

## **REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, MAY 14, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, May 14, 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; Jeff Inglee, Zoning Officer; Sandra Parisi, Historian, Steve Parisi, Warrensburg Historical Society and numerous other town residents.

### **RESOLUTION #101-08**

#### **MINUTES**

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

**IT IS RESOLVED,** to accept the minutes as presented for April 9, 2008.

### **REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

### **TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **DISCUSSION – MAIN STREET GREEN AREAS**

Councilman Alexander opened discussion telling the Town Board he had met with the Beautification Committee regarding the green areas between the sidewalk and road on Main Street discussed at last month's workshop. Councilman Alexander spoke about the corners that are being taken care of by the Beautification Committee and the beautiful job being done. Councilman Alexander said there have been recommendations of filling the green area with stamped concrete, pavers, and stamped and painted asphalt; a permit process is currently being done.

### **DISCUSSION – YOUTH**

Councilman Markey reported Jennifer Pike will be the Head Counselor for the summer youth program for the sports portion and Clarissa Reynolds will be doing the arts and crafts.

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#### **SCHEDULE TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

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

**RESOLVED**, to schedule a workshop meeting to discuss sewer and water issues to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Emerson Town Hall.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-FORMER FINCH PRUYN LANDS**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the DEC and the Nature Conservancy are looking for a resolution of support for the purchase and land use of 2,019 acres of land in Warrensburg, which was formerly Finch Paper lands.

Maynard Baker, Schroon River Road – asked the Town Board if the tax base was going to change, to make sure that is in the resolution the tax base does not change so the tax payer has to pick it up and he would like to have something in the resolution in support of roads and trails open to ATV's at a speed not to exceed five miles an hour for the disabled American veteran and the handicapped. Mr. Baker told the Town Board a 6 million acre park had been closed to the disabled veterans and he would like to have this on record.

Supervisor Geraghty explained this property is off from Pucker Street and off from Harrington Hill and there are approximately five hunting camps on the property, the Town has been told the hunting camps will be left open. Supervisor Geraghty said for that to be added to the resolution of support, to leave the hunting camps open for 99 years.

Councilman Alexander told the board he knew what they were doing in the Opalescent area and the same thing had happened, the guys with the hunting camps figure they are good for five years and then gone, Finch Pruyn keeps logging rights for twenty years plus and they are all in hopes to keep the snowmobile trails open.

### **RESOLUTION #103-08**

#### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF FOR DEC AND NATURE CONSERVANCY PLANS**

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

#### **DISCUSSION – PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion saying the town is attempting to get the motorists in the town to pay attention to the pedestrian cross walk signs. The town now wishes to put the signs on county roads.

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Councilman Alexander said he wished to have the signs placed on Stewart Farrar and Library.

Councilman Markey inquired about flashing signs for the school zone; Supervisor Geraghty said that has been submitted for a grant of \$70,000.00.

**RESOLUTION #104-08  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR CROSS WALK SIGN  
PLACEMENT**

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

**RESOLUTION #105-08  
PERMISSION FOR HIGHWAY SCHOOL**

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

**RESOLVED**, to give permission for the Highway Superintendent to attend Highway School in Ithaca, New York.

**DISCUSSION – OCCUPANCY TAX REQUESTS**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board there are two requests for Occupancy Tax, the first one from the Chamber of Commerce is for \$5,000.00 for a business guide and walking map for the World’s Largest Garage Sale. Supervisor Geraghty had Lynn Smith explain the map and guide.

The second request was received from the Bed and Breakfasts of Warrensburg and Thurman for website annual hosting and editing and a one year link to Adirondacks.com, for \$680.00.

**RESOLUTION #106-08  
AWARD OCCUPANCY GRANTS**

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED by the following roll call vote:

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

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**IT IS RESOLVED**, to award the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce \$5000.00 in Occupancy grant monies to be used for a business guide and walking map, and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, to award the Bed and Breakfasts of Warrensburg and Thurman \$680.00 for website annual hosting and editing and a one year link to Adirondacks.com.

**RESOLUTION #107-08  
ADD A FAX FEE TO TOWN CLERK'S FEE SCHEDULE**

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

**RESOLVED**, to set a fee schedule for public use of fax machines in the Town Hall at \$1.00 for the first page faxed and \$.50 per page for each additional page and add to the Town Clerk's fee schedule.

**RESOLUTION #108-08  
AUTHORIZE FIRE COMPANY TO USE TOWN RECREATION FIELD**

On motion of Councilman Barlow, seconded by Councilman Markey, the following resolution was ADOPTED – VOTE – AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSTENTION 1 (Supervisor Geraghty abstained).

**IT IS RESOLVED**; the Warrensburg Volunteer Fire Company is authorized to use the Warrensburg Recreation Field for the Smoke Eaters Jamboree for the week of July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**DISCUSSION – PURCHASE NEW STREET SWEEPER**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town Board has discussed purchasing a new street sweeper on numerous occasions for the Highway Department. Supervisor Geraghty said the bonding rates are favorable right now, and said they would have to put it out to bid but they are thinking it is about \$130,000.00.

Councilman Markey said this way they could at least get the bids in and look at them.

**RESOLUTION #109-08  
AUTHORIZE SWEEPER BID ADVERTISEMENT**

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

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**IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for bids to be received until June 11, 2008 at the Town Clerk's Office for a new sweeper for the Town Highway Department in the Glens Falls Post Star.

**RESOLUTION #110-08  
PAY WARRANTS**

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

**RESOLVED**, to pay the warrants as outlined on Abstract #5-08.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments were made from the public regarding the state wishing to purchase additional land, complimenting the town crews on work at the Car Wash site and the Museum for jobs well done, requests for pedestrian crossing signs, parking on Main Street, speed zone request for upper Main Street, turn arrow for Hudson Street, and the school budget vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A Combs, Town Clerk