

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 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; Jim Hull, Code Enforcement; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; 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 Orson Thomas lead the Salute to the Flag.

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

RESOLUTION #59-2023

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 March 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED MARCH 12, 2023 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 – John Alexander; Lighting – No Report; Historian – Sandi Parisi; Museum – Kevin Geraghty; Parks/Recreation, Sewer/Water – John Alexander; Youth – Kevin Geraghty read report

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COMMUNICATIONS: Received a request from Abundant Solar Power, Inc. to locate solar panels on our closed landfill. Should we have a representative attend the next Town Board meeting for a presentation?

DISCUSSION: Kevin asked the board if they would like to have the gentleman from Abundant Solar Power come in and speak to us at the next board meeting? The board members all agreed with Kevin and he will ask Abundant Solar to come to May’s board meeting to have a discussion and answer questions.

Received information from NYSDOT about the replacement of the overpass at Exit 24 of the Northway.

DISCUSSION: Kevin stated that there will be some lane closures starting April 13, 2023 and are posted on signboard at exit 22 and exit 25.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION AGAINST PASSAGE OF CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION DESIGN BILL A04608

RESOLUTION #60-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, The Adirondack Park Agency Adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill, and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for, and

WHEREAS, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018 owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12 2018 also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished, and

WHEREAS, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9-million-acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided, and

WHEREAS, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations are not suitable for development, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years, and

WHEREAS, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values, and

WHEREAS, this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments, and

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WHEREAS, this proposed law could eliminate the potential for development on certain lands, which could be a “taking” without compensation, current law already protects and regulates these lands by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill places additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board does not approve of the proposed Bill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Warrensburg individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (A04608) be withdrawn, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Senator Stec, Senator Griffo, Senator Walcczyk, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Assemblyman Jones, Assemblyman Simpson, Assemblyman Smullen, Assemblyman Blankenbush, Adirondack Intercounty, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages, and the chairs of the Encon Committees, Senator Harckham, Assemblywoman Glick

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO APPROVE WAIVER OF 30 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE FOR LIQUOR LICENSE NAME CHANGE FOR TOMMY GUNS PIZZERIA

RESOLUTION #61-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg received a letter from Tommy Guns Pizzeria’s Attorney requesting the 30-Day Advance Notice to waive the waiting period for a Licensee Name change to Everythingisfine, LLC for their Liquor License.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to waive the 30 Day Advance Notice for the Liquor License for Everythingisfine, LLC d/b/a Tommy Guns Pizzeria and a letter confirming the approval will be supplied to their Attorney.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO AMEND THE PRICE LIST FOR THE CEMETERY

RESOLUTION #62-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg has requested to Amend the Price List for the Cemetery as listed below:

Cemetery Price Changes effective Jan 1, 2023

Sale of Graves- \$700.00----- 100.00 Increase

Sale of Urn Garden\$ 475.00-----100.00 Increase

Corner Markers \$300.00-----25.00 Increase

Winter Vault Owner (lot owner) \$50.00----- stays the same

Winter Vault Owner for (non-owner) \$100.00----- stays the same

Service Charges:

Interment-Adult \$700.00----- 100.00 increase

Interment- Child \$300.00-----100.00 Increase

Interment Cremation Remains \$350.00-----100.00 Increase

Saturday Overtime Charge \$250.00----- 100.00 Increase

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to Amend the Price List for the Cemetery.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

The Town Water Department will be canvassing the Town in the near future to determine the Material of Your Water Service Line. It is our belief that we may find a few old lead service lines in the Town and if you need help in determining what type of line you have you may contact the Town at 518-504-4114. You will be receiving more information in the mail from the Town.

DISCUSSION: Kevin stated this is an EPA initiative that the whole country has to go in and identify lead pipes that feed into your residence. There should not be many residences in the town of Warrensburg that this will pertain to, but if you have any questions please call the Water Dept.

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REQUEST TO NATIONAL GRID TO ADD A STREET LIGHT TO POLE #2 ON RICHARDS AVE

RESOLUTION #63-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg has a request to National Grid to add a Street Light to Pole #2 on Richards Avenue, this will be in the vicinity of the Municipal Parking Lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to National Grid to add a Street Light to Pole #2 on Richards Avenue.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO WARREN COUNTY DPW TO ADD NO PARKING SIGNS ON HUDSON STREET

RESOLUTION #64-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg received a request from home owner of 17 Hudson Street to add No Parking signs on the west side of Hudson Street from 7 Hudson Street to 23 Hudson Street.

WHEREAS, Hudson Street is a Warren County DPW maintained street, the Town Board of Warrensburg is forwarding this request to Warren County DPW for approval and placement of No Parking signs on the west side of Hudson Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to add No Parking signs to the west side of Hudson Street from 7 to 23 Hudson Street.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

Discussion on Warren Tannery Park & Heritage Trail Proposal. We received the approval to move ahead with the removal of certain tress per the APA.

DISCUSSION: Kevin stated that the town did have to get approval by APA and file a permit to remove some trees and Kevin received a letter back from APA approving the designated trees in that area that needed to be removed.

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REQUEST TO PURCHASE NEW PHONES FOR THE TOWN HALL FROM NORTHERN TELEPHONE

RESOLUTION #65-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to purchase new phones for the Town Hall from Northern Telephone Service for total cost of \$4,800 which includes labor and installation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to purchase new phones at a cost of \$4,800.00 from Northern Telephone Service and includes labor and installation.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO INCREASE LANDFILL FEES TO \$.15 PER POUND

RESOLUTION #66-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to Increase the Landfill fee from \$.10 cents per pound to \$.15 cents per pound starting May 1, 2023 to cover the losses at the Landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to Increase the Landfill fee to \$.15 cents per pound.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

We have 13 Band Concerts scheduled at the Recreation Field each Wednesday Night starting on June 21, 2023 and ending on September 13, 2023. A complete schedule will be posted soon.

DISCUSSION: Kevin stated that this is a very popular event for us and did well last year and Clair Bates will be the MC to introduce the Bands again for this year.

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REQUEST TO TRANSFER FROM WATER RESERVE TO WATER FUND FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

RESOLUTION #67-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Water Reserve Account to the Water Fund Account for general expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to transfer \$10,000.00 from Water Reserve Account to Water Fund Account to cover general expenses.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM WATER RESERVE TO WATER FUND FOR EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

RESOLUTION #68-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Water Reserve Account to the Water Fund Account for equipment expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to transfer \$20,000.00 from Water Reserve Account to Water Fund Account to cover equipment expenses.

DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – (2)

RESOLUTION #69-2023

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

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

**Budget Modifications
April 12, 2023**

HIGHWAY FUND

| | | | |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| DA2650 | Insurance Recovery | \$ 5,735.44 | |
| DA5130.400 | Machinery - Contractual | | \$ 5,735.44 |
| | Insurance Claim - Accident | | |

WATER FUND

| | | | |
|------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| SW511 | Appropriated Reserves | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| SW8320.200 | Source of Supply - Equipment | | \$ 20,000.00 |
| | To cover cost of new pump | | |

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

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

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS – (3)

RESOLUTION #70-2023

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 Transfers
April 12, 2023**

GENERAL FUND

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| A1990.400 | Special Items - Contingent | \$ 2,897.82 | |
| A1910.400 | Special Items - Unallocated Insurance | | \$ 2,897.82 |
| | To cover insurance Expenses | | |
| A1990.400 | Special Items - Contingent | \$ 6,500.00 | |
| A1680.200 | Data Processing - Equipment | | \$ 6,500.00 |
| | To cover cost of new server | | |

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|------------|--------------------------------|----|--------|-----------|
| SW8320.400 | Source of Supply – Contractual | \$ | 545.00 | |
| SW8320.200 | Source of Supply - Equipment | | | \$ 545.00 |
| | New computer of water dept. | | | |

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

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

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

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

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #4-2023

RESOLUTION #71-2023

ON MOTION OF: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

NAYS: NONE

RESOLVED, to pay the warrants outlined on **Abstract #4-2023** in the following amounts:

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|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| WARRANTS: | Total Claims: | \$92,540.28 |
| | General Fund | \$42,237.39 |
| | Cemetery Fund | \$1,612.30 |
| | Highway Fund | \$19,078.67 |
| | Sidewalk Project | \$1,966.12 |
| | Sewer Fund | \$12,711.27 |
| | Water Fund | \$6,645.24 |

COMMENTS:

Peggy Knowles – Asked about the yellow building/resident across from the Gas Station on main street by the traffic light. It is in bad shape and has been for a while. Has code enforcement been after them to do something about it? **Kevin** stated that there is a process they have to do to in order to get something done. That house is 1 of many that is on the list of residents to be notified.

Teresa Whalen - She complained about the lights at Warren Ford and how bright and blinding they are, and asked if there were any town codes about lighting? **Kevin** stated that he does not believe there is any town code on lighting but he will check with Planning & Zoning about it.

Clair Bates – She agrees with Teresa, they are very bright and shine into her windows. **Jim Hall** stated that someone from Katherine Street spoke to him and complained on how bright they are and Jim sent Warren Ford a letter and the person he spoke with at Warren Ford said they would lower the lights so they would not shine over that way so much and he has not heard back from person on Katherine Street. Jim also stated that they are not new lights they just replaced the LED bulbs in the lights.

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Richard Larkin – Spoke about the Town of Bolton having a “Dark Sky Compliant” code and as the town reevaluates the code section he would recommend that the team gives some consideration to that type of language.

Bryan Rounds – Stated that he reached out to Premier Pavement and they have completed phase one of the tennis courts and pickleball courts. He had asked them to take a look at the Utility strip/brick stamp in front of town hall to spruce that up as well.

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 7:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk