

SPECIAL MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, NOVEMBER 18, 2010

A special meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilman	John Alexander
	Councilman	Bryan Rounds
	Councilman	Austin Markey
	Councilman	Dean Ackley

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Richard Galusha, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Tom Belden, Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Steve Parisi, Museum Director and numerous Town Residents.

RESOLUTION #205-10

DECLARE SEQRA TYPE II DETERMINATION FOR GIGP GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATER METERS.

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

DISCUSSION –HEATING OIL BIDS

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town went with Warren County this year and the bid will go to Main Brothers of Albany, New York and it is \$.1885 cents above rack price, the second contract will go to GA Bove for the kerosene (\$.35 above rack price).

RESOLUTION #206-10

AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS FOR HEATING OIL AND KEROSENE

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

IT IS RESOLVED, to use the Warren County Heating Oil bids this year for Heating Oil contracts and to authorize the following: Main Brothers of Albany, New York for fuel heating oil and GA Bove for 50/50 mix and Kerosene.

DISCUSSION – 2011 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town has held the public hearing and adjourned it, the Town Board has not approved the 2011 Budget, at the last meeting the Preliminary Budget had reductions made in the general fund appropriations that amounted to \$3000.00 each, the Electric for the Health Center and \$3000.00 for Fuel Oil, he also increased the sales tax revenue in the General Fund budget by \$30,000.00 and he reduced the sales tax revenue in the Highway Fund by \$20,000.00, consequently that is an \$11,000.00 decrease in the General Fund Budget which brings the tax rate down to \$3.40 per thousand, a \$.10 per thousand increase or \$10.00 per household on house assessed for \$100,000.00. Supervisor Geraghty said he knew the Board had wished to

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have further discussion so he would turn it over to the Board. Councilman Markey said he would like to have the public speak, to give the Board ideas. Supervisor Geraghty said that if the public wished to speak they could, they would have to come to the microphone, state their name and where they live for the record and limit their comments to three minutes.

Kathy Ferullo, Kelm Pond-gave a statement that she felt would be important to the people of Warrensburg, thanking the Board for making every effort to reduce the budget and telling them she disapproved of their proposal to take Rick Galusha's job from the budget. Mrs. Ferullo told the Town Board if the work is getting done right and in a timely manner than Mr. Galusha is doing his job. Mrs. Ferullo told the Town Board they had made the statement that Mr. Galusha could be replaced by one and a half people and said if they are going to pay one and a half people where is the cut in the Budget. Mrs. Ferullo said she did not like to see cuts in the Health Center Budget, and while the Town Board is tightening their belts the School Board is loosing their belts to the last hole, spending 1.3 million dollars on light bulbs and an air exchange and 178 thousand of the surplus left over from the capital project for clocks and controls, money that should be used on a roof that is needed for the High School. Mrs. Ferullo told the Town Board she respected their decisions of whatever the Budget is and thanked them for their effort.

Teresa Whalen, Chair of Warrensburg Beautification-told the Town Board she was speaking on behalf of herself, she has worked with Rick for the past twenty five years and anytime they have needed his help he has been there, on weekends barricading streets and at the Farmers Market Park when they were trying to get a toilet and he told them it would be more efficient and safer if they just hooked up to the sewer than installing a compost toilet, so that is what they did. Ms. Whalen told the Town Board Mr. Galusha had suggested the toilet be locked up for safety reasons so no one could damage it so that is what they did. Ms. Whalen explained how Rick got them the source for the topsoil when they needed it for their project with the Youth, the twenty five years she has worked with Rick is a long time, Rick has been an employee and a very good one and they do not want to lose him.

The following people spoke on behalf of Richard Galusha and in keeping his position in the 2011 Budget: Kathy Ferullo, Teresa Whalen, Alan Hall, Sr., Steve Parisi, David Spatz, Al Smith, Gary Cooper, Bruce Belden and Linda Marcella.

Discussion ensued on whose responsibility it is to ensure that water and sewer fees are being charged enough to fiscally support those Departments, and whether the Town Landfill should be closed for a day or two during the week.

A recess was called at 9:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

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RESOLUTION #207-10

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED, that this Board move into an executive session to discuss job performance of a specific employee. Time 9:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION #208-10

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED, that this executive session be closed and that this Board return to the special meeting. Time 9:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION – 2011 BUDGET

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town Board had an executive session to talk about job performance of a particular individual and the only action the Town Board will be taking, if they so desire is to reduce the line item of Sewer and Water Superintendent by fifty percent, Mr. Galusha has agreed to continue to work for the Town for six months and then will come back on a per diem as needed as projects move ahead. Supervisor Geraghty asked for a motion to reduce that code by fifty percent and to then accept the Budget.

RESOLUTION #209-10

REDUCE SEWER AND WATER SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET APPROPRIATION

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

RESOLVED, to reduce the Sewer and Water Superintendent 2011 Budget appropriation by fifty percent.

RESOLUTION #210-10

ADOPT 2011 TOWN BUDGET

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

Councilman Rounds	Aye
Councilman Ackley	Aye
Councilman Markey	Aye
Councilman Alexander	Aye
Supervisor Geraghty	Aye

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IT IS RESOLVED, to adopt the 2011 Town of Warrensburg Budget.

On motion of Councilman Markey, seconded by Councilman Ackley, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC