

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, JANUARY 9, 2013

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
	Councilperson	John Alexander
	Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
	Councilperson	Joyce Reed
	Councilperson	Linda Marcella

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Thomas Belden, Water and Sewer; Steve Parisi, Historical Society; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Steve Emerson, Warrensburg EMS, and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #27-13

MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, that this meeting be interrupted to hold a Public Hearing advertised and scheduled for this evening at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2013 EMS CONTRACT

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A legal notice was printed on January 2, 2013 in the Glens Falls Post Star with a copy of said notice posted on the Town Hall bulletin board on January 2, 2013. The contents of that legal notice were read into the record.

No one wished to comment.

Public Hearing was kept open until 7:23 p.m.

RESOLUTION #28-13

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Time 7:23 p.m.

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RESOLUTION #29-13

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, that the minutes of December 6, 2012, December 12th, 2012 and December 27th, 2012 be approved.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were given from the following: Economic Development, Highway, Historian, Museum, Parks and Rec., Sewer and Water.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO TOWN

Town Historian Sandra Parisi presented the Town Board with the Warren County book and pointed out that Warrensburg starts on page 76, with pictures. Mrs. Parisi said the town placed a full page ad, paid for through Occupancy Tax. Mrs. Parisi also passed out Bicentennial pins to the Town Board and a schedule for the Warrensburg Calendar of Bicentennial events.

Mrs. Parisi introduced Mr. Lawrence Burdick, from Thurman, who presented the Town with a medallion he found when he was recently doing medal detection. The medallion has an impression of General Joseph Warren on the front, and on back side it says Warren County, New York, Centennial Celebration, 1813, August 3 through the 9th, 1913. Mr. Burdick said this August it would be 200 years old and that he was presenting this to the Historical Society.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) A letter from New York State Department of Transportation Safe Routes to Schools grant for the Town and School District.

RESOLUTION #30-13

APPROVE 2013 WARRENSBURG EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTRACT

On motion of Councilwoman Baker-Marcella, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

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IT IS RESOLVED, to approve the 2013 Warrensburg Emergency Services Contract in the amount of \$30,000.00.

RESOLUTION #31-13

DECLARE LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA FOR PROPOSED SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilman Rounds, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the attached resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

DISCUSSION – AGED EXEMPTIONS

Supervisor Geraghty said he had been asked to have discussion regarding changing the income requirement which is really about changing the Aged Exemptions for the Town of Warrensburg. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board they had briefly discussed this last year, Warren County had increased their amounts where you could get a percentage off the assessed valuation, the Town of Warrensburg did not do this at that time. Supervisor Geraghty said Warrensburg is one of the lowest towns in the county and he has been asked if the Town would consider raising the rate. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not think the Town could go to the County rate but they can go from \$12,025.00 to \$18,000.00 to allow for fifty percent exemption on your assessed value. Supervisor Geraghty said this was just for discussion tonight, he would ask Greg (the Assessor) to do the synopsis to know how much it is. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board that anything they do now will not take effect until 2014 because the cut off date is March and they will not get through the process tonight.

Discussion ensued on whether this process required a local law and if the town should schedule a hearing on it. Town Counsel advised a proposed law is required before a hearing can be scheduled. Attorney Hafner will prepare a local law to amend the Code for the Town Board to review with the amendment language in it. Councilwoman Baker Marcella questioned why you would not amend a law and pass it before you have a public hearing on it. Attorney Hafner explained the process for a local law and said he would prepare a local law for the February meeting and then they can schedule a public hearing to be held in March. Councilwoman Baker Marcella said she wished to know the dollar and cents was and that they will be taking it from one place and making it up in another. Supervisor Geraghty said what it does is shifts it from one class to another class, it will not reduce the amount but it will shift the burden to the other tax payers. Supervisor Geraghty said he would have the Assessor do a synopsis for the next meeting; the Town would go to \$18,000.00.

DISCUSSION – FIXED ASSET COST INCREASE

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the fixed asset cost is currently \$100.00 and asked that the dollar amount be changed to \$250.00.

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RESOLUTION #32-13

AMEND FIXED ASSET COST

On motion of Councilman Rounds, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to amend the fixed asset cost for the Town of Warrensburg to increase the amount for fixed assets from \$100.00 to \$250.00 for record keeping purposes.

DISCUSSION – LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR BAND CONCERTS

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the Town has to purchase a license from ASCAP, which stands for American Association of Composers in order to hold Band Concerts.

RESOLUTION #33-13

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO OBTAIN LICENSE FOR BAND CONCERTS

On motion of Councilman Rounds, seconded by Councilman Alexander, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to purchase a license from ASCAP for the amount of \$327.00 for one year to allow the Town of Warrensburg to continue to have band concerts to stay in compliance with the copy write laws.

RESOLUTION #34-13

AUTHORIZE LANDFILL PUNCH CARD SALE

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilman Rounds, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Clerk to have a punch card sale, buy one get one half price for the week of February 4th through the 8th of February, 2013 and to advertize the sale in the paper.

DISCUSSION – LAND FOR NEW WELL

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town did drill a new well up at the Country Side Adult Home property, Art Brown's former tree farm and the town has been working to buy a little piece of that land.

Attorney Hafner explained the Town has been working with the engineer to get exactly what the Town needed and working with the family, working with one of the owners.

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Attorney Hafner said the town has been waiting for an appraisal, they got an informal appraisal and Attorney Hafner forwarded it to the Supervisor because the value of the property, \$2500.00 was within the reasonable price he and the Engineer had determined. Attorney Hafner said the terms were worked out with the family, and put together a contract, he got comments from Ms. Vallen yesterday and they are working out the logistics with the intent to close February 19th, through the mail. Attorney Hafner told the Town Board they need a resolution authorizing the contract.

RESOLUTION #35-13

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE FOR LAND FOR NEW WELL

On motion of Councilwoman Reed, seconded by Councilwoman Baker Marcella, the attached resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GRANT FUNDING

Supervisor Geraghty announced the following grant funding:

1. Consolidated Funding Application – First Wilderness Corridor – Warren County

Warrensburg Bandstand	-	\$397,000 Total
LWRP Funds	-	\$218,000
Matching Funds	-	\$179,000 Local Work Force

2. Consolidated Funding Application – First Wilderness Corridor – Warren County

Warrensburg Park	-	\$30,000 Total
LWRP Funds Design Work	-	\$30,000

3. NY State DOT Safe Routes to School Program - Town of Warrensburg

Total Project Cost	-	\$272,249.73 Total
Grant Request	-	\$249,899.56

4. A/GFTC Make the Connection Program – Town of Warrensburg ** Waiting Final Approval

Hudson Street Sidewalk	-	\$78,000 Total Project Cost
Federal Funds	-	\$56,160.00
Local Match	-	\$21,840.00 Local Work Force

RESOLUTION #36-13

CLOSE WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION CAPITAL ACCOUNT

On motion of Councilwoman Baker Marcella, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

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RESOLVED, to close the Waterfront Revitalization Capital Account and transfer the remaining funds to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION #37-13

PAY BILLS

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the bills listed on Abstract #2-13 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$24,991.12
Highway Fund	\$35,584.43
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,556.53
Water Fund	\$ 1,698.08
Lighting Fund	\$ 7,430.06

DISCUSSION-LEASE FOR HUDSON HEADWATERS

Attorney Hafner told the Town Board he has been working with the Attorney for Hudson Headwaters, Attorney Hafner has received amendments and he has reviewed them, the changes have been made and they have put in the requests the Town has made. Attorney Hafner told the Town Board this would be signed before he leaves the Town Hall tonight, he will then forward to HHHN for them to sign.

Councilwoman Baker Marcella asked about the figures for a forty year lease being adequate in forty years. Attorney Hafner told Councilwoman Baker Marcella the special district rates were not locked in, he made sure they were based on our normal fire, sewer, water, library, lighting district assessment and if the Town has any other districts they form in the future that would change.

DISCUSSION – PRICE CHOPPER PROJECT WATER/SEWER

Attorney Hafner opened discussion telling the Town Board he had a long meeting with Mike O’Conner, it went well. Supervisor Geraghty will schedule a meeting with Tom Suzzo, Mike O’ Conner, the Town Attorney and himself. Attorney Hafner said the biggest thing they have was a comment they would not be able to get Price Chopper to sign on, no one admits it is Price Chopper that is coming in, he will check the statutes to see how long a contract can be, the rates will be based on what the Town changes their rates over time.

DISCUSSION –PROMOTE WARRENSBURG

Supervisor Geraghty pointed out that the board displayed behind them is the Board that will be used as the Towns’ piece to promote Warrensburg and said that most of the pictures on the Board were taken by the Town Assessor, Greg Klingler, except for two of them. Supervisor Geraghty said the pictures were sent down to Kate Johnson, Warren

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County Tourism. Supervisor Geraghty explained the County is doing a satellite Tourism booth in Adirondack Mall, so they are going to have a panel set up for each community and these are his pictures for the Town of Warrensburg. Supervisor Geraghty said he felt this had turned out very well, and he thinks Warren County Tourism did a good job for the Town. Supervisor Geraghty said you will see them promoting Warrensburg as much as they can in the future.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Teresa Whalen – asked the Town Board if they have any aesthetics of the new Price Chopper, what is going to look like.

Supervisor Geraghty explained that was done with the Town of Lake George and directed her to talk to the Lake George Planning Board and Rob Hickey.

Peggy Knowles – asked about the sidewalks going in on James Street, if they were going to be on both sides or one side.

Highway Superintendent Pennock explained they will be on the East side of Sanford and James, the right hand side opposite the mail boxes.

On motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Reed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk