

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, APRIL 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Thomas Belden; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Steve Parisi; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney, and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #70-13

MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

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 – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WATER CODE

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

A legal notice was printed on March 28th, 2013 in the Glens Falls Post Star with a copy of said notice posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board on March 25th, 2013. The contents of that legal notice were read into the record.

Supervisor Geraghty asked the Water Committee to give a synopsis of what this addresses. It was explained the proposed amendments to the Water Code would address meter usage, responsibilities of maintenance and incorporating cross connections service.

No one wished to speak.

Public Hearing was recessed to regular town board meeting.

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RESOLUTION #71-13

APPROVE MINUTES

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from March 13, 2013.

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, Lighting, Historian, Museum, Parks and Rec., Sewer and Water and Youth.

DISCUSSION – YOUTH

Councilperson Reed opened discussion reporting the Little League has been doing repairs to the hot dog shack at the Rec. Field. Councilperson Reed said the Little League would like to name the hot dog shack.

Supervisor Geraghty said the Town has been asked to rename the snack shack in memory of Isabelle Reed and asked Councilperson Reed for the proper name. Councilperson Reed said they wished to name the snack shack Grandma Izzy's Snack Shack.

RESOLUTION #72-13

NAME SNACK SHACK

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

AYES 4 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Marcella

NAYS 0

ABSTENTION 1 Reed

IT IS RESOLVED, to name the snack shack at the Recreation Field Grandma Izzy's Snack Shack, in memory of Isabelle Reed.

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RESOLUTION #73-13

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER CODE

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to close the public hearing. Time 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION #74-13

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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, to appoint James Hull to the Board of Assessment Review and to appoint Robert Kladis as an Alternate member to the Board of Assessment Review.

REPORT ON ECONO QUICK PROPERTY

Supervisor Geraghty reported the Town of Warrensburg has received the Certification of Completion on the Econo Quick Property from the Department of Environmental Conservation. Supervisor Geraghty said this property was a Brownfield property that has been cleaned up, it was initially cleaned up in the late 90's, they went in and finished the job over the past two years. Supervisor Geraghty explained the Town has waited almost one solid year for that report from DEC, the Town of Warrensburg will seek permanent ownership of that lot on Richards Avenue, it will go through the Court system.

Attorney Hafner explained that his office and the County Attorney's Office have put papers into the Court because the County will take the property under tax foreclosure, the County will end up getting ownership and then permission will be given to the County to deliver that property to the Town. Attorney Hafner said they expect to have Court approval and have the deed to the Town by the end of the month.

RESOLUTION #75-13

REPEAL LOCAL LAW #1-2013 PERTAINING TO SENIOR CITIZENS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

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IT IS RESOLVED, to repeal Local Law #1-2013 pertaining to Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption.

RESOLUTION #76-13

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW FOR SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for proposed amendment to the Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemption to allow for a sliding scale of incremental levels of exemption for income levels and authorizing the Town Clerk to advertize the public hearing notice in the Glens Falls Post Star.

RESOLUTION #77-13

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW FOR ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to schedule a public hearing for the Zoning Law Amendments for Wednesday, May 8th, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. and authorizing the Town Clerk to advertize the public hearing notice in the Glens Falls Post Star.

RESOLUTION #78-13

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize Kevin B. Geraghty, Town Supervisor, to attend the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference in Lake Placid on Thursday, April 25th, 2013 and to have the town pay the registration fee of \$55.75.

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RESOLUTION #79-13

AUTHORIZE SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD SIGN

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to place a school bus stop ahead sign on Alden Avenue to warn motorist that there is a school bus stop following a sharp corner.

RESOLUTION #80-13

AUTHORIZE DOG CONTROL OFFICER TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to allow the Dog Control Officer to attend a Dog Control Officer Conference in Guilderland on May 7th and May 8th and to have the Town pay the registration fee of \$50.00.

DISCUSSION – USES AT SENIOR CITIZEN BUILDING

Teresa Whalen, Beautification Committee Chair - spoke to the Town Board explaining she had sent a letter to Kevin and had copied it to the Board regarding Warrensburg Beautifications concern for the continued use of the Senior Center. Ms. Whalen told the Town Board she feels the building is not being used to its fullest extent right now, they would like to contribute to the operating costs of the building, donating \$100.00 a month towards that, and, said in the long term they would also like to have other non profit organizations utilize the building and make donations. Ms. Whalen said that is something that will happen if the Board wishes it to. Ms. Whalen told the Town Board there was other things they wished to start working on this year and one of them has to do with the Community Garden. Ms. Whalen told the Town Board they will have a school garden at the elementary school this year, and, said she and Ruth Fruda and their committee wished to start teaching young mothers to cook. Ms. Whalen said they are interested in getting a few young mothers together and giving them very basic classes on what they are growing in the gardens and utilizing the kitchen at the Senior Center. Ms. Whalen said she has been in touch with the State Health Department and when she explained what they were proposing to do, how they would not be selling anything or charging anything for the classes and the food would only be consumed by the people that are cooking it and their families, Department of Health did not see a reason for a permit or an inspection. Ms. Whalen told the Town Board she asked Department of Health to send something in writing but because they are not filing for anything they did not know what they could send, she will contact them at the District Office again.

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Supervisor Geraghty told Ms. Whalen he had two suggestions, that she reach out to Cornell Cooperative Extension and he will check with Warren County Building Codes because he just does not want this to blow up.

Ms. Whalen told the Town Board the other thing they are working on is having a CSA Farm Share program and having the distribution point be the Senior Citizen center, outside on the porch. Ms. Whalen said it would be a twenty month distribution and would happen on Tuesdays. Ms. Whalen said this will also provide another opportunity for people who are unable to attend the Farmers Market.

Discussion ensued on the other components of the Healthy Food Program.

DISCUSSION – MARCUS BRUCE PARK

Teresa Whalen told the Town Board she had been in contact with Kim Monthany this morning regarding putting the Bi Centennial Garden at the other end of the Marcus Bruce Park and the ball teams that play there. Ms. Whalen said Mr. Monthany expressed concern about kids darting into the road after a ball, he did not want something like a screen created there. Ms. Whalen said her thought was with the trees and the shrubs something could be created that could prevent the ball from going in the road.

Ms. Whalen said she wished to ask the Town Board officially if this little park could be named the Bi Centennial Garden within the Marcus Bruce Park. Ms. Whalen said there would not be a conflict and they did not wish to diminish at all the dedication to Marcus Bruce, it is their goal to put back the McNut Fountain back in service and that is where they would locate it, then plant vegetation around it and put benches in to sit and listen to the fountain.

Supervisor Geraghty said he wished to run it by the Family first, and, explained they were sensitive when they tried to put something else there.

Ms. Whalen told the Town Board they would be adding one more festival this year at the Farmers Market and it is going to be the Adirondack Riverfront Arts Festival, it will be held August 23rd, they will extend the hours of the market so it will be a Bi Centennial event.

Discussion ensued on if there would be enough room there. Ms. Whalen said they are extending the spaces down to where the stone wall is, there will be some vacant spots where people are attending other events instead of there and they can put a few around the parking area.

Supervisor Geraghty thanked Ms. Whalen and her committee for all of their work.

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DISCUSSION – LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN WARRENSBURG

Elaine Cowen explained a little free library is a box about two feet by two feet and its kind of like take a penny, leave a penny, you can take a book or leave a book, you do not have to do either or both. Ms. Cowen told the Town Board there are Little Free Libraries in forty countries world wide and every state in the Union has one, her book club, affectionately know as the Book Babes would like to give something back to the Community so they would like to put a Little Free Library some where in Warrensburg, and, they felt they should first get permission.

Supervisor Geraghty suggested it might be nice at the Veteran's Park on River Street where there are benches; some where it is kind of soothing.

RESOLUTION #81-13

AUTHORIZE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY BE PLACED AT VETERANS PARK

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to allow a Little Free Library to be placed at the Frederick Flynn Veterans Memorial Park.

RESOLUTION #82-13

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1-2013

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2013, Chapter 204 Water of the Town of Warrensburg.

RESOLUTION #83-13

MEETING ROOM BENCH

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, to give the meeting room bench to the Town of Thurman.

DISCUSSION –PRICE CHOPPER PROJECT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining that 375 feet of the water line, past the Route 9 Bridge, and it was his understanding that the first fire hydrant

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down there, that portion, was owned and maintained by the Town of Warrensburg. Supervisor Geraghty explained in the 1998 agreement with the Super 8 Motel which expires this year it is apparent we never approached them about accepting these 375 feet of pipe. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board it behooves them to make a resolution tonight to approach Super 8 to ask them if the Town can take over those 375 feet of pipe.

RESOLUTION #84-13

REQUEST 375 FEET OF PIPE BE GIVEN TO THE TOWN OF WARRENSBURG

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to approach Super 8 to ask them to give the Town of Warrensburg Water District 375 feet of pipe that connects to the Town of Warrensburg Water District pipe.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Geraghty announced the Hudson Headwaters project is moving along and explained the old Charlie's Shoes building is scheduled to be demolished later this month or in May, and, ground will be broken for the new Health Center building in June.

Supervisor Geraghty said DOT called today and the repaving of Route 9 should start in about two weeks, they may start on the North End by the Industrial Park and work their way South. Supervisor Geraghty said there is reconstruction of the road across from McDonalds and Prosser Road where the Price Chopper Project is going to go on so they have a little more work to do on the South end of Town. Supervisor Geraghty said there will be night work; the residents will be notified that this is going to be happening in the next two weeks.

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the Town is waiting for the developer to sign off on the water and sewer agreements for the Price Chopper project, the Town expects to sign these projects on Monday at 3:00 p.m. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town of Warrensburg's portion of the project has never changed.

DISCUSSION – GOOD MOVES CAMPAIGN

Kathy Varney spoke to the Town Board about the mapping project they are going to do in the community to identify the healthy resources and in addition to that they have been working with trampoline design to come up with a campaign they are going to do in Warren and Washington counties. Ms. Varney said it is all on exercise and nutrition, the drafts she has are not really good enough to show the Board yet.

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Ms. Varney said what they are proposing is to place banners or posters on the kiosk at Hackensack, over by the Recreation Center and the Farmers Market and the Community Garden. Ms. Varney said they should be ready within the next month and then she will share them with the Board, she will reach out to Kevin or Chris Belden about the next steps for the mapping project. Ms. Varney said she is just looking for permission to put the banners up tonight.

RESOLUTION #85-13

AUTHORIZE BANNERS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to give permission for banners to be placed at kiosk at Hackensack, over by the Recreation Center and the Farmers Market and the Community Garden.

DISCUSSION – SIGNS COMING INTO WARRENSBURG

Supervisor Geraghty asked Teresa Whalen if it would be possible to have “Home of Floyd Bennett” put on the signs coming into the Town of Warrensburg. She will work on it with the people who did the signs for the Historical Mills that was destroyed.

RESOLUTION #86-13

BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Councilperson Reed, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the attached resolution was ADOPTED

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #87-13

PAY WARRANTS

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

AYES 5 Alexander, Rounds, Geraghty, Reed, Marcella

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #4 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$44,533.18
Highway Fund	\$19,957.38
Capital Project New Well	\$ 5,104.20
Capital Project Car Wash	\$ 1,308.64
Lighting District	\$ 6,031.98

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Sewer Fund	\$21,946.40
Water Fund	\$12,375.42

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

Discussion ensued about construction on Hudson Street, and projects the Town is going to be doing this summer.

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC
Warrensburg Town Clerk**