

RESOLUTION #47-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to approve the Budget Modifications as follows:

**Budget Modifications
February 8, 2023**

GENERAL FUND

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| A599 | Appropriated Fund Balance | \$ 6,000.00 | |
| A7450.400 | Museum Contractual | | \$ 6,000.00 |
| | 2022 Rent for the Museum | | |

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approves the Budget Modifications

DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS – (3)

RESOLUTION #48-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to approve the Budget Transfers:

**Budget Transfers
February 8, 2023**

GENERAL FUND

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| A9060.800 | Employee Benefits - Medical | \$ 108.17 | |
| A9055.800 | Employee Benefits - Disability | | \$ 108.17 |
| | Trfr to cover disability expenditure | | |

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HIGHWAY FUND

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| DA9060.800 | Employee Benefits - Medical | \$ | 3.47 | |
| DA9055.800 | Employee Benefits - Disability | | | \$ 3.47 |
| | Trfr to cover disability expenditure | | | |

WATER DISTRICT

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|------------|--------------------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| SW9060.800 | Employee Benefits - Medical | \$ | 26.24 | |
| SW9055.800 | Employee Benefits - Disability | | | \$ 26.24 |
| | Trfr to cover disability expenditure | | | |

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approves the Budget Transfers.

DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #2-2023

RESOLUTION #49-2023

ON MOTION OF: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

NAYS: NONE

RESOLVED, to pay the warrants outlined on **Abstract #2-2023** in the following amounts:

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| WARRANTS: | Total Claims: | \$94,536.86 |
| | General Fund | \$29,711.14 |
| | Cemetery Fund | \$1,234.25 |
| | Highway Fund | \$27,711.72 |
| | Lighting District | \$10,401.02 |
| | Sewer District | \$7,905.80 |
| | Water District | \$10,941.18 |
| | Water Trans. Line | \$6,631.75 |

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COMMENTS: NONE

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 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk