

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
at Albert Emerson Town Hall**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA YOUTUBE INTERNET BROADCAST AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE YOUTUBE LINK CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
Councilperson	John Alexander
Councilperson	Richard Larkin
Councilperson	Donne Lynn Winslow
Councilperson	Bryan Rounds

OTHERS PRESENT: Pamela Lloyd, Town Clerk; Dani Oliver, Supervisors Secretary; Robert Hafner, Town Attorney; Edward Pennock, Highway Superintendent; Tracy Benoit, Water/Sewer/Parks & Recs Supervisor; Joyce Reed, Water/Sewer Clerk; Jim Hull, Code Enforcement Officer; Sandi Parisi, Town Historian. Other Public Attendees: Susan Hull, Kathie Ferullo, Bud York, Claire Bates, and Pat Steves.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Salute to the Flag, by Supervisor Geraghty

APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 12, 2021 AND MAY 28, 2021

RESOLUTION #90-2021

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on May 12, 2021 and Special Town Board Meeting held on May 28, 2021.

On motion of Councilperson Larkin, Seconded by Councilperson Winslow, the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Larkin, Winslow

NAYS: None

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

The Town Officials reports were received and read by the following: Town Clerk – Pamela Lloyd; Supervisor – Kevin Geraghty; Assessor, Code Enforcement – John Alexander; Dog Control – Donne Lynn Winslow; Planning Department – Bryan Rounds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

The Committee Reports were received and read by the following: Beautification, Parks/Recreation, and Youth - Donne Lynn Winslow; Highway – Bryan Rounds; Economic Development – Richard Larkin; Landfill, Sewer/Water – John Alexander; Lighting – No Report; Historian/Museum – Sandi Parisi.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Email received from James Sullivan who is the Steward for the Hudson River Recreation Area in Lake Luzerne asking for some parking lot repairs. Email shared with our Highway Superintendent.

COMMENT: Ed Pennock stated that he is meeting with Ron on Monday.

Request for speed limit signs received from residents at 887 Alden Avenue Extension. Request turned over to the Highway Superintendent, speed limit is already posted at 30 MPH for all of Alden Ave.

COMMENT: Ed Pennock stated he will place a sign up there. A Sheriff will be patrolling the area.

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APPROVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION RECEIVED FROM MATTHEW KENNEDY

RESOLUTION #91-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg has received a letter of resignation from Matthew Kennedy requesting to be removed from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved and accepted the Letter of resignation from Matthew Kennedy to be removed from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). A letter of acceptance will be sent out as acknowledgement of this request and thanking Matthew Kennedy for his service.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Interviews for Court Clerk have started. Applications for the Part-Time Museum Director are starting to be received, there are three so far.

Any comments or input from the Town Board on the renewal license for the Hydro Dam on the Schroom River? Kevin will leave this open for more discussion in the near future. License expires in 2026, They are looking to start renewal process in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO REMOVE SLUDGE FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

RESOLUTION #92-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg will advertise for Bids on removal of Sludge from the Lagoons at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Bid opening to be held at the Town Board Meeting on July 14, 2021 at 7:00pm.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved to place an advertisement in the Post Star Newspaper for Bids to have the Sludge removed from the Lagoons at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON 9 KING STREET

RESOLUTION #93-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg will advertise for bids to do a Phase I Environmental Study on the old Highway Department property known as 9 King Street. Scope of work to determine any land contamination and any required Asbestos removal in the building. Bid opening to be held at the Town Board Meeting on July 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved to place an advertisement in the Post Star Newspaper for Bids to do a Phase I Environmental Study on 9 King Street.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ADVERTISE TO RE-BID CONVERSION OF (1) TENNIS COURT TO (2) PICKLEBALL COURTS

RESOLUTION #94-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Donne Lynn Winslow

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WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg will advertise to Re-Bid the conversion of one (1) existing Tennis Court into two (2) Pickleball Courts and to make necessary repairs to existing Tennis courts as described in Bid Specification provided at the Town Clerks office. Bid opening to be held at the Town Board Meeting on July 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved to place an advertisement in the Post Star Newspaper for the Re-Bid of the conversion of one (1) existing Tennis Court into two (2) Pickleball Courts and to make necessary repairs to existing Tennis Courts as described in Bid Specifications.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

REQUEST FROM WARRENSBURG VOL FIRE FOR \$500 TOWARDS JAMBOREE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

RESOLUTION #95-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Larkin

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg received a request from the Warrensburg Volunteer Fire Company asking the town to contribute \$500 toward the annual Smoke Eaters Jamboree Fireworks Display being held on July 24, 2021. Source of funding to be contributed from account A7550.400 Celebrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request from Warrensburg Volunteer Fire Company for a \$500 contribution towards the Smoke Eaters Jamboree Fireworks Display to be held on July 24, 2021.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

AYES: Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: Geraghty

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REQUEST TO RECOGNIZE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF OSCAR’S SMOKE HOUSE

RESOLUTION #96-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Donne Lynn Winslow

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to recognize the 75th Anniversary of Oscar’s Smoke House on Raymond Lane. The Town would like to Congratulate the Quintal family and all the employees who have made this a popular destination place in the Town of Warrensburg and many more years of success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to recognize the 75th Anniversary of Oscar’s Smoke House on Raymond Lane and Congratulate the Quintal family and all the employees who have made this a popular destination place in the Town of Warrensburg.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO A WARREN COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #97-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rich Larkin

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that a Charter Review Commission be created to evaluate and ultimately change Warren County’s form of government, and

WHEREAS, a revision to a legislative form of government has been previously considered and rejected by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board representing the residents and taxpayers of Warrensburg with to communicate their disapproval of this latest charter reform initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board believes Warren County and the Towns of Warren County are well served by the existing Supervisor form of government, and

WHEREAS, such a legislative initiative would diminish the voice, success, and influence of rural Towns at the County level, and

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board believes the existing form of government provides each municipality with local representation in County Government thereby preserving our home-rule, and

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WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board believes as Thomas Jefferson once stated that the government closest to the people serves its people best, and

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board is opposed to creating another layer of government increasing the cost of government and further separating residents from their local elected officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Warrensburg Town Board would like to communicate its opposition to the charter review proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Warrensburg Town board instructs the Town Supervisor to communicate this resolution to the Board of Supervisors at the earliest opportunity.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

DISCUSSION: Councilperson Rounds, Alexander, and Larkin had several questions and comments, which answers will be looked into. This discussion can be heard and viewed on the Youtube link located on the town website.

REQUEST TO WAIVE THE \$25 VENDER PERMIT FEE FOR COOLEY’S ICE CREAM TRUCK TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE BAND CONCERTS

RESOLUTION #98-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Donne Lynn Winslow
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg requests to waive the \$25 Vender Permit Fee to allow Cooley’s Ice Cream Truck to be available at the Band Concerts being held at the Town Recreation Field Pavilion for the concerts starting on Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 7:00pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to waive the Vender Permit Fee and allow Cooley’s Ice Cream Truck to be available at the Band Concerts.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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Phase I Report on the High-Yield Well Siting has been received. A meeting will be set up with Cedarwood Engineering to discuss information further and bring back a recommendation to the Town Board at the July meeting where to possibly locate a new well or maybe two (2) wells.

Discussion on a Resolution request to declare Hackensack Mountain parcel and the parcel encompassing Blister Hill as “Park Land”.

DISCUSSION: Kevin stated the there was no records found in the town to indicate that these parcels were ever declared Park Land. To prevent any development being done on the parcels would require the Town Attorney to draw up a resolution to declare it as Parkland. Attorney Hafner stated that this type of resolution would be a one-way decision and NY State legislature would pass a law making this change. Attorney Hafner will check into more details on this and will be discussed again in the near future. **More details on this discussion can be viewed on the Youtube link located on the Town Website.**

Discussion on New York Cannabis Law Municipal Opt Out Provisions.

DISCUSSION: Attorney Hafner stated that the Opt Out Provisions pertains to allowing certain businesses from selling Cannabis in the Town. The financial benefits on the taxes being collected by the sales would need to be considered before making an Opt out decision and if the town Opts out no tax dollars will go to the town and this Decision needs to be made by the end of this 2021 year. Jim Hull spoke and provided pamphlets to the board on some of the statistics and financial benefits on the Cannabis Law and Opt Out Provisions. **More details on this discussion can be viewed on the Youtube Link located on the Town Website.**

Echo Lake Beach is scheduled to open Saturday June 19, 2021. Beach will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will have swim lessons offered this year at the beach on June 28, 2021. Check in with the Supervisors Secretary for further information. We are partnering with the Warrensburg Central School District on the swim lessons and water safety.

Yesterday I had a google meeting with Miss Chapman’s 4th Grade class. I explained aspects of the job as Town supervisor and they presented me with their “Town Supervisor for a Day” projects. Orson Thomas suggested a Splash Pad at the Recreation Field and a Bike Path along the Schroon River. Samantha Monroe was concerned about noise from rental properties during the week. Gavin Conner expressed his interest in keeping properties clean and extending our clean up days. Lucy Measeck had concerns about the traffic patterns around the school zones.

I also received ideas from Brianna Dunning, Arabella Wilusz, Nolan King, Alex Langworthy, Joshua Kearsley, Eleanor Cullen, Rayden Clark and Madelyn Hess. Again I want to thank Jennifer Casabonne and Darian Chapman for setting up the lesson.

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APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – (2)

RESOLUTION #99-2021

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Donne Lynn Winslow

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg request to approve the Budget Modifications as follows:

Budget Modification

June 9, 2021

HIGHWAY FUND

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
DA3501	State Aid Consolidate - Highway	\$	7,533.24	
DA5112.400	Capital Improvements Contractual			\$ 7,533.24
	Chip dollars received from 2020			
DA3306	Homeland Security	\$	25,172.40	
DA5130.200	Machinery - Equipment			\$ 9,319.20
DA5110.400	Street Maintenance			\$ 1,553.20
	Dollars received from Fema /State for Halloween storm			

WATER DISTRICT

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
SW8330.400	Purification - contractual	\$	578.92	
SW8320.200	Source of Supply P&P			\$ 578.92
	To cover cost of new tablet for water meters			

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approves the Budget Modifications.

DULY ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2021 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #6-2021

RESOLUTION #100-2021

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, Seconded by Councilperson Larkin the following resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Geraghty, Alexander, Rounds, Winslow, Larkin

NAYS: None

RESOLVED, to pay the warrants outlined on Abstract # 6-2021 in the following amounts:

WARRANTS:	Total Claims:	\$146,032.95
	General Fund	\$ 27,693.94
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 585.29
	Highway Fund	\$ 10,619.76
	Capital Project	\$ 16,614.90
	Lighting Dist.	\$ 6,118.19
	Sewer Fund	\$ 21,669.78
	Water Fund	\$ 62,731.09

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Claire Bates – Thanked the Town for allowing her to introduce the Bands at the Band Concerts and commented on how she is pleased with all the Bands that are performing and how the ice cream truck is a plus.

Sandi Parisi, Town Historian – Spoke about the Museum being open on Sat & Sun from 12-2 pm. and also about the Thurman collection, her and Sylvia are still going though. **More details on these comments can be heard and viewed on the Youtube Link located on the Town Website.**

Kathie Ferullo – Spoke of a few concerns listed below:

Warren County Charter Review Commission: Kathie does not agree with changing from the Board of Supervisors to the County Legislature.

Article in The Post Star from Rich Larkin: Kathie expressed a lot of concerns about the Developing of Hickory Hill Ski Center, and bringing businesses into Warrensburg instead of patronizing the current businesses in town. Rich Larkin commented and offered explanations to her concerns.

A letter Received from Bud York about Solar Panels: Kathie had several questions about these solar panels pertaining to the details of the contract and the town board’s involvement. Supervisor Geraghty answered all of Kathie’s questions and stated that this was done in 2012 and they followed all the rules and regulations and had a full town board vote on it.

Bud York – Spoke of a letter that Attorney Hafner wrote on behalf of the town board on February 9, 2021 in regards to the Solar Panels and Edge Design. Bud York had several questions and concerns that he directed towards Attorney Hafner, which in turn responded and answered all of his questions several times.

John Alexander - Spoke about the Cemetery rules and regulations Pamphlet that was supplied to all the board members to review.

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Joyce Reed – Spoke on her behalf as a former board member and not as a town employee as she was on the town board in 2012 when they all agreed on the Solar Panels that are located on Library Avenue and stated that there should be no blame on the current town board, she also stated, there was a lot of research and three board meetings done, including five other locations that were inspected for Solar Panels before a decision was voted on.

Bud York, John Alexander, and Supervisor Geraghty had several discussions back and forth regarding the benefits of the Energy being produced from the Solar Panels on Library Avenue and the communication problem with Edge Design, the company that put in these Solar Panels on Library Avenue and at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS ON THESE COMMENTS ABOVE CAN BE VIEWED ON THE YOUTUBE LINK LOCATED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.

MEETING ADJOURN

On motion of Councilperson Alexander the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk