

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2022 - 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:** Heather Annis, Deputy Town Clerk; Dani Oliver, Supervisors Secretary; Brian Reichenbach, Town Attorney; Joyce Reed, Water/Sewer Clerk; Jim Hull, Code Enforcement Officer; Edward Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Laura Moore, Museum Director; 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

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**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR SIDEWALK PROJECT ON ROUTE 418 & RIVER STREET**

Deputy Town Clerk, Heather Annis read the Public Notice.  
Chris Cornwell and Amanda Kinley from GPI were present and spoke on the Sidewalk Project for State Route 418 and River Street.

**Project Budget:**

- \* **Construction Funding: \$685,000**
- \* **Current Construction Estimate: \$824,000**
- \* **Deficit (without Town in-kind work): -\$139,000**
- \* **Deficit (with Town in-kind work): -\$47,312**

**Project Schedule:**

- \* **Submit Final Design Report – February 2022**
- \* **Design Approval – March 2022**
- \* **Bid – May 2022**
- \* **Begin Construction – July 2022**
- \* **End Construction – October 2022**

**Laura Moore and Sandi Parsi had some question.  
Please view the complete discussion on the YouTube Link located on the town website.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURN AT 7:13 PM**

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**APPROVE MINUTES OF YEAR END MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 29, 2021 AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2022**

**RESOLUTION #29-2022**

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

**RESOLVED,** to approve the Minutes of the Year End Town Board Meeting held on December 29, 2021 and Organizational Meeting held on January 3, 2022.

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

**NAYS:** None

**REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS:**

The Town Officials reports were received and read by the following: Town Clerk – Deputy Town Clerk Heather Annis; Supervisor – No Report per Kevin Geraghty; Assessor, Justice – John Alexander; Dog Report – No Report; Planning Department – Bryan Rounds; Code Enforcement – Jim Hull.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

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

**APPROVE TOWN ASSESSOR AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS ON THE 2022 TOWN ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**RESOLUTION #30-2022**

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander

**WHEREAS,** on December 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** this State disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices in the Town of **Warrensburg** and rendered senior citizens and individuals with disabilities residing in **Warrensburg** homebound. These factors combined have made it difficult, if not impossible, for many in these populations to file their real property tax exemption applications in person and many, further, lack the ability to file such applications online; and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the above problems caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No. 11. This extension of the Governor’s Executive Order modifies subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit,

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the Town Board of the Town of **Warrensburg** to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the governing body of said assessing unit, in any such Resolution, at its option, to include procedures by which its Town Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Executive Order, the Town Board of the Town of Warrensburg wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Town Assessor of the Town of Warrensburg to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Town Assessor of the Town of Warrensburg the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discussed above, utilizing procedures outlined below;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the Town Board of the Town of **Warrensburg** hereby directs the Town Assessor of the Town of **Warrensburg** to:

1. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;
2. The Town Assessor may, in his sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with his office if he has reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If the Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, he shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice shall containing instructions on how to file the renewal application. Said renewal application may be returned by mail or by making an appointment to drop same off at the Town Assessor’s office,

**DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS:** Email request from William Van Pelt IV about Department of Labor requirements for getting the lifts inspected at Hickory Ski Center.

**DISSCUSSION:** Supervisor Geraghty informed Mr. Van Pelt IV that he would have to contact the Dept of Labor.

Receiving letters of interest for the open Town Board seat.

**DISSCUSSION:** Supervisor Geraghty stated they have received 3 letters of interest. This notice is posted on our town website. He is still waiting on clarification on the Term details and to see if we get more Letters of Interests. This will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Received a response from the legal consul for Ash Real Estate holdings, LLC in regards to the Grist Mill property on River Street.

**DISSCUSSION:** Supervisor Geraghty stated that they are proceeding with what the board elected to do at the December board meeting.

**REQUEST FROM ASH ANAND OF LOTUS ESTATE, LLC TO WAIVE THE 30 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE FILING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE CHANGE FOR THE BOND 1786**

**RESOLUTION #31-2022**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Bryan Rounds

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Warrensburg received a letter/email from Ash Anand of Lotus Estate, LLC requesting the 30-Day Advance Notice to waive the waiting period for a change to the Liquor License for The Bond 1786.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to waive the 30 Day Advance Notice filing for the change to the Liquor License for The Bond 1786 and a letter confirming the approval will be supplied to Ash Anand, CEO of Lotus Estate, LLC.

**DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REQUEST TO APPROVE AN OUT OF DISTRICT WATER AGREEMENT WITH MICAR GROUP, LLC WHO RECENTLY PURCHASED THE MCDONALDS PROPERTY**

**RESOLUTION #32-2022**

**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 an Out of District Water Agreement with Micar Group, LLC that recently purchased the McDonalds property located at 3632 State Route 9 in Lake George NY.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the Out of District Water Agreement with the Micar Group, LLC the new owners of the McDonalds property located at 3632 State Route 9 in Lake George NY. Terms of the Agreement are the same as the previous owners.

**DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

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

Request from Nancy M. Telfer of River Street wishing to donate 7.86 acres of land located on River Street, Tax Map ID # is 223.8-1-1 to the Town of Warrensburg.

**DISSCUSSION:** Supervisor Geraghty state that the Assessed Value of the property is \$8,500 and most of this property is under water. The Town Board decided to Table this and take a better look at the property and discuss more at the next Town Board meeting.

Received a final proposal from Ray Audio Video to upgrade the audio in the Court Room. Total cost to make the upgrades is \$2,752.40.

Discussion on adding Juneteenth to the Holiday Schedule for the Town Employees.

**DISSCUSSION:** Supervisor Geraghty state that they would have to negotiates with the Highway Dept and would like to evaluate what the county and other town/villages are doing. More will be discussed at the next Town Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING AND RE-ADOPTING ALTERNATIVE TO REQUIRED UNDERTAKING**

**RESOLUTION #33-2022**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Richard Larkin

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson John Alexander

**WHEREAS**, various sections of New York State Town Law and Public Office Law requires that certain officials execute an official undertaking; and

**WHEREAS**, State Law provides an alternative to each officer or required employee executing and filing their own personal undertaking by the Town Board consenting in and approving and procuring a blanket undertaking from a duly authorized corporate surety (an authorized insurance company) covering officers, clerks, and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has procured just such a blanket undertaking in the past to meet the state law requirement for an undertaking and wishes to affirm and ratify and adopt and re-adopt the authorization of such a blanket undertaking; and

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**WHEREAS**, this year the Town Board is also obtaining a formal undertaking from each new officer or employee, but the blanket undertaking is affirmed, ratified, adopted and re-adopted to satisfy the undertaking requirement for these officials and also for all current and future officers and employees of the Town who are required to provide an undertaking;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby affirm, ratify, adopt and re-adopt its consent, approval, and authorization for the procurement of the statutorily required blanket undertaking each year from an authorized corporate surety covering the Town’s officers, clerks and employees, instead of requiring personal undertakings and, for 2022, such blanket undertaking shall have the below detailed terms; and

**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, the Town does and shall maintain insurance coverage, as required by State Law, to provide a blanket undertaking to indemnify against losses through the failure of the officers, clerks and employees covered hereunder faithfully to perform their duties or to account property for all monies or property received by virtue of their positions or employment, and through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by the officers, clerks and employees covered hereunder; and

**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is authorized and directed to any and all actions necessary to effect this Resolution, including without limitation, to obtain insurance coverage meeting State Law requirements for a blanket undertaking in form and amount acceptable to Town Supervisor and Town Counsel.

**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that the blanket undertaking shall be filed with the Town Clerk along with a certified copy of this Resolution.

**DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

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

**REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #1-2022**

**RESOLUTION #34-2022**

**On motion of Councilperson John Alexander**

**Seconded by Councilperson Bryan Rounds**

**DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

**NAYS:        NONE**

**RESOLVED**, to pay the warrants outlined on Abstract #1-2022 in the following amounts:

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<b>WARRANTS:</b>	<b>Total Claims:</b>	<b>\$149,638.09</b>
	General Fund	\$114,178.76
	Cemetery Fund	\$235.31
	Highway Fund	\$27,395.96
	Capital – Sidewalk	\$53.35
	Sewer Fund	\$3,052.90
	Water Fund	\$4,721.81

**APPROVE THE JUSTICE COURT RECORDS AND DOCKETS FROM 2021**

**RESOLUTION #35-2022**

**INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Kevin Geraghty**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrensburg received a letter Pursuant to Uniform Justice Court Act 2019-a to examine and approve Justice Court Records and Dockets for 2021, in regards to Judge Mindy J. Fisk and Judge David M. Cavanagh.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved and Acknowledge that the required examination was conducted for the Justice Court Records and Dockets for 2021, in regards to Judge Mindy J. Fisk and Judge David J. Cavanagh.

**DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

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

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

**COMMENTS:**

**John Alexander - asked Richard Larkin about a couple calls he received on a quote in a paper A couple of weeks ago about Hickory Hill and having the Jeeps extravaganza there or on the Town Watershed property on Alden Ave. Richard Larking responded and can be viewed on the YouTube Link that can be found on the Town Website and Facebook Page.**

**Supervisor Geraghty - state that he would like to thank the Tax payers that have come in to pay taxes in the first 12 day of the month, we have done pretty well on our tax collections so far. Kevin Also reminded that we have N95 Masks to hand out to the public and we will be getting in more Covid Test kits soon.**

**PLEASE SEE COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS ON ALL COMMENTS ON THE YOUTUBE LINK LOCATED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE.**

**MEETING ADJOURN**

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk**