

**REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, APRIL 9, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Kevin B. Geraghty</b>
	<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>John Alexander</b>
	<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Joyce Reed</b>
	<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Linda Marcella</b>
	<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Bryan Rounds</b>

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Wayne LaMothe, County Planner; Sandi Parisi, Historian; Steve Parisi, Museum Director; Chris Belden, Code Enforcement Officer; Teresa Whalen, Beautification Chair; Daniel Wilson, AIA; and numerous town residents.

**RESOLUTION #74-14**

**MINUTES**

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

**AYES 5** Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of March 12, 2014 be accepted.

**DISCUSSION - TRUCK BIDS**

Truck bids were received and opened for the purchase of a 2015 F550 Ford Cab and Chassis from the following bidders:

<b>Warren Ford</b>	<b>\$34,229.00</b>
<b>Vision Ford</b>	<b>\$35,088.00</b>
<b>West Herr Ford</b>	<b>\$35,329.00</b>

**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: Beautification, Highway, Historian, Museum, Parks and Rec., Landfill and Sewer and Water.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications were received by the Supervisor from the following:

1) NYS DOT approving request for two No Parking signs at the entrance to Raymond Lane.

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- 2) Letter from Danielle Robichaud for appointment for Alternate on the Planning Board.**
- 3) Letter of resignation from Alice Farrell as a Planning Board member.**
- 4) Letter from NYSDEC authorizing the Town to operate Sand Filter at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**
- 5) Letter received from Thomas Moran regarding property he owns at 9 Brown's Court.**

**MUSEUM QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Steve Parisi, Museum Director gave his quarterly report to the Town Board. Mr. Parisi told the Town Board attendance is up twelve percent for this quarter over the last year, in spite of the snow and the ice. Mr. Parisi told the Town Board the Museum extended the doll house and the room box exhibit which turned out to be their most successful holiday exhibit over the last four years.**

**Mr. Parisi told the Town Board that Tom Belden had cleared around the old foundation across from Curtis Store and if you go by there, the foundations which were the supports for the trolley generating plants, they have photos of the interior of that plant showing those pedestals. Mr. Parisi said he is looking forward to helping clean out the sight and to getting a sign up there. Mr. Parisi told the Town Board these are the kind of locations in town, once they get them established and signed, that will bring people to town. Mr. Parisi said it is like holy grail to a huge amount of people through out the Country, vestiges of trolley lines and historic activities.**

**Mr. Parisi said he wished to extend the invitation sent by Paul Gilchrest to attend the architectural programs coming up.**

**Mr. Parisi reported that the circle plaque project is under way, residents who live in homes in the historic district participate, the historical society is subsidizing members if they wish to have a plaque, these are bronze plaques that are mounted on the homes, there is one on the Senior Citizens.**

**Councilperson Alexander said the third week in March, the Town lost Shirley Sherman, who was the secretary to the Cemetery Association for a very long time as well as a big help to him. Councilperson Alexander asked for thoughts and prayers for her family.**

**YOUTH**

**Supervisor Geraghty reported he was visited today by a young man who has moved back in town who wants to start Middle League softball for girls. Supervisor Geraghty said he gave him some ideas on who to go to and said the town has a baseball team for young men, the age group is thirteen to sixteen, the Fire Company**

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**sponsors the Middle League Baseball. Supervisor Geraghty said the young man was Brian Reed.**

### **WATER**

**Supervisor Geraghty said he wished to announce the Town Board did have a Water Committee meeting and they are making adjustments to the Apartment rate in town, they have changed the rate to allow for some what of a reduction, it does not affect the businesses with apartments but will affect homes with apartments.**

**Supervisor Geraghty said they are now being treated as residential versus commercial and they also made a slight change to the Senior rate, it was kept at \$48.75 flat fee but they did add a consumption rate for after the first 20,000 gallons because they saw that some of the consumptions on the Senior rate were getting pretty high. Supervisor Geraghty said they will continue to look at the different rates.**

### **POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON FLOYD BENNETT BANDSTAND**

**Dan Wilson, Spring Line Design, gave a power point presentation on the Floyd Bennett Bandstand for the restoration project. Mr. Wilson explained he has been working with the Town, with Wayne LaMothe from Warren County and New York State Department of State to come up with a scope on restoring this beautiful landmark in the Town.**

**Wayne LaMothe, Director of the Warren County Planning Office- spoke to the Town Board about the grant award, and said he wished to give credit to the Town because at some point and time in the past the town engaged Cedarwood Engineering to do some preliminary assessments of the needs of that structure, that document was what was essential in getting a couple hundred thousand dollars of grant funds to do this work, it came out to be a \$397,000 project, they were able under the First Wilderness Program that the County manages to secure fifty percent of that, the State grant funding is fifty-fifty with the idea that there is a lot of work that can be done there that the Town forces can do that will count towards the fifty percent match. Mr. LaMothe said some of it will probably have to be contracted and they are still talking about the best way to get this done this year. Mr. LaMothe said what they were able to do was to tie this into the Route 418 project for the Town Park because that property came back appraised at \$75,000 which counts towards the Town's fifty percent match. Mr. LaMothe told the Town Board this grant award was a 2012 award, it sunsets at the end of 2015 so they have this summer and next summer to finalize it.**

**Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked Mr. LaMothe to be specific about the time line for the project, explaining the Town does have a few major events.**

**Mr. LaMothe said they are waiting on a few things, the State Historic Preservation Office is one thing and they have to sign off on the design, along with the question of**

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can they use a composite column or do they have to use wood, and some other aspects of it. Mr. LaMothe said it just came to light that there was some testing done to show levels of asbestos in the roof paint, Dan will do some follow up, they are just starting that and there is money in the grant for abatement. Mr. LaMothe told the Town Board the main focus is to get substantial completion of the structural renovation of that facility this calendar year.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked what this will do to the intersection, how much will it tie up the intersection. Supervisor Geraghty said it will not tie up the intersection at all.

**DISCUSSION - BROWNS COURT**

Chris Belden - Code Enforcement Officer-opened discussion on 9 Brown's Court property which is a parcel without road frontage. Mr. Belden told the Town Board a resolution referring a request for establishment of an open development area from the Town Board to the Planning Board for a report would be in order.

**RESOLUTION #75-14**

**RESOLUTION REFERRING REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA TO TOWN PLANNING BOARD**

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

**AYES 5** Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds

**NAYS 0**

**DISCUSSION - ADIRONDACK REVIEW FOR STREETScape**

Chris Belden, Code Enforcement Officer- told the Town Board they have reached out to Kate Manse, Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council looking to see if they could develop a streetscape and bicycle and pedestrian orientated plan to redesign River Street and they have funding available through their EAF Program, about \$20,000 and they have consultants that they work with. Mr. Belden said they will need a letter of support from Supervisor Geraghty before next Wednesday when the Advisory Committee meets. Mr. Belden said the goal of this is to design a plan so that when and if funding becomes available the Town can pursue and has a plan in place. Mr. Belden said he spoke to Ms. Manse about the Richards Street Bridge, and the accident rate over there and Ms. Manse also felt it is pretty high, she has been speaking to DOT, they are looking to get involved in another program through AGFC but it appears that will not be necessary, DOT is already aware.

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**RESOLUTION #76-14**

**AUTHORIZE STREETScape ADVANCED PLAN GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT WITH AGFC**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to prepare and send a letter of support for an application for funding through AGFC for streetscape to develop a bicycle and pedestrian orientated plan to redesign River Street.**

**DISCUSSION - 11 MARION AVENUE PROPERTY**

**Chris Belden opened discussion telling the Town Board this was the same property they had discussed last fall, 11 Marion Avenue, Alice Cameron's Property. Mr. Belden said the Town Board had moved forward with a resolution to send to Supreme Court to seek a preliminary and permanent injunction in Supreme Court to prevent occupancy, the Town did not move forward with that because there was a volunteer group that went in and helped her clean the place up. Mr. Belden said he was in there in mid December and it was a lot better than in 2013. Mr. Belden said it has ended up coming back to his Department, Warren County Social Services Department contacted him about poor conditions there. Mr. Belden told the Town Board another resolution would be needed to move forward, the resolution has been revised to contain some new information.**

**Supervisor Geraghty said we have been in contact with her brother, he has visited, and the Town sees no other choice but to move ahead on this avenue, even though the Town does not like to move ahead this way but it is felt by the family that perhaps if the Town takes this avenue perhaps they can get this property cleaned up once and for all. Supervisor Geraghty said the resident has been moved out of the property to a motel, eventually they hope to have her move into another facility. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town Water Department was up there, and tried to help out and reluctantly we need to move ahead.**

**Mr. Belden said that Ms. Cameron has been coming back in to the house, even though she has another place to live.**

**Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if there was a way to short circuit the process, to just condemn the property, and, said you see it happen all of the time.**

**Town Attorney Hafner said if you want the authority to go onto someone's property or to keep them from going on their property, you need the Court's blessing, sometimes people might try to do something else but it is his job to get them to do what is proper.**

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**RESOLUTION #77-14**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING UNSANITARY CONDITIONS AT 11 MARION AVENUE.**

**On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the attached resolution was ADOPTED by roll call vote:**

**AYES: Geraghty, Reed, Rounds, Alexander, Baker-Marcella**

**NAYS: None**

**RESOLUTION #78-14**

**ADVERTISE FOR PLANNING BOARD**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Clerk to place a classified ad in the Glens Falls Post Star help wanted for one full time Planning Board member and one Alternate.**

**RESOLUTION #79-14**

**APPROVE DOG CONTROL OFFICER ATTEND CONFERENCE**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to allow the Dog Control Officer to attend a two day conference on May 6th and May 7th in Guilderland and to approve overnight stay for May 6th, 2014 because she is within the GSA guidelines.**

**RESOLUTION #80-14**

**ALLOW SUPERVISOR TO SIGN MASTER AGREEMENT AND APPROVE MAKE THE CONNECTION PROJECT FOR HUDSON STREET**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds, Alexander**

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED to allow the Supervisor to sign the Master Agreement and approve Make the Connection Project for Hudson Street due to a change in the pin number.**

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**RESOLUTION #81-14**

**AUTHORIZE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO USE TOWN HALL**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds, Alexander**

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to allow Warren County Board of Elections to use the Town Hall for the Federal Primary Election on Monday, June 23, 2014 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION #82-14**

**ADD OUTLETS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TO POWER POLES**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds, Alexander**

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLVED, to add 10 outlets for Christmas Decorations to power poles on Horicon Avenue (5), Library (4) and Milton Street (1).**

**RESOLUTION #83-14**

**WAIVE \$5.00 FILING FEE FOR LUD**

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

**AYES 4 Geraghty, Reed, Rounds, Alexander**

**NAYS 0**

**ABSTAIN Linda Baker-Marcella abstained.**

**RESOLVED, to waive the \$5.00 LUD permit fee for Carol Meyer on her property located at 2 Fourth Avenue.**

**DISCUSSION - TOWN HALL PHONES**

**Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board that the Town Hall phone system has sorely been falling apart and they have spoken to Charlie from Northern Telephone. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board there is no longer any voice mail on the phones and there is no caller ID so he asked Charlie to put together a proposal for the Town, one of the proposals was \$849.00 just to get messaging, the other proposal was \$3,249.00 if they upgrade some of the phones, and get messaging and caller ID and some other technical advantages. Supervisor Geraghty said he has to use the phone system all day long, he has had people complain to them that the phone rings and rings and they cannot leave a message, they need to get the phones straightened out.**

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**Councilperson Alexander said he too had spoken to Charlie, and has looked over the additional services the Town should have. Councilperson Alexander said his recommendation would be to advance to the next level and not just purchase the capability box but the six phones that will have the capability for what Kevin is looking for.**

**Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if the Town had looked at any other systems or inquired of any other phone providers. Councilperson Baker - Marcella said she was a little uncomfortable as a public representative to be spending between \$1,000 and \$3500 and not talking to more than one provider, she would just ask to get input from more than one provider. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she would follow what ever the recommendation is.**

**Supervisor Geraghty asked if someone wished to take the project of getting in touch with some of the other providers on.**

**Discussion ensued. It was decided that Councilperson Alexander would contact other phone providers for quotes, and, the Town Board would move ahead with buying the system from Northern Telephone. Supervisor Geraghty said he would check with other providers and if he found someone less expensive than Charlie (Northern Telephone) they would move ahead with the cheaper provider.**

**RESOLUTION #84-14**

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM NORTHERN TELEPHONE**

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

**AYES: Geraghty, Baker-Marcella, Reed, Rounds, Alexander**

**NAYS: None**

**RESOLVED, to authorize Supervisor Geraghty to accept the quote from Northern Telephone for upgrading the Town Hall phone equipment system and move ahead while checking other phone provider prices with the source of the funding to be Building Contractual.**

**RESOLUTION #85-14**

**SCHOLARSHIP AD FOR FIFTH ANNUAL 5K BURGER DASH RUN/WALK**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

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**RESOLVED, to authorize a scholarship ad for the Fifth Annual Burger 5K Dash/Run/Walk for \$100.00 with the source of the funding to come from Occupancy Tax.**

**RESOLUTION #86-14**

**AWARD 2015 F550 FORD CAB AND CHASSIS**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to award the bid for a 2015 F550 Ford Cab and Chassis from Warren Ford for \$34,229.00.**

**RESOLUTION #87-14**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #122-10 ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING**

**On motion of Councilperson Baker-Marcella, seconded by Councilperson Alexander, the attached resolution was ADOPTED**

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #88-14**

**ESTABLISH CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR SIDEWALKS H-15**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Sidewalks H-15 and transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund Balance.**

**PUBLIC CONCERNS**

**Supervisor Geraghty reported that the Highway Superintendent announced the following roads to be worked on this summer: Tripp Lake Road, Moose Ridge and Cloverleaf Drive.**

**Supervisor Geraghty said the Annual Drinking Water Quality report is being sent out for 2013.**

**Supervisor Geraghty reported the Part-Time Crossing Guard position is now being filled by David Cavanaugh and being paid for by the Safe Routes to School Grant.**

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**Supervisor Geraghty announced there will be a joint School Board-Town Board meeting on April 22, 2014 at the High School at 6:00 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION #89-14**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #90-14**

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #91-14**

**PAY BILLS**

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

**AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella, Rounds**

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLVED, to pay the bills in the following amounts as outlined on Abstract #4-14**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$94,868.19</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>\$17,372.99</b>
<b>Lighting Fund</b>	<b>\$ 8,973.30</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$18,363.24</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>\$17,733.13</b>
<b>New Well</b>	<b>\$ 82.50</b>
<b>Sidewalk</b>	<b>\$11,618.16</b>

**On motion of Councilperson Baker-Marcella, seconded by Councilperson Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.**

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**Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk**