

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 10, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.
at Albert Emerson Town Hall**

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
Councilperson	John Alexander
Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
Councilperson	Robert Sutphin
Councilperson	Jerold Quintal II

OTHERS PRESENT: Pamela Lloyd, Town Clerk; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Tracy Benoit, Water/Sewer/Parks & Recs Manager; Joyce Reed, Water/Sewer Clerk; Jim Hull, Code Enforcement; Pete Bederian, Highway Superintendent; Several Highway Employee; 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 the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 12, 2024

RESOLUTION #78-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on June 12, 2024.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JULY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II
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, Landfill - John Alexander; Planning Department, Highway Superintendent - Bryan Rounds; Code Enforcement Officer – Jim Hull. **These reports will also be available to view on the Town of Warrensburg Website. (warrensburgny.us)**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

The Committee Reports were received and will be placed on the Town of Warrensburg Website (warrensburgny.us) and will no longer be read at the Town Board Meetings Per Supervisor Geraghty.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Received notice from the Town Attorney about action being taken against the property at 20 Ridge Avenue and defendant Joseph Delczeg.

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OLD BUSINESS:

We ask the people who reside in the Water District try to identify their water line, where it comes into your home, by taking a picture if possible. Please forward the picture to the Town and if you need help getting a picture please call the Town Sewer/Water clerk at 518-504-4114. EPA - Federal Government has mandated a service line inventory for every Town by October 2024.

Band Concerts are going very well at the Recreation Field each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Farmers Market Festivals seem to be drawing good crowds at the Pavilion also at the Recreation Field.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the communications from the Planning Board about a parcel of land located at 9 Browns Court. This parcel of land is land locked with deeded right of way but no Town Road entrance. There is also concerns about emergency vehicle access.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Geraghty stated that they had communications from the planning board about the property located at 9 Browns Court, an application for Open Development Area was submitted on a parcel that doesn't have a town road access and has an easement only. The board went there and took a look at it and the owner wants to build a residence on that property and the board has decided not to take any action on that property at this time. The board does not feel it is set up correctly mainly due to concerns about emergency vehicles access to that parcel .

Request received from the School District to use the Town's Recreation Facilities for the 2024-2025 school year. They are asking to use the Pavilion for any cross-country events. They also would like the rest rooms available. I have checked with the school for any Friday scheduling conflicts and there are none.

REQUEST TO ALLOW WARRENSBURG SCHOOL TO USE REC FIELD FACILITIES FOR EVENTS IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLUTION #79-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Robert Sutphin

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg received a request from Warrensburg Central School to use the Recreation Field Facilities for school events in the 2024-2025 school year. To include holding Soccer practice, cross country events, use of the Tennis courts and to keep the bathroom facilities open during the events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request for Warrensburg Central School to use the Recreation Field Facilities to include the bathrooms for the 2024-2025 school year events.

DULY ADOPTED ON JULY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

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REQUEST FROM WARRENSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE TOWN PROPERTIES FOR 2024 WORLDS LARGEST GARAGE SALE

RESOLUTION #80-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Joq Quintal II

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Robert Sutphin

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg received a request from the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce to use Town Properties for the World’s Largest Garage Sale October 4, 2024 thru October 6, 2024. Properties are 3797 Main Street, Town Hall; and Richards Avenue Parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request from the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce to use Town Properties located at, 3797 Main Street (Town Hall), and Richards Avenue Parking lot for the World’s Largest Garage Sale October 4, 2024 thru October 6, 2024.

DULY ADOPTED JULY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

Petition received from concerned residents of Alden Avenue about road conditions and drainage concerns.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Geraghty stated they have given the petition to the Highway Department to address their concerns.

Warren County is applying for a Brownfield Opportunity Area Pre-Planning and Analysis Study funding through Department of State. I sent a letter of support to the County on the town’s behalf.

We have some recommendations for zoning and code changes and or additions. This will be making changes to our Local Laws, so we will have a Resolution for next month’s meeting to set a public hearing review and vote on the changes at our September Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Geraghty stated that they will try and put some of the changes on the Town website.

REQUEST TO INCREASE THE BOOKKEEPER SALARY

RESOLUTION #81-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to increase the Bookkeeper Salary by \$5,000.00, justified due to the realigning of some duties in the Town Offices. Funds are available in the town budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the increase of the Bookkeeper Salary by \$5,000.00.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JULY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

Joyce Reed has taken on the duties as the confidential Secretary to the Supervisor.

DISCUSSION: Per Supervisor Geraghty this is for informational purposes only because the Secretary is his employee. Joyce will also continue to be the Sewer and Water Clerk which will actually be a savings to the town.

APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – (2)

RESOLUTION #82-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Robert Sutphin

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Joq Quintal II

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

**Budget Modification
July 10, 2024**

GENERAL FUND

<u>GL Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A7110.400	Parks Contractual	\$ 25,000.00	
A1620.400	Building Contractual Richards Ave Wall		\$ 25,000.00
CM599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 20,000.00	
CM8810.400	Cemetery Contractual To cover operating expenses		\$ 20,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

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

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JULY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

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REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #7-2024

RESOLUTION #83-2024

ON MOTION OF: Councilperson John Alexander

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Robert Sutphin

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JULY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

RESOLVED, to pay the warrants outlined on **Abstract #7-2024** in the following amounts:

Resolution request to pay the bills on Warrant #7

WARRANTS:	Total Claims:	\$279,243.70
	General Fund:	\$51,565.24
	Cemetery Fund:	\$10,848.09
	Highway Fund:	\$9,596.37
	Lighting District:	\$6,893.81
	Sewer Fund:	\$6,545.93
	Water Fund:	\$37,545.15
	Sidewalk Project	\$156,249.11

THE COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS AND COMMENTS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE YOUTUBE LINK LOCATED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE.

COMMENTS:

Richard Larkin - Stated that he didn't anticipate to see something on the agenda regarding some code modifications, when he spoke to the supervisor recently he was given the impression that they were going to discontinue any efforts to re-evaluate all the codes that are on the books. Mr. Larkin asked, was there a committee established to make the changes that you're referring to at the next meeting. **Supervisor Geraghty responded**, that he asked the planning and codes department to go through the codes and make the changes that they think would make their jobs easier to start. **Mr. Larkin responded**, that is a great start, but he suggests and believes that a committee should be established and he would like to be on the committee. **Supervisor Geraghty responded**, that Mr. Larkin can bring his suggestions in written form and submit them to the town board for consideration and when they get to the point of forming a committee the board will announce it and be taking applications probably in the Fall. **Supervisor Geraghty also stated** that these changes are particularly coming from our planning and zoning office. **Councilperson Rounds** stated that this is basically housekeeping things that they are seeing over and over that can be tidied up so that they can make decisions more quickly.

Nathan Daley – Asked if there was more information that can be shared about the 9 Browns Court property and what does it mean by the statement that the board is not taking action at this time?

Robert Hafner, Town Attorney Responded, that the town received an application for this property to be an Open Development Area and the reason why is because this parcel does not have town road frontage and is Landlocked and only has an easement with a right of way to access the property. There was a planning board meeting held in May and again in June and a report was supplied to the Town Board

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recommending that this parcel needs more review by the Town Attorney, Fire and Ems departments, Highway Superintendent, along with the Town Board due to the provisions of adequate access to the parcel. Mr. Hafner was told the Town Board along with the Fire Chief went and visited the property and determined that the access to the parcel was not sufficient for emergency vehicles to access the property, therefore the Town Board will not be approving a resolution for an open Development Area to build at this time. No Action Taken decision does not close the case for future applications if something was to change on this parcel or a different board or opinions in the future.

MEETING ADJOURN

On motion of Councilperson John Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk