

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, OCTOBER 14, 2009

A regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 6:45 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; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Steve Parisi, Historical Society; and numerous other town residents.

RESOLUTION #162-09

MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

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

IT IS RESOLVED, that this meeting be interrupted to hold a public hearing advertised and scheduled for this evening at 6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2009-WATER

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45 P.M.

Following distribution of the proposed Local Law to the Town Board members in September of 2009, a legal notice was printed on September 30, 2009 in the Glens Falls Post Star with a copy of said notice posted on the Town Hall bulletin board on September 18, 2009. The contents of the legal notice was read into the record.

No one wished to comment.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 P.M.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

RESOLUTION #163-09

APPROVE MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes as presented.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were given from the following: Highway, Lighting, Historian/Museum, Parks and Recreation, and Youth.

DISCUSSION – LIGHTING DISTRICT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion reporting Dean did the survey on Meadowlark Lane and it will be part of the town lighting district, the total cost of the project is \$2647.77 to install the lights, the Town will budget for this for next year. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board in order to accomplish this they will need a resolution of the Town Board.

Councilman Ackley said the map shows nine lights, he would like to add one more bringing the amount to ten.

RESOLUTION #164-09

ADD STREET LIGHTS TO LIGHTING DISTRICT

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to add ten street lights to the Warrensburg Lighting District for the Meadowlark Lane area.

DISCUSSION – BEACH

Councilman Ackley opened discussion reporting work had been done at the Beach to save some of the plants and to create a large grassy area. Councilman Ackley thanked Dan Ackley from the Highway Department and Wendell Beadnell, Landfill Department, for their excellent work at the Beach.

DISCUSSION – YOUTH

Councilman Markey told the Town Board they should have all received the email he forwarded on from the ski program and he said he would attend the meeting with her, he will bring back a proposal to the Board of what they are looking for because they have always donated x amount of dollars towards the program and x amount of dollars towards scholarships.

RESOLUTION #165-09

REJECT PLAYGROUND BIDS

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to reject the bids for playground equipment to purchase them from state contract.

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RESOLUTION #166-09

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2009

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to adopt Local Law #2 of 2009 entitled Water.

RESOLUTION #167-09

REAPPOINT JOE PEREIRA TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to reappoint Joe Pereira to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term, effective September 30th, 2009.

DISCUSSION -SCHEDULE PUBIC HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Discussion ensued on a public hearing for the preliminary budget. It was determined to hold the public hearing for the budget on Monday, November 2nd, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION #168-09

RESCHEDULE NOVEMBER, 2009 TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to change the November 2009 town board regular meeting from Wednesday, November 11th to Tuesday, November 10th.

RESOLUTION #169-09

SCHEDULE FALL CLEAN UP

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize fall clean up week for the week of October 26th, 2009 to October 30th, 2009.

RESOLUTION #170-09

HYDRANT FLUSHING

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize hydrant flushing by the Water Department from October 26th to October 30th, 2009 and authorizing a notice to be placed in the newspaper.

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DISCUSSION–HYDRANT FLUSHING SIGNS

Supervisor Geraghty suggested the Town give the Town of Stillwater a call to see about temporary signs they have for hydrant flushing they use in Stillwater.

DISCUSSION – SIDEWALK MONEY

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the difficulties the town has obtaining grant money; the town did not receive the Restore New York Grant it had applied for, \$125,000.00, but the town has received \$48,000.00 for sidewalks from Adirondack Transportation Counsel.

Councilman Markey voiced his approval of this grant project.

Councilman Alexander expressed credit to Patty Monahan as grant writer.

RESOLUTION #171-09

AWARD OCCUPANCY GRANTS

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to award an occupancy tax grants to the following:

Class of 2010 for the Car show in the amount of \$368.00

Warrensburgh Historical Society in the amount of \$400.00 for a banner.

DISCUSSION –BRUSH AT LANDFILL

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the State has stopped all of the Towns in Region 5 from burning brush. Supervisor Geraghty said most of the Towns are not accepting brush at their landfills.

Discussion ensued. Supervisor Geraghty explained anyone in the town who wishes can get a burning permit issued to them to burn on their own property, the Town cannot.

Councilman Markey said they have been discussing the problems with burn permits and purchasing a chipper in the emails they have been sending out. Councilman Markey suggested purchasing an industrial size chipper, something larger, and charging for it, having the town employees run it at the landfill. Councilman Markey said this is something the town might be able to chip and then sell the mulch, he knows other communities do it.

Councilman Ackley pointed out there is one person at the Landfill right now and some days it gets busy, that person needs to be able to pay attention to what is going on.

Councilman Alexander discussed the liability to the town of stock piling this brush.

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Discussion ensued on the brush and the fire hazards the brush and leaves are causing. Supervisor Geraghty said most of the communities he has spoken with have cut off all brush, they do not want to deal with it. Supervisor Geraghty said he has a resolution that is going out to all of the local people from Essex County that they are going to bring to inter county tomorrow and they are passing the resolution opposed to these restrictions. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board they need to make a decision on what they are going to do.

Discussion ensued. It was determined the Town Board would meet with either Rick or someone who is at the Landfill all of the time to discuss the options available.

Councilman Markey suggested the Town might want to consider landfill passes for town residents, again. Discussion ensued on landfill passes issued in the past.

It was determined to table any action of the brush at the landfill until the October 19th Town Board meeting and to have Wendell Beadnell, one of the Landfill employees present to help guide them in their decision.

RESOLUTION #172-09 BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

RESOLUTION #173-09 PAY BILLS

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

IT IS RESOLVED to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract 10-09.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Steve Parisi did a power point presentation for the Comprehensive Planning Committee on the surveys that were done this year for both residents and visitors to the Town of Warrensburg.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Bagwell – told the Supervisor he would prefer the Board of Supervisors leave the current county sales tax at 7% and allow residents to have a one year hit in property tax increase.

Gary Rounds – asked if consideration had been given in making the employees pay a portion of their retirement. Mr. Rounds said people that lost money on their 401k took that hit themselves, they don't get it back, where the County can just say

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well.....Councilman Markey told Mr. Rounds it is not all County municipalities, we are being affected Town wide also, it is the same situation obviously on a much smaller scale. Councilman Markey told Mr. Rounds he was glad he brought it up and went on to explain what he and other members of the Board had and had not said recently in regards to retirement, and, the gossip he has been hearing at the diner.

Supervisor Geraghty explained it was state mandated and said they had discussion earlier today at County level about attempting to lower the payment.

Richard Hull – spoke in favor of a twenty percent hit in property tax.

Discussion ensued on what taxes are paid in Florida, and, what bed taxes are paid to stay in hotels on vacation.

On motion of Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Barlow, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC
Warrensburg Town Clerk