

**REGULAR MEETING, WARRENSBURG TOWN BOARD, MARCH 8, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Warrensburg Town Board was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 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>Joyce Reed</b>
	<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Linda Baker- Marcella</b>
	<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Bryan Rounds</b>
	<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>John Alexander</b>

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

**DISCUSSION - WARRENSBURG WRESTLING TEAMS**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion explaining he had moved the Wrestling Team Part of the Agenda to the beginning of the Meeting Agenda for tonight and asked Coach Trapasso to introduce the members of the Team. Coach Trapasso introduced the following team members: Coach Lenny Baker, Sophomore Nolan McNeill, Senior Ryan McNeill, Sophomore Chris Wilson, Cameron Carpenter, Coach Scott McKenna, Zac Carpenter, Junior Dan Monthany, Eighth Grader Hunter McKenna, Sophomore Ryan Vaughan, Junior Eddie Waters, Junior Gary Hill, Junior Donny Carpenter, and Seventh Grader Thomas Combs.

Supervisor Geraghty explained the reason the Town Board invited the team here tonight was because it is the second year in a row the wrestling team has had a successful season with a couple of standout wrestlers. Supervisor Geraghty said he has been watching the scores and this is a talented group and is truly a team; that is what is so impressive to him. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town will recognize the Team with a resolution, which will be taken to the School for the program, 2017 Adirondack League Champions, 2017 Section 2 Class D Champions and the 2017 Section 2 Division II (Small Schools) Champions. Supervisor Geraghty asked for a round of applause for these team accomplishments.

Supervisor Geraghty said that Coach Mark Trapasso was named Section 2, Division II Varsity Coach of the Year and the JV Coach, Scott McKenna was named Section 2, Division II JV Coach of the Year; this was the second straight Adirondack League and Section 2 Championship.

Supervisor Geraghty said Jack Binder, a junior at the 220 Weight Class was also chosen as an at large bid to participate in the New York State Wrestling Tournament held in Albany, which was also impressive.

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**Congratulations to all the members of the Team and Coaching Staff on all of their achievements on their fantastic year was extended by the Town Board and the Community with much pride by Supervisor Geraghty.**

**Supervisor Geraghty said it should also be noted that the Girls Basketball Team took home the Division II Adirondack title for this year.**

**Supervisor Geraghty thanked the team, the coaches and the parents for coming tonight and told them that back in 1965 he used to count the holes in the Gym ceiling tiles when Eric Fagnano, who was a very good 105 could not make his weight. Supervisor Geraghty said that was his only year he wrestled; they had a very good team back then. Supervisor Geraghty named numerous teammates from back then.**

**Coach Trapasso said they are just very proud to represent the School and the Town.**

**RESOLUTION #47-17**

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

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

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

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #48-17**

**RESOLUTION HONORING LOCAL ATHLETE JACK BINDER**

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

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

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #49-17**

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

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

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

**NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #43-17**

**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**

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**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of February 8, 2017 be accepted as presented.

### **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, Historian, Museum, Parks and Rec., Sewer and Water.

Special comments and thanks were extended about the new chairs and hall way flooring, thanking Judge Bryan Winslow for his JCAP grants that have supplied these.

### **DISCUSSION- FLAG AND MURAL ON VFW BUILDING**

Councilperson Rounds commented that the artist who did the Flag Mural on the VFW Building was completing a whole fifty state deal, and said he would like to see all fifty murals, that people see our mural but do not know the story.

Steve Parisi told Councilperson Rounds he would help pursue that with him. Supervisor Geraghty suggested it would be nice to have a nice sign out there and kiosk where people could read the history of the building and where the mural came from. Supervisor Geraghty said we do not have anything out there right now for people if they are walking and would like to stop and we should, to tell the story.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Supervisor Geraghty announced the annual report from the Historical Society has been received and placed on file.

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNIZATION**

Supervisor Geraghty said he wished to take a moment to recognize our Highway Employees, the Parks and Recreation Employees for all that they have accomplished this Winter, the town has been able to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department and it is these jobs that they are doing around the Sewer Plant and at the Well site that goes unnoticed; they continue to work to make improvements on our water supply and on the Waste treatment plant. Supervisor Geraghty said congratulations to them on the way they move snow, he feels that we have one of the best towns in the County if not the State for snow removal.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1) Warrensburg Travel Trailer Park has inquired about getting on the force sewer line this summer.

2) A letter was received from the Town Attorney regarding a question on regulating Engine Brakes in the Town of Warrensburg.

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**RESOLUTION #44-17**

**AUTHORIZE WINTER SAND BID NOTICE**

**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 Town Clerk to place an ad in the legal section of the Post Star to advertise for sand bids for the Highway Department to be received on March 13, 2017.**

**RESOLUTION #45-17**

**AWARD OCCUPANCY TAX TO WARRENSBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**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**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to award \$4,037.00 in Occupancy Tax funds to the Warrensburgh Historical Society for use in the 2017 advertising of the Museum.**

**DISCUSSION - INQUIRY TO MAKE PARK AVENUE ONE WAY**

Supervisor Geraghty opened discussion telling the Town Board he had a verbal inquiry from a resident about making Park Avenue a one way street going North. Supervisor Geraghty asked the Town Board if they wanted to consider making that one way. Supervisor Geraghty said he did not know what the Highway Superintendent's thoughts were about it.

Edward Pennock, Highway Superintendent - asked what would be gained by going one way when there still would be the intersection.

Councilperson Alexander said his biggest issue is when people come down Third and do not stop but this would not change anything. Supervisor Geraghty said he was not familiar with a lot of accidents happening there.

There will be no action taken on Park Avenue at this time, the Town will watch for 60 days and put a speed sign up there to count cars.

**RESOLUTION #46-17**

**ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FOR HIGHWAY TANDEM**

**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 establish a Capital Project H12-5130.200 for the 2017 Highway Tandem Dump and Plow Truck.**

**RESOLUTION #50-17**

**SCHEDULE SHRED DAY WITH PROSHRED**

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

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

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to schedule a shredding day to be held at the Warrensburg Town Hall on September 16th, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon with Proshred with the rates being set the same amount as last year, \$2.00 a standard box sixteen by twenty five that is able to be lifted, allowing anyone who wishes to participate to do so with no residential requirement that it only be open to Warrensburg residents, with a fee of \$450.00 to the Town of Warrensburg by Proshred.**

**RESOLUTION #51-17**

**APPROVE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FROM OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS**

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

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

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the purchase of ten (10) Christmas decorations for the Town for \$3,400.00 from Occupancy Tax funds.**

**RESOLUTION #52-17**

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

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

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

**NAYS 0**

**IT IS RESOLVED, to modify the budget to show income from the Court Facilities State Aid Funding of \$7,840.50.**

**RESOLUTION #53-17**

**PAY BILLS**

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

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

**NAYS 0**

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**IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the warrants as outlined on Abstract #3 in the following amounts:**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 92,032.61</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$ 11,196.76</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>\$ 9,749.65</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b>\$231,524.37</b>

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**William Mahar-222 Rollies Road-told the Town Board this was the first meeting he has made since he was at the December 14th meeting and that he had missed January and February. Mr. Mahar told the Town Board he had been looking over the minutes on the website, and, that he had noticed one thing. Mr. Mahar said that on the 14th meeting there was a resolution in the request from the Chamber of Commerce for Occupancy Tax funds in \$900.00 plus dollars and the vote was four with one abstention with Linda abstaining. Mr. Mahar said that he then noticed on the 28th there was another resolution for the Chamber of Commerce \$2800.00 and that time it was five for, there was no abstention. Mr. Mahar said he could be wrong here, that the status with the Chamber could have changed. Councilperson Baker-Marcella said she abstained every time and asked Mr. Mahar if he knew what this was for. Mr. Mahar said it was in the minutes from the 28th, Resolution #164-16, Grant Occupancy Tax Request for Chamber of Commerce, motion by Councilperson Reed, second by Councilperson Alexander, the following resolution was adopted, ayes 5 nays 0. Mr. Mahar said that is a problem, isn't it, it should have been an abstention. Supervisor Geraghty said that if it needs to be corrected they would bring it to the Clerk's attention. Mr. Mahar said ok.**

**Mr. Mahar told the Town Board there was one other issue he wished to discuss, he knew there would be an urge to interrupt him here but he was hoping they would allow him to get through this. Mr. Mahar said as he was going through the minutes from the different meetings, he was reading last month's and he noticed there was a very nice narrative about the different members from the public who got up and spoke and had different issues on it, it was part of the minutes. Mr. Mahar said that every meeting that he has been to, pretty much every meeting, begins with the Board approving the previous meetings minutes. Mr. Mahar said that he was assuming that was done with full information, that they have read through the minutes and that they find that there is no deficiencies of one way or the other with it, no inaccuracies or incomplete information in it. Mr. Mahar told the Town Board the last meeting he was at was**

December 14th and that was the meeting where the Board voted to officially begin the process of selling the Senior Citizen Center.

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Mr. Mahar said that he was disappointed when he read through the minutes and there was nothing in there about his comments. Mr. Mahar said that he spoke to Donna about that and she said that is within her discretion, that she can pick and choose who is in there. Mr. Mahar said that when you do that you politicize the office and these are no longer objective and complete accountings of the occurrences here and he thinks the Board should have objected to the one from the 14th and he does object now, he hates to see these become politicized, it is just an impartial observer recording events and making sure they are complete and this one is not. Mr. Mahar thanked the Board and Supervisor Geraghty thanked him.

#### **SUPERVISOR GERAGHTY**

Supervisor Geraghty said he wished to take a minute to respond to something the Governor is touting about local governments. Supervisor Geraghty said there has been a lot of noise made on the news and by the Governor trashing the ten thousand local governments in New York State. Supervisor Geraghty explained that he feels it is very unfounded and very unwarranted in what he does because we, as this Board, are the residents representatives and are the closest ones to the people. Supervisor Geraghty said it goes from the Town Boards to the County Boards and we are the ones closest to the people and that he could assure them that when they talk about shared services, we have been at the forefront at sharing services. Supervisor Geraghty said we share Assessor, the Highway Department shares all of the time and works with the County Highway Departments and other Town Highway Departments, we have cut down staff quite a bit since he came into Office. Supervisor Geraghty said we look at ways all of the time to share services; we have joined with Warren County for purchasing arrangements, not only the Town but the Fire District and they have tried to expand it out to the Water and Sewer Districts. Supervisor Geraghty said he just wanted our residents to know he has been on top of this from day one, now they want all of the communities to put out a resolution on what has been done, we have already done this. Supervisor Geraghty said to make the Towns bring a referendum on the ballot for people to vote aye or nay is a waste of taxpayer's dollars; he can assure them it is a waste of taxpayer's dollars. Supervisor Geraghty said his colleagues know how he feels, he went to Association of Towns last week, nine hundred towns in this state have vehemently opposed what the Governor is trying to do and it is not that we are afraid, we just do not think our people realize all that we are doing already, and, if we get a referendum and it is voted down he does not know what will happen, he thinks it is just a waste of time. Supervisor Geraghty said the Town of Warrensburg is definitely out in the forefront and the County has been in the forefront. Supervisor Geraghty said there

are eleven towns and the city and villages and we are all working together to purchase items and look everyday to save money. We share our Assessor with Chester and our Bookkeeper goes one day a week to the Town of Horicon.

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Supervisor Geraghty said that the Governor counts all of the districts, our Town has a Water District, a Sewer District, a Lighting District, a Fire District and these are all put forth by the State, the State says you have this District or that District. Supervisor Geraghty said this Governor is doing us a huge disservice and he is going to vehemently oppose the referendum and he will make it known, he has already made it known to our Senator and our Assemblyman. Supervisor Geraghty said as far as the Bike Trail from Niagara Falls to where ever it is, he told them at the Transportation Council meeting in Glens Falls that they ought to pave Route 418 first before they do a bike path. Supervisor Geraghty said he would much rather they pave State Route 418, 9N to Bolton Landing and Route 8 up in Johnsbury before they spend 744 million dollars to ride a bike from Niagara Falls to somewhere up in the other part of the State.

Supervisor Geraghty thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone for supporting the sports portion and their comments and said they would certainly take them all under advisement.

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Councilperson Rounds, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Combs, RMC/CMC  
Warrensburg Town Clerk