

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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: Supervisor Kevin Geraghty
Councilperson John Alexander
Councilperson Bryan Rounds
Councilperson Richard Larkin

OTHERS PRESENT: Pamela Lloyd, Town Clerk; Dani Oliver, Supervisors Secretary; Jackie White, Town Attorney; Tracy Benoit, Water/Sewer/Parks & Recs Manager; 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.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Deputy Supervisor John Alexander opened the Public Hearing on a Proposed Local Law on Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance workers.

Supervisor Kevin Geraghty has Recused himself from the Public Hearing due to him being on the Warrensburg Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Hull – Stated that he was in favor of the Local Law and that it has a lot of stipulations and should be read carefully.

Richard Larkin – Stated that it is a good public gesture for future Volunteers to take advantage of.

The complete discussion can be viewed on the YouTube link found on the town website.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Deputy Supervisor John Alexander declared Public Hearing Closed at 7:10 PM.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023
A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FROM TOWN TAXES
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO
SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

RESOLUTION #50-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Supervisor Richard Larkin

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

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

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §466-a requires the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of this Local Law, and the Town Board duly held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 8th 2023 concerning proposed Local Law No.: **1 of 2023** and heard all interested persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Warrensburg Town Board hereby adopts 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, and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that such Local Law to authorize these real property tax exemptions shall take effect upon filing the Local Law with the Secretary of State.

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to file the Local Law with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and

BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and/or Town Counsel to execute any required documents and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

AYES: Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

ABSTAIN: Supervisor Geraghty Councilperson

APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023

RESOLUTION #51-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings held on February 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

NAYS: None

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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 – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO APPOINT LOGAN MCKINNEY TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

RESOLUTION #52-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to Appoint Logan McKinney to the Zoning Board Appeals for a (5) Five-year term to end December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved Logan McKinney as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term to end December 31, 2027.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED MARCH 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST FOR OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FROM WARRENSBURG BIKE RALLY, LLC

RESOLUTION #53-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board received a request to approve Occupancy Tax Funds to the Warrensburg Bike Rally, LLC in the amount of \$2,839.00 for advertising expenses for the Warrensburg Bike Week event held on June 3, thru June 12, 2022 at the Warren County Fair Ground.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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RESOLVED, that the Warrensburg Town Board hereby approved the request for Occupancy Tax from Warrensburg Bike Rally, LLC for the June 2022 Bike Week event in the amount of \$2,839.00 for advertising expenses.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED MARCH 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LANGUAGE LINE PHONE FOR TOWN COURT

RESOLUTION #54-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg received a request to enter into an agreement to purchase Language Line Phone for the Town Court to provide qualified trained interpreters for Phone interpreting. Purchase would be through New York State contract pricing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request from the Town Court to purchase Language Line Phone for interpreting at the New York State Contract pricing.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED MARCH 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MAXWELL APPRAISAL SERVICE

RESOLUTION #55-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to enter into a Contract with Maxwell Appraisal Service to perform the Revaluation Assessment of the town with a 10% discount for services bring the bid price to \$101,700.00 with 5% payment due at signing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved to enter into a Contract with Maxwell Appraisal Services to complete the Revaluation Assessment of the Town of Warrensburg.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED MARCH 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

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Discussion on a Local Law Providing that No Exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 487 be Applicable within the Jurisdiction of the Town of Warrensburg with respect to any Solar or Wind Energy System or Farm Waste Energy System.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Geraghty stated he would like the town Attorney to review this Local Law and let the town know what needs to be done to Not be in favor of the No exemptions under this Real Property Law Section 487 and discussion will continue at the April 12th meeting.

Discussion on Warren Tannery Park & Heritage Trail Proposal.

DISCUSSION: Teresa Whalen state that last month the committee came to the town board to request that they could use the existing grass Trail as the Trail to the proposed park and also requested to have someone who is insured & licensed to cut down some trees to have more view of the river. She stated that in the 90’s there were grants that were applied for to have 7 Pocket Parks along the river. After review from the State the grants were not approved for funding. In 2002 Warren County Planning resubmitted the grant and were approved funding for 4(four) of the parks.

Teresa Whalen’s complete discussion can be heard on the YouTube link found on the town website.

Paul Gilcrest spoke about the deeds for this property in question for this park.

Supervisor Kevin Geraghty stated the APA and DEC need to be contacted and supply the town with a letter of approval on what can be done along the river. Kevin, also requested that the town Attorney review the proposal first and if this is going to involve more work for the Parks and Rec Dept. this needs to be reviewed and discussed as well.

Jim Hull stated that when they did this Hamlet expansion they put a lot of hours into that work and what the APA tells in front of you may completely change when you send in the application and when they have their enforcement Authority review the area.

REQUEST TO ACCEPT LOWEST RFQ FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWN

RESOLUTION #56-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to accept the lowest RFQ Bid for Legal Services from Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg Agreed to continue Town Legal Services with Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC, as they provided the lowest RFQ bid for Legal Services for the town.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED ON MARCH 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds

ABSTAIN: Councilperson Larkin

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APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – (1)

RESOLUTION #57-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

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

Budget Modifications

March 8, 2023

GENERAL FUND

A599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 25,000.00	
A8200.400	Planning - Contractual		\$ 25,000.00
	Comprehensive Plan Expenses		

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

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

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED MARCH 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 #3-2023

RESOLUTION #58-2023

ON MOTION OF: Councilperson Richard Larkin

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED MARCH 8, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

NAYS: NONE

RESOLVED, to pay the warrants outlined on **Abstract #3-2023** in the following amounts:

WARRANTS:	Total Claims:	\$244,635.44
	General Fund:	\$104,649.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$25.64
	Highway Fund	\$93,839.13
	Lighting District	\$9,268.73
	Sewer Fund	\$11,973.86
	Water Fund	\$12,890.88
	Capital Project – Side Walk	\$10,820.20
	Water Transmission Line	\$1,168.00

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COMMENTS:

Supervisor Geraghty – Someone asked about when the Assessment Revaluation was going to take place and effect the taxes? Supervisor Geraghty responded that it would possibly be in 2024, it will depend on if they get it done before the taxable status day which is always in March. Also there are 2 (Two) towns involved in the Revaluation, Warrensburg and Chestertown. They will hire temporary help to do data collection on every property and the Assessor has to approve each new value. The Revaluation is long overdue, the last one was done in 2008.

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