

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, MARCH 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 6:00 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; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Steve Parisi, Historical Society; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Ash and Jamie Anand of Lotus Analytics; Darby Langworthy of Lotus Analytics and numerous Town residents.

RESOLUTION #57-15

MINUTES

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

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

NAYS 0

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

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING-PROPOSED BUS SERVICE

Supervisor Geraghty introduced Ash Anand of Lotus Analytics. Mr. Anand gave a presentation to the Town about a proposed bus service his company is considering opening in the Town of Warrensburg.

Many residents spoke with questions regarding cost, the type of service the bus service would involve, the price of tickets, the bus schedule and when the company intends to begin the service.

Supervisor Geraghty said that when the Town did the survey's with the Comp. Plan one of the things was the bus service for the community, then there was the gas crunch and it was looked at again because of the gas shortage and the high price of gasoline. Supervisor Geraghty said there is a lot of car traffic in this community in the morning, the convenience to the consumer will be important. Supervisor Geraghty said there will be added traffic with people coming into the community because of the new health center and it would be nice if that could be worked into the bus scheduling. Supervisor Geraghty said he felt there was a need in the community, this is a fact finding meeting tonight open to anyone who wishes to ask questions, the Board will review it and then make a decision to try and work with them at a later date.

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Councilperson Baker-Marcella told Mr. Anand her understanding of the purpose of the meeting tonight was to introduce the concept of the bus service and to get some idea and input with regards to it. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said the survey Mr. Anand has on the Town Website asks very specific questions. Councilperson Marcella said the survey on the website will help them, people should go on the website and fill out the questionnaire, that will give the Lotus group inspiration that

they can use to answer some of the questions the townspeople have. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said there are hard copies of the survey here at the Town Hall that can be filled out and they can be left at the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Geraghty asked Mr. Anand how soon he wished to get this started.

Mr. Anand said that the applications are already in to New York State Transportation Authority and he is looking for people who wish to work, for employment, they have busses here already. Mr. Anand said if they were to receive State approval they could start in two weeks, but the tentative plan at this point is May 1st.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella said they will need the survey completed by the end of the month so the Lotus group can start.

Supervisor Geraghty said the Town can get the survey out to the Senior's at their meeting, get a hold of the members at their club.

Discussion ensued on how to get the survey out to the residents, a recommendation to contact Chris Belden for parking issues, and the bus schedules.

Supervisor Geraghty called for a recess at 6:33 p.m.

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.

WARREN COUNTY SPCA

Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board Brenda Barrett, DCO for Warrensburg recently worked with Jim Fitzgerald, Queensbury DCO and now Warren County SPCA and that Mr. Fitzgerald had nothing but kudos for how Brenda handled her self. Supervisor Geraghty said one of the things Warren County SPCA is looking at to make their services better is to work with the Town DCO's; they are not going to eliminate jobs but DCO's handle strictly dogs. Supervisor Geraghty said he learned today there are around 10,000 feral cats in the Town of Queensbury, alone, it does become an issue up here from time to time. Supervisor Geraghty said with Brenda working with the SPCA some of those issues can be handled.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A letter from Warrensburg Central School announcing free Community Spaghetti Dinner as a thank you to the Community for supporting the district for March 12th from 5-7 p.m.
- 2) A letter of thanks from Eileen Frasier, Season's Bed and Breakfast for support given with her frozen water pipes.

DISCUSSION - WATER PIPES

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining he had residents in his office about frozen pipes. Supervisor Geraghty said they could see that although they had said if the pipes were frozen under the road it was the responsibility of the home owner they could see at this time that was not going to work, they had a lot of folks in dire need. Supervisor Geraghty said he made a command decision to start thawing people out, he did make a call to the Town Board who was in agreement. Supervisor Geraghty said they called Lake Luzerne and borrowed their equipment which allowed the Water Department to do what had been taking eight to nine hours to do in thirty to forty minutes. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town has purchased that equipment moving forward. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town will be making changes to the Code in the future, the residents with frozen pipes have been very appreciative of the change in policy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Supervisor Geraghty announced the new Hudson Headwaters Health Center is now open.

DISCUSSION - PRESERVE NEW YORK FUNDING

Teresa Whalen reported to the Town Board on Beautification Committee's Preserve NY Statewide TAG and Preserve NY Funding meeting they had with Erin Tobin. Ms. Whalen told the Town Board Ms. Tobin is encouraging the Beautification Committee to submit an application to the Pearsall Foundation.

Supervisor Geraghty asked Ms. Whalen to bring the application to the Town Board.

BID OPENING- HIGHWAY SAND

A legal notice requesting bids for highway sand was placed in the Glens Falls Post Star on March 2, 2015. Sand bids were received and read from the following:

Berness Bolton Excavating	\$4.00 per yard
Charles Friedman Excavating	\$5.50 per yard
W. J. Bokus Ind. Inc.	\$5.91 per yard

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RESOLUTION #58-15

AWARD SAND BID

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

ADOPTED

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

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to award the sand bid to Berness Bolton Excavating for \$4.00 per yard.

DISCUSSION - SEASONAL ROAD SIGN

Supervisor Geraghty said a letter was received from Mark McLain about seasonal road signs in the Buttermilk area, near Lake Luzerne that have been removed. Supervisor Geraghty said Highway Superintendent Pennock will put new signs up when the weather is better and he can put a sign post in the ground.

DISCUSSION - MAPS

Pam Morin, Warren County Planning-explained all of the towns in Warren County had helped fund her project, a first addition map of the Upper Hudson River showcasing the First Wilderness Corridor. Mrs. Morin said the second map is the

first ever First Wilderness project from Saratoga to North Creek, she has just received the second addition of twenty thousand, and, both of these maps will be going out.

RESOLUTION #59-15

ALLOW ZONING OFFICER TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS

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, to allow the Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer to attend two workshops: Septic System Inspection Training on March 17, 2015 at Lake George Town Office Building for \$199.00 and New York Planning Conference at the Sagamore in Bolton Landing, NY for \$189.00 from April 12th to April 14th, 2015.

RESOLUTION #60-15

AWARD OCCUPANCY MONEY

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

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NAYS 0

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IT IS RESOLVED, to award Occupancy money to the Warrensburgh Historical Society for their advertising expenses in the amount of \$3756.50.

RESOLUTION #61-15

**AWARD WARRENSBURG BED AND BREAKFAST ASSOCIATION
OCCUPANCY TAX**

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

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

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to award the Warrensburg Bed & Breakfast Association \$350.00 for Mannix Marketing website hosting fees.

RESOLUTION #62-15

IN SUPPORT OF NEW AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

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

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

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to show support for the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program for the Adirondack Program and calling for the State of New York to support the program.

DISCUSSION - WATER DAMAGE TO TOWN HALL

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board the Town Hall had its own share of water damage this winter, amounting to \$8,640.72 with a \$1000.00 deductable, a total of \$9,640.72 due to snow and ice buildup. Supervisor Geraghty

said there was damage to both the Court Office and the Planning and Zoning Office and the Town needs to do the repairs. Supervisor Geraghty told the Town Board there are bigger issues that need to be addressed with the building and he feels it is time to think about a new roof on the building, there has been leaks in the Secretary's Office as well. Supervisor Geraghty said he feels it is time to put a new roof on the building, obviously it is not budgeted and it may have to be bonded short term. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town cannot afford \$10,000.00 insurance claims, this will need to be put out to bid, he had just wanted to make the Town Board aware at this time.

Supervisor Geraghty said he had also asked the crews take initiatives on how to improve things in the Town, Dexter took the initiative to say it is time to replace the windows in the Town Hall, which have been here since 1965. Supervisor Geraghty said a quote has been obtained, it would be \$5,729.33 to replace the windows in the town hall and that amount would include installation. Supervisor Geraghty said
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this quote was from Lowes, they can also ask Curtis Lumber for a quote, the Town will follow its procurement policy. Supervisor Geraghty said there is money in the Emerson Fund that would take care of it, the Town will pursue this.

Discussion ensued on the windows. Dexter Duell said the current quote is on State contract.

RESOLUTION #63-15

EXPEND FUNDS TO CONGRATULATE CURTIS LUMBER

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella
NAYS 0

RESOLVED, to authorize \$82.50 from Celebrations Appropriation A7550.400 be spent for an ad through the Chronicle to congratulate Curtis Lumber on their 125th Anniversary.

RESOLUTION #64-15

AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY LOADER TRADE

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella
NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to trade the 2012 John Deere Loader in for a 2015 John Deere Loader for \$21,844.00 as the final cost to the town.

RESOLUTION #65-15

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Reed, Baker-Marcella
NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #66-15

PAY BILLS

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

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IT IS RESOLVED to pay the bills as listed on the March 11, 2015 Abstract #3 in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$39,354.90
Highway Fund	\$19,241.43
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,366.05
Water Fund	\$ 8,106.38
Street Light Fund	\$ 8,375.15

DISCUSSION - WARRENSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilperson Baker-Marcella announced the Chamber has a new Administrative Assistant, Michael Wescott. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said his duties will be handling website development, search engine optimization development and will be developing and working their social media pages including Face Book and will help them plan the mixer events for the year. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said Mr. Wescott will be starting Thursday, March 12th, it is a part time position.

DISCUSSION - ADIRONDACK HARVEST APPLICATION

Teresa Whalen - told the Town Board she has an Adirondack Harvest App and that Dunham's Bay Resort is joining the Warrensburg Chamber and the Chamber is hosting a gathering of farmers and chefs there on March 26th. Ms. Whalen said she reached out to all of the local restaurants and farms throughout the region, they have quite a few farms coming from Warren County. Ms. Whalen said she wanted to make the Town Board aware that when the local restaurants buy from the local farms the money is staying here, supporting local businesses. Ms. Whalen said Warren County Tourism is now highlighting those restaurants in accommodations and dining that are featuring locally sourced ingredients on their menus, free promotion.

Ms. Whalen discussed the I Love NY App and said she was disappointed that some of our restaurants and businesses are not being given the credibility for the dining establishments they are, in the new app there is a criteria. Ms. Whalen told the Town Board the Town is going to have to work a little harder on promoting our selves and the businesses.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if this was an app for the phone or the computer and, if there is a capability to do a revue.

Discussion ensued with instructions on how to use the I Love NY App.

DISCUSSION - ONE PERCENT TOWN BUDGET REDUCTION

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining that this year the Government is giving the Town's until June to determine how to cut their budgets by one percent.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella asked if energy savings count.

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Discussion ensued on what the Town has already done and what the Town will consider doing, including shared services with the Assessor and the Bookkeeper, lighting, and other things.

DISCUSSION -LANDFILL RECYCLING

Discussion ensued on the savings people are gaining by practicing recycling at the landfill.

Supervisor Geraghty suggested a handout for people to receive when they go to the Landfill. Supervisor Geraghty said if the Town had brochures printed, Wendell could hand them out when he is helping people take their bags out of the car.

Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she would do the brochure.

Sandi Parisi - asked if the Town had data that showed the number of people that go to the landfill versus the people that have garbage pickup.

Discussion ensued on who has garbage pickup and who uses the landfill. Teresa Whalen said it is her feeling that the Town of Warrensburg is way ahead of the curve where recycling is concerned.

On motion of Councilperson Baker-Marcella, seconded by Councilperson Reed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk