

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, APRIL 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin B. Geraghty
	Councilperson	John Alexander
	Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
	Councilperson	Joyce Reed
	Councilperson	Linda Baker-Marcella

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Tom Belden; Chris Belden; Patty Monahan; Paul Cummings, Chazen; Kate Manse and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #68-15

MINUTES

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

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

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, that the minutes of March 11, 2015 be accepted.

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, Landfill, Parks and Rec., Sewer, Water, Museum, and Youth.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A letter from National Grid regarding disconnection of service to the old Health Center.
- 2) Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce is holding a mixer on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Museum of Local History at 5:00 p.m.
- 3) Letter from Warren County Public Health about adopting a tobacco-free policy for the Town Hall property.
- 4) Letter from Warren County Soil and Water Conservation and Warren County Office of Emergency Services requesting members for a Jurisdictional Team for County Hazard Mitigation Plan that is being developed.
- 5) State notification that the State plans to purchase 836 acres of Huckleberry Mountain Forest located up Alden Avenue; this property will be taxable property.

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RESOLUTION #69-15

OCCUPANCY TAX AWARD

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed

Nays 0

Abstain 1 Baker-Marcella

RESOLVED, to award \$155.00 in Occupancy Tax Money to pay for an ad in the Warrensburg School 2015 Year Book.

RESOLUTION #70-15

OCCUPANCY TAX AWARD

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to award \$50.00 for a one half page ad to Salute Our Veterans in the Warren County American Program.

RESOLUTION #71-15

SUPPORT FOR PRESERVE NY GRANT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

RESOLUTION #72-15

GIVE PERMISSION FOR SCHOOL FOR BOOKKEEPER

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to give permission for the Town Bookkeeper, Patty Monahan, to attend Annual Finance School in Saratoga Springs sponsored by Association of Towns on May 7th and May 8th, 2015 for \$200.00.

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RESOLUTION #73-15

AUTHORIZE BIDS FOR 2016 FORD F-550 CAB AND CHASSIS AND 9 FOOT DUMP BODY

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize a bid for a new 2016 Ford F-550 Cab and Chassis and a second bid for a 9 foot Dump Body box for the 13th of May, 2015 regular town board meeting.

DISCUSSION-CAPITAL PROJECT H-13 SEWER PROJECT

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining this is for the Sewer line that will come from Country Side Adult Home down to Main Street and will connect to the Town's sewer. Supervisor Geraghty said it is a \$400,000.00 grant funding and the Town is required to do in-kind services so he felt it best to have a capital account set up.

Attorney Hafner asked if this was an extension of the Town's Sewer District.

Supervisor Geraghty told Mr. Hafner it is not, and, said they would talk. Supervisor Geraghty said it is the sewer line that the County applied for funding, it is a single line, and the Town is in a discussion with Cedarwood. Supervisor Geraghty said they are not sure if gravity feed is going to work; what they want to do eventually is add from the Central School down into the district. Supervisor Geraghty said he knew they would have to go through procedures; this is not going to happen until next year, but they should sit and talk about it.

Attorney Hafner said the County giving the Town the line will be an out of district contract for the Adult Home.

Supervisor Geraghty said it is a County grant, the Town is working with them, there is potential from the School down to have people join the system. Supervisor Geraghty said the thought is they can do a gravity feed all the way down to Main Street which would eliminate another pumping station and, if they can, Prospect Street, Pratt Street, Griffin Street, Horicon Avenue could potentially be brought into the system. Supervisor Geraghty said it was his thought to run T's off the line as they come down through, there are people who have approached asking if they can get into the Sewer District.

Discussion ensued on a proposed district for Sewer.

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RESOLUTION #74-15

ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT H-13 SEWER PROJECT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

DISCUSSION - SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion saying the Town does not have to do shared services but the Town does have to do a one percent reduction in our taxes or show a one percent reduction in our taxes, either by sharing services or cutting services. Supervisor Geraghty said he is proposing the Town join the County in all its purchasing agreements, using the County purchasing agent to purchase goods and services. Supervisor Geraghty said Onondaga County does it, he had a presentation on that last Friday. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town will save money, Warrensburg does not have a purchasing agent so everyone here goes out and does their own thing, and we end up having to adhere to our Procurement Policy. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board he was proposing that the Town join the County in their services, they will follow the plan with the State and we are showing a one percent reduction in the taxes. Supervisor Geraghty said if the Town was to

share services, part of the services would be included if the County does the County wide dog control. Supervisor Geraghty said there is a chance our Dog Control Officer could be picked up by this project, too, even though she works part time, there is a chance. Supervisor Geraghty said he spoke to Brenda and told her this is one of shared services, there are numerous things that they have talked about on a County level that the Towns can get into. Supervisor Geraghty said as he had said before, the schools are part of this plan, they are going to have to do it pretty quick too.

Discussion ensued. Supervisor Geraghty said he would like the Town Board's permission to join in on the County purchasing.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if the Town employees are obligated if they have a deal to purchase paper or something if they have a deal to buy paper or something and it is cheaper than the County's figure, are they obligated to buy through them.

Supervisor Geraghty said no.

Councilperson Rounds asked if it would be better to keep this in our back pocket since we are already showing shared services with our Assessor.

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Supervisor Geraghty said what the Town is going to do is show its one percent savings, all we are doing is joining in and they are going to allow us to get on their contracts. Supervisor Geraghty said one of the big things is we piggy back on a lot of the contracts now, but, the fallacy is we don't tell the County purchasing agent that we need one hundred thousand tons of salt, we allow them to buy under the contract that they get but it is all based on what Warren County buys, so if Warren County guarantees five hundred thousand tons of salt and they get a price based on five hundred tons of salt and you start adding up what all of the communities use, it could go up to a million tons of salt and then the price is lower, and you are always going to do that. Supervisor Geraghty said he knew that Onondaga County, who is close to a salt mine, saved almost 80 to 90 thousand dollars a year on salt. Supervisor Geraghty said this is going to be hit and miss, the Town uses WB Mason and the County uses WB Mason so we are getting the same commodity prices as the County, sometimes they will beat state contract price.

RESOLUTION #75-15

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a shared service agreement with Warren County, utilizing the County Purchasing Department to consolidate purchasing of goods and services.

DISCUSSION - AMEND WATER BILLS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board the Town had eighteen homeowners freeze up this past winter and some people had to leave their water running, some of

the charges were much, much higher than what they used last year so what the Town is going to do for the eighteen homeowners that had higher usage this year than last year and they were in the freeze ups is we are going to modify their bills accordingly. Supervisor Geraghty said if other people come in after they receive this quarter's water bill, we will work with them on an individual basis. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town cannot do a blanket resolution because some people did not leave their water running but we know by the usage, this will be for the eighteen people who froze up.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if the Town was going to charge them what they used last year. Supervisor Geraghty explained we are going to charge them what they used the last quarter.

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RESOLUTION #76-15

RESOLUTION AMENDING WATER BILLS FOR HOMEOWNERS WITH FROZEN PIPES

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

**ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0**

IT IS RESOLVED, to amend the following eighteen water bills:

DMLL&AM Fuller,	18 Marion Avenue
Robert Griffin,	40 Woodward Avenue
Julian F. Kobor,	3930 Main Street
Jean Killian	292 Golf Course Road
Douglas & Limary West	5 Herrick Avenue
Frank & Janet Kochan	52 Elm Street
Charles & Dorothy Olden	147 Library Avenue
Dean & Laura Moore	162 Jenni Jill Drive
Eileen Frasier	3822 Main Street
Debbie Swan	3749 Main Street
Lesley Lloyd	10 Thomson Street
Christopher & Donna Geroux	20 Grand Avenue
Mildred Clark	14 Oak Street
Julie Cook	3952 Main Street
Adam Arnold	229 River Street
Shirley Robinson	5 Prospect Street
Loren & Virginia Field	3900 Main Street

DISCUSSION - SALARY INCREASE FOR TOWN BOOKKEEPER/GRANT WRITER

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board that Patty Monahan, the Town Bookkeeper/Grant Writer is going to become a salaried employee.

RESOLUTION #77-15

SALARY INCREASE FOR TOWN BOOKKEEPER

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

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IT IS RESOLVED, to approve a salary for the Bookkeeper/Grant Writer in the amount of \$45,000.00 with any increase budget modifications to the Water/Sewer budget with no increase to the General Fund, and to enter into a shared services agreement with the Town of Horicon with their portion of the salary to be \$9,000.00.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Geraghty announced Hudson Headwaters is planning a HHHN Day Open House in Warrensburg for June 13, 2015; all community organizations will be invited.

Supervisor Geraghty announced the Town hopes to have the contractor onsite for the Bandstand project the week of April 20th, 2015.

RESOLUTION #78-15

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

RESOLUTION #79-15

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

RESOLUTION #80-15

PAY BILLS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Alexander, Reed, Baker-Marcella
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to pay the bills as listed on Abstract #4-15 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$97,787.04
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,265.40
Water Fund	\$ 8,156.80
Lighting Fund	\$ 7,683.82
Highway Fund	\$35,943.05

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On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk