

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, FEBRUARY 13, 2008

A regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Kevin B. Geraghty
Councilman	John Alexander
Councilman	Joseph Barlow
Councilman	Dean Ackley
Councilman	Austin Markey

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Edward Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Richard Galusha, Water Superintendent; Patti Corlew; Sandra Parisi, Historian; Steve Parisi and numerous other town residents.

**RESOLUTION #48-08
MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes as presented.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Reports were received and placed on file from the following Town Officials: Town Clerk, Supervisor, Assessor, Justice, Dog Control Officer, and Enforcement Officer.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following town committees gave reports: Highway, Historian, Museum, Parks and Recreation, Sewer and Water.

**RESOLUTION #49-08
WARREN COUNTY SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT RENEWAL**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the attached resolution was ADOPTED- AYES 5 NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #50-08
MUNITRAX CONTRACT**

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with MuniTrax for electronic payment options at no cost to the Town of Warrensburg.

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DISCUSSION – MUNITRAX SERVICES

Town Clerk Combs explained the MuniTrax services a contract with this company would provide. Mrs. Combs said this will allow credit card payment, and electronic check payment for property tax, sewer bills, water bills and eventually town clerk fees at no cost to the Town, MuniTrax will be the middle person, for fees associated with credit card payment.

DISCUSSION – RESIGNATION OF ZONING OFFICER

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining Mr. Lace has been out of work since June and he has tendered his resignation effective April 11, 2008. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town has a letter from Mr. Lace; due to his medical conditions he can no longer continue as Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

RESOLUTION #51-08

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ZONING OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Brian Lace from the Office of Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer as submitted to the Town Clerk to be effective April 11, 2008.

DISCUSSION – AD FOR ZONING OFFICER

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board there is an ad in their packet the Town would like to use to advertise for a replacement Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Geraghty explained this is a civil service position, anyone can apply for it and you are subject to taking a civil service test. Supervisor Geraghty said we hope to get someone on board within the next month.

Councilman Markey asked if the date for submittal for a letter of application of Feb. 22, 2008 would be giving enough time.

Supervisor Geraghty explained we may have to extend the period, the intent is to have it published for this coming Sunday's paper.

RESOLUTION #52-08

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR ZONING OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Clerk to place an ad in the Glens Falls Post Star for the position of Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

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DISCUSSION LANDFILL BURN PERMIT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the burn permit for the landfill has been renewed by DEC; however, it is more restrictive. Supervisor Geraghty said DEC would like to restrict burning in District 5 all together, outdoor burning and burning at the landfill, our new permit issued this year still has the restrictions of burning on weekends, we are now limited to just brush, three inches in diameter. Supervisor Geraghty said any other debris will now have to be placed in the town compactor, he is expecting the burning to be stopped all together within a year, and it has already been stopped in many communities in Region 5. Supervisor Geraghty said it is unfortunate, but, that is the way the state is going with the air quality, please cooperate with the people at the dump.

Richard Galusha asked if the Town Board would be restricting commercial haulers now. Supervisor Geraghty suggested the Landfill try this, if there are problems the Town Board may have to become more restrictive.

Supervisor Geraghty said he had also noticed another community has increased their landfill rates for disposal, the Town of Queensbury. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board we should take a good look at our disposal rates, what the Town takes in at the landfill does pay for the tipping fees but it is not paying for the help, the Town Board needs to take a look at that.

DISCUSSION – WAIVE ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAY NOTICE

Supervisor Geraghty explained a request for a resolution to waive an additional thirty day notice fee for their liquor license application has been received from CB's Spirits and Restaurant, LLC, Charles Bederian. Supervisor Geraghty said the application was mailed to the Town Clerk too early, according to the State Liquor licensing authority.

RESOLUTION #53-08

WAIVE ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAY NOTICE FEE FOR LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Markey, the attached resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE –AYES – 5 NAYS 0

DISCUSSION – BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Supervisor Geraghty explained Sandi Parisi, Historian, will chair the Bicentennial Committee; one person from the Town Board is needed to serve on the committee.

Councilman Barlow said he would serve for the Town Board.

DISCUSSION – SUPPORT TAX PAYMENTS ON STATE OWNED LAND

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining all of the communities in the Adirondack Park are being asked to pass this resolution. Supervisor Geraghty said a judge somewhere out in the middle of the state said the state no longer had to pay taxes

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on some state owned lands. Supervisor Geraghty said it really was not land in the Forest Preserve, but it was other state lands. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board this is going to have an awful ripple effect on many communities, the amount for the town of Warrensburg is over \$25,000.00 a year for taxes Warrensburg would not receive if this should go through. Supervisor Geraghty told the Board the County has joined the lawsuit and most counties in our area have joined the lawsuit against the state.

RESOLUTION #54-08 SUPPORT TAX PAYMENTS ON STATE OWNED LAND IN THE ADIRONDACK PARK

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Markey, the attached resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

DISCUSSION – ZONING MAP CHANGE PETITION

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the Town has a petition for a Zoning Map change from Jack and Laddie Toney for property located on Beswick Drive to change from SFR 40, which are trailers to SFR 10 which would be homes. Supervisor Geraghty said this should go to the Planning Board for recommendation and review.

RESOLUTION #55-08 RESOLUTION TO REFER ZONE CHANGE REQUEST

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to refer a petition for a zone change from SFR-40 to SFR-10 for Jack and Laddie Toney for property located at Beswick Drive, tax map #210.20-1-17 to the Warrensburg Planning Board for recommendation.

DISCUSSION – CHAZEN COMPANIES RECOMMENDATIONS

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board they had information in their packets from Chazen, the bid results for Econoquick. Supervisor Geraghty explained the Board needed to approve the bids before Chazen can move ahead with the project. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board they have to meet good faith efforts for the requirements for MBE and WBE.

Councilman Markey asked if there would be money the town would recoup from the grant. Supervisor Geraghty said all of this is 90 % state refundable and it is his belief we should take the recommendation of the Chazen Companies.

RESOLUTION #56-08 AWARD CONTRACTS ON RECOMMENDATION OF CHAZEN COMPANIES

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the attached resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

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DISCUSSION – CONSULTANT FOR AUDIT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining to the Board they had already made a resolution authorizing an audit, he had spoken with Mr. Dinolfo and Mr. Dinolfo did not feel the Town needs a full blown audit, he will consult with the Town and make sure they are doing things right.

RESOLUTION #57-08

RETAIN TOWN CONSULTANT FOR ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to retain the services of Richard Dinolfo, as a consultant for accounting practices for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 for a fee of \$3,000.00.

DISCUSSION – SEWER LAGOON DISINFECTANT USE

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the information on disinfection methods to be used to treat the Wastewater Treatment plant, the affluent that go into the Schroon River is in their packet, this is a NYS DEC consent and we have to complete this project by May of 2009. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board he has given them the spec sheet which shows the differences in the cost, when you look at the yearly maintenance and operation cost, clearly the UV ultraviolet system is the way to go, it is about \$50,000.00 more expensive to install but the annual operating cost will be about \$15,000.00 less, which means we would probably pay for the difference in the two systems in approximately three years. Supervisor Geraghty said the other value to using ultraviolet versus chlorine is it is a chemical that does not have to be handled, concerns are if the flow of the river ever is low and we have extra chlorine it would cause a fish kill and we would probably be on the receiving end of the problem from DEC. Supervisor Geraghty said even though it is \$50,000.00 more initial building cost, he believes that is the way to go and the technology is there.

Councilman Markey suggested the town should do some of the work and then the \$50,000.00 cost will be less.

RESOLUTION #58-08

RESOLUTION SELECTING DISINFECTION METHOD

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the following resolution was ADOPTED by role call vote:

Supervisor Geraghty	Aye
Councilman Alexander	Aye
Councilman Ackley	Aye
Councilman Barlow	Aye
Councilman Markey	Aye

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IT IS RESOLVED, to select the UV method for disinfection treatment for the Wastewater Treatment plant versus the Chlorine disinfection treatment.

RESOLUTION #59-08

SEWER BILL AMENDMENTS

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the following resolution was: ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, that the following amendments be made to the sewer warrant upon the recommendation of Code Enforcement:

Maltbie, Robert M. #210.12-1-12.11 from \$993.00 a year to \$331.00 a year

Verugde, Charles #210.20-3-19 from \$800.00 a year to \$180.00 a year, debt service, with the understanding a tap fee will be due at the time of re-connection to the sewer.

RESOLUTION #60-08

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to attend the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference in Lake Placid on March 25th and March 26th, 2008.

DISCUSSION – SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town is still moving ahead with the establishment of the extension of the Sewer District; the Town has an engineer working on a map and plan which will encompass Third Street, Fourth Street and Thompson which already have sewer pipe in the ground and Raymond Lane. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town is attempting to bring that area of the Town into the Sewer District; the Town will have a public hearing on that to allow all of those people who are currently on the Sewer to be put into the District.

DISCUSSION – CHAMBER LIST FOR 2008

Supervisor Geraghty said the Chamber of Commerce has given a list of items to the Board for discussion for the year 2008 and a meeting will be scheduled with Lynn Smith, President, in the near future, most of the items will come out of Bed Tax money.

DISCUSSION – TOWN SWEEPER

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the Street Sweeper is approximately 21 years old, the town puts any where from \$7000.00 to \$8000.00 a year into new brooms and parts and it is time to think about purchasing a new one. Supervisor Geraghty said the

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approximate cost for a new one would be around \$130,000.00, perhaps next month he might have some information where the town might be able to find some funding for that.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilman Alexander expressed appreciation to everyone here in town for the cards, visitors, calls and letters while he was in the hospital in Albany.

Discussion ensued on the property that was purchased by the Nature Conservatory, the town's upcoming property re-valuation, and sales tax apportionment for the Town's.

RESOLUTION #61-08

PAY BILLS

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #2 and to add one bill to Abstract #2 for payment in the amount of \$658.00 for appropriation account #A1010.400 to Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers.

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC
Warrensburg Town Clerk

