

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 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; Joyce Reed, Water/Sewer Clerk; Jim Hull, Code Enforcement; Teresa Whalen, Beautification; Laura Moore, Museum; 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 to the Salute to the Flag.**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON JULY 12, 2023 AND PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON JULY 26, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #106-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds  
**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander

**RESOLVED,** to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on July 9, 2023 and the Public Hearing Meeting held on July 26, 2023.

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 9, 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 – Kevin Geraghty; 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/Museum – Laura Moore; Parks/Recreation, Sewer/Water – John Alexander; Youth – Kevin Geraghty.

Library Report – Susan Matzner

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**COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The ten Team Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at the Recreation Field on July 21 – 23, 2023, called the Upstate Revenge Softball Tournament a very successful event. The whole Town workforce deserves a lot of credit for getting the fields in shape.

Band Concerts at the Recreation Field are being well attended by 100 or more people this year.

Pickle ball courts are now in use and people are happy that they are finally done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST TO HOST 43<sup>RD</sup> WORLDS LARGEST GARAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #107-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander  
**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrensburg received request from Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce to host the 43<sup>nd</sup> World’s Largest Garage Sale being held on September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 as a Major Local Event and to Waive the Major Local Event License fee of \$150.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request for the Chamber of Commerce to host the 43<sup>nd</sup> World’s Largest Garage Sale and to Waive the Major Local Event License fee.

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED ON AUGUST 9, 2023 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:**

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

**AYES:** Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

**REQUEST FOR OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FROM HICKORY LEGACY FOUNDATION**

**RESOLUTION #108-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Richard Larkin  
**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

**WHEREAS**, the Warrensburg Town Board received a request from Hickory Legacy Foundation for Occupancy Tax Funds in the account of \$3,412.00 for advertising and expenses for the Hickory Hike 4 Kids held on June 17, 2023.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Warrensburg Town Board hereby approved the request for Occupancy Tax from Hickory Legacy Foundation for advertising expense in the amount of \$3,412.00

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 9, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

**AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Larkin**

**REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

**RESOLUTION #109-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander  
**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of Warrensburg request to schedule a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update for September 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved to schedule a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update and to review the Draft Plan.

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 9, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

**AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Larkin**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK/TREASURER TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**RESOLUTION #110-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds  
**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrensburg’s Town Board has prepared, and is in the process of adopting a Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a Comprehensive Plan is a statutorily recognized instrument under Town Law 7-722 for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development in a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrensburg has identified that a Comprehensive Plan was needed to properly plan for growth and development, protect the environment and enhance the health, safety and welfare of the community and residents; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee conducted a study of the Town of Warrensburg that included a full inventory and analysis of the environmental, economic, housing, demographic, cultural and historical resources in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Plan includes update to the long-term vision, goals, objectives and strategies to guide the future growth in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee solicited and utilized the input of the public through a written survey, open public meetings, focus groups, and a public hearing to formulate the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Town Law 7-722, the Comprehensive Plan adoption process require that the Town hold a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining public comments; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Comprehensive Plan is subject to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED THAT**, the Town Board authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to publish a Notice of Public Hearing to be held September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to the applicable standards of SEQR 6 NYCRR Part 617.6, the Town Board of the Town of Warrensburg concludes that it is the appropriate agency to serve as Lead Agency for the coordinated environmental review for the proposed Action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Town Board hereby declares its intent to be Lead Agency for the SEQRA evaluation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Town Board authorizes the circulation of the Lead Agency request to the other Involved and Interested Agencies, indicating the Board of Trustees intention to serve as Lead Agency, including circulating Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and associated materials; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Town Board hereby authorizes referral to the County Planning Board for their review and recommendation.

**THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON AUGUST 9, 2023, WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin**

**RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED  
LAW NO.: 2 OF 2023 AMENDING CHAPTER 211 TO PERMIT  
THE KEEPING AND RAISING OF FOWL AND AUTHORIZING  
ENFORCEMENT BY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**RESOLUTION #111-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander  
**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

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**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrensburg is considering adopting **Local Law 2 of 2023** entitled “A Local Law to amend Chapter 211 ‘Zoning’ of The Town of Warrensburg Town Code to add the keeping and raising of fowl as a use accessory to residential and agricultural uses in all zoning districts and to authorize enforcement by Code Enforcement Officer”; and

**WHEREAS**, if adopted, the Local Law would designate the keeping of fowl (subject to stated limitations and requirements) as a use accessory to residential and agricultural uses within the Town of Warrensburg and would further recognize the Code Enforcement Officer’s authority to enforce the provisions of Chapter 211 of the Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to hear public opinion on this possible legislative action and has caused the proposed Local Law to be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing on this proposed Local Law at the Town Hall, located at 3797 Main Street, Warrensburg, NY 12885 on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to duly post and publish the Notice of Public Hearing.

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED ON AUGUST 9, 2023 BY THE FOLLOW VOTES:**

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

**AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin**

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A CAPITAL PROJECT FUND H9 FOR HIGHWAY PAVING PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION #112-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander  
**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrensburg request to establish a Capital Project Fund H9 for Highway Paving Project in the amount of \$150,000 to cover the cost of Paving the following streets:

**Catherine Street, Burdick Avenue, Bateman Drive, Stacy Street, Ridge Avenue, Scotts Drive, Skylark Lane, Summit Street, South Avenue, Commercial Avenue, Mill Avenue.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved a Capital Project Fund H9 for \$150,000 for a Highway Paving Project.

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 9, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

**AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin**

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**APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – (1)**

**RESOLUTION #113-2023**

**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**

**August 9, 2023**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

DA3501	State Aid Consol Hwy	\$ 43,018.74	
DA5112.200	Capital Improvement – Equip		\$ 43,018.74
	Increase in aid for CHIPS		

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 9, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

**AYES:** Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin

**APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS – (2)**

**RESOLUTION #114-2023**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Richard Larkin

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

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

**Budget Transfers**

**August 9, 2023**

**GENERAL FUND**

A1110.200	Justice - Equipment	\$ 250.00	
A1110.400	Justice Contractual		\$ 250.00
	To cover expenses		

**WATER DISTRICT**

SW8330.400	Purification - Contractual	\$ 871.17	
SW8330.200	Purification - Equipment		\$ 871.17
	To cover purchase of pump and gauge		

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 9, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

**AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin**

**REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #8-2023**

**RESOLUTION #115-2023**

**ON MOTION OF:** Councilperson John Alexander

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Richard Larkin

**RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JULY 12, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Larkin**

**RESOLVED**, to pay the warrants outlined on **Abstract #7-2023** in the following amounts:

<b>WARRANTS:</b>	<b>Total Claims:</b>	<b>\$250,204.30</b>
	General Fund	\$103,279.12
	Cemetery Fund	\$2,594.19
	Highway Fund	\$68,059.06
	Lighting District	\$6,895.92
	Sewer Fund	\$8,160.51
	Water Fund	\$26,637.95
	Sludge Project	\$2,200.00
	Sidewalk Project	\$8,275.50
	Transmission Line	\$24,102.05

**COMMENTS:**

**Teresa Whalen** - Asked why the Farmers Market location is not on the agenda for tonight's meeting? **Supervisor Geraghty responded**, we decided not to have it on agenda, we will play it out until next year to decide whether we want to move it. We continue to get complaints about it being unsafe on that corner. **Teresa Whalen** read a statement about the Farmers Market.

**Kevin Bellinger** – Making a statement about the chicken restrictions, his Family has had chickens for almost 20 years now and has had no problems or complaints and feels it is totally uncalled for to have restrictions on chickens in this town a limit of six is what NYC does this is not a city. **Supervisor Geraghty** suggested that he attend the public hearing meeting being held on September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Frank Laduca** – Making a statement about the Farmers Market on behalf of Teresa Whalen. Many people here who are supportive of its current location and adds a great deal to the community.

**Bob Bradley** – Asked about the status on the Grist Mill? **Supervisor Geraghty responded**, the Grist Mill has been in litigation with the courts and attorneys for over a year now and the owner has approximately 1 year to complete whatever renovations or construction he has planned for this.

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**Linda Marcella** – Asked if there will be flashing signs out to remind people of the sidewalk construction project? **Supervisor Geraghty stated;** that it is the contractor’s responsibility and yes they will be putting signs up and have started doing so already.

**Janet Tallman – 1<sup>st</sup> Question** - asked if the pickle ball courts have a signup person that is arranging when they can be used? **Supervisor Geraghty responded;** the town does not have anything like that being done.

**2nd Question** – Is there a place where the Comprehensive Plan Draft as to the published for the towns people to read it yet? **Dani Oliver and Supervisor Geraghty responded;** The draft is on the towns website for review.

**Statement on the Farmers Market** – she suggested that maybe the beautification committee could do some research by taking a survey from the remaining Farmers Markets to see if the Venders and Customers would follow the Market if it was moved to a different location and suggest that the Town and Beautification committee work together to find a more suitable location.

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

### **MEETING ADJOURN**

On motion of Councilperson John Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk**