

REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at the Albert Emerson Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Kevin B. Geraghty
	Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
	Councilperson	Linda Baker-Marcella
	Councilperson	John Alexander
	Councilperson	Donne-Lynn Winslow

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk; Jacquelyn White, Town Attorney; Ed Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Steve Parisi, Museum Director; Sandra Parisi, Historian; James Hull, Code Enforcement Officer and numerous town residents.

RESOLUTION #133-17

MINUTES

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

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

NAYS 0

RESOLVED, that the minutes of October 11, 2017 and October 18, 2017 be accepted.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Reports were received and read from the following Town Officials: Town Clerk, Supervisor, Assessor, Justice, Dog Control Officer, Zoning Officer and Enforcement Officer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from the Warrensburgh Historical Society regarding the Town accepting the Tannery Property (Burhans Avenue) from the Historical Society.

DISCUSSION - FIREWORK REGULATIONS AND SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion saying that the Town Board is still working on Firework Regulations and the Short Term Vacation Rentals, they will hold a workshop meeting during the winter.

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RESOLUTION #134-17

ADD OMMITTED TAX TO 2018 TOWN-COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #135-17

IN SUPPORT OF WARREN COUNTY'S PROPOSED PLAN FOR COUNSEL AT INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR ARRAIGNMENTS IN LOCAL COURTS.

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

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

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #136-17

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO REGISTER THE TOWN AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE.

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

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

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #137-17

DECLARE 2000 SIDEWALK PLOW SURPUS AND AUTHORIZE SALE OF EQUIPMENT

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

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

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to declare the 2000 Trackless Sidewalk machine and the used plow and snow blower surplus and authorize the sale of this surplus equipment.

DISCUSSION -186 ROLLIES ROAD

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining that the Town thought that there was an agreement between the owner and the town that they were going to sign off to have the town clean up the property; they did not do that so now the Town has to revert back to the Town Code, Unsafe Buildings, Chapter 95, §95-2 B and schedule a hearing on 186 Rollies Road so the Town can have the Town forces clean this up. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town needs to hold a hearing.

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Attorney White told the Town Board they need to hold a hearing at a public meeting and the Town has to serve the property owner. Attorney White said the Town has to give her ten days to clean up but then hold a hearing after that.

RESOLUTION #138-17

ANNEX NOTICE TO TAMMY WINSLOW AND SCHEDULE HEARING

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

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

NAYS 0

DISCUSSION - BURHANS AVENUE PROPERTY

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining the Town of Warrensburg had owned the property on Burhans Avenue, the Town sold the property to EPIC Adventures, Dick Emerson. Mr. Emerson then turned the property over to the Historical Society when he moved out of town and now the Historical Society would like to turn the property back over to the Town so the Town can develop the property into a nature trail. Supervisor Geraghty said there is a right away along the property for the Sewer from Burhans Avenue over to Electric Avenue. Supervisor Geraghty said the property is not assessed for a lot of money, he is okay with what ever the Board wants to do. Supervisor Geraghty said he knows the Historical Society cannot afford to pay taxes on the property, he would assume the best thing the Town can do is to partner with the Historical Society and make sure it continues to be used for what will benefit the Town.

Jackie White, Town Attorney, told the Town Board that the Town Board could certainly take action on this tonight but that they needed to keep in mind that the resolution would need to be subject to Town Counsel's approval, the Attorney's would want an agreement in place a head of time, they would want to make sure the title is clear and there are also considerations when ever you are going to be accepting anything that there are any contingencies that it has to be used for park property would want to be worked out and the details on that.

Supervisor Geraghty said they could move ahead with that and then just get the take from the Historical Society.

Bob Bradley asked who would pay for the title insurance. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not think the Historical Society could afford to do that and said the Town would take that on, as partners. Supervisor Geraghty said they want to be good partners with the Historical Society.

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RESOLUTION #139-17

PROCEED WITH TAKE BACK OF PROPERTY

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

AYES 5 Geraghty, Rounds, Baker-Marcella, Alexander

NAYS 0

ABSTAIN 1 Winslow

IT IS RESOLVED, to proceed with taking back the Burhans Property from the Warrensburgh Historical Society and follow directions of Town Counsel.

DISCUSSION - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Supervisor Geraghty said that the Town has purchased ten wreaths for Main Street for Christmas decorations, this will put ten more decorations on the side streets. Supervisor Geraghty said more lights are going to be put in the Parks, they are going to light up the Gazebos at Curtis Park and Veteran's Park and use the Pole lights at Cal Engle Park to make into candy canes. Supervisor Geraghty said there is also going to be a lot more lighting at the Band Stand this year. Supervisor Geraghty said the purchasing person, Kathy Rounds who works diligently in handling most of the purchasing is working with another source. Supervisor Geraghty said one of the things they would like to do in the future is to light up the Bridge coming into Warrensburgh.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Supervisor Geraghty announced that Dan Daly, who recently retired from the Highway Department will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his twenty four years of service.

Supervisor Geraghty announced that Charles Corlew, who recently retired from the Highway Department after eleven years of service because of an injury which does not allow him to continue, will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Supervisor Geraghty said that they are both valued employees and we are going to miss their service.

RESOLUTION #140-17

BUDGET MODIFICATION

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

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

NAYS 0

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RESOLUTION #141-17

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

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

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #142-17

PAY BILLS

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

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

NAYS 0

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the bills as outlined on Abstract #11-2017

General Fund	\$162,028.60
Sewer Fund	\$ 16,600.54
Water Fund	\$ 5,379.03
Highway Fund	\$ 14,066.71
Lighting District	\$ 629.43
Brownfield	\$ 3,963.22

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bob Bradley-inquired about procedure for the new town board member when Court is involved and inquired about the employment status of a seasonal employee. Mr. Bradley thanked the Supervisor for all of the effort putting the Community Garden in, and Councilperson Rounds for his soil donation. Mr. Bradley said he had noticed the agenda for tonight had an item for health care cost and said he would like to make a presentation to the Town because he is involved in the single payer issue at the State level.

Matt Kennedy - asked the Town Board to put a stop sign on the corner of Library Avenue and Milton Avenue. Mr. Kennedy said he was almost hit in the cross walk, there is a twenty mile an hour speed limit sign there that no one abides by.

Supervisor Geraghty told Mr. Kennedy that the Town of Warrensburg cannot put signs up there but the Town will take this to the proper channel. Supervisor Geraghty told Mr. Kennedy that the Town cannot just say they want a stop sign put up at Milton Avenue. Mr. Kennedy said that he wants a stop sign on Library Avenue before people get to that corner. Mr. Kennedy also said it is very dark on that corner, there is a street light back on Library Avenue but the area he is talking about where the cross walk is very dark. Councilperson Alexander will look into the street light matter.

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Catherine LaFond- said she wished to back Matt up on the dangerous situation on Milton Avenue and the need for a street light. Ms. LaFond said she wanted to talk to the Town Board about last month's Town Board meeting and referenced a letter she sent to the Town Board dated October 12th.

Supervisor Geraghty told Ms. LaFond the Town Board had received the letter and asked if she had new information.

Travis Howe - spoke to the Town Board about a problem he is dealing with concerning his neighbors' chickens. Mr. Howe told the Town Board he resides at 27 Grand View Lane, the chickens are on everyone else's property. Mr. Howe said there are no regulations on the books regarding chickens, he has spoken to Mr. Fitzgerald and there is nothing, Mr. Howe said he had heard there are other people in town dealing with this problem and said he wished to be on the record.

Supervisor Geraghty told Mr. Howe that the Code Enforcement had another complaint about this, there is nothing in town regulations that deals with chickens.

Councilperson Rounds said chickens are an unregulated thing.

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson Baker-Marcella, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, Town Clerk