

REGULAR MEETING
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – FEBRUARY 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall with the following people present:

PRESENT - Supervisor - Lynn Chatfield
Councilman - Daniel Youngman
Councilwoman – Julie Aldrich

ABSENT - Councilman - Adam Ellis, Jr.
Councilman – Jordan Brown
Code Enforcement Officer – Ray Hauss

OTHERS PRESENT - Jessica Freer, Town Clerk; Amber Roberts, Assessor/Supervisor's Clerk; Zach Decker, Highway Superintendent; Dave Doyle, MRB Group.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR SPEAKERS - Village of Wolcott Mayor; Ron Lindsley; Ed Wazinski, Village of Wolcott Water Department.

Copies presented to the Town Board:

1. Minutes of January 16, 2024 (Regular Meeting)
2. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
3. Highway Fund Claims (Unaudited)
4. Brown/Wadsworth Water District Claim (Unaudited)
5. ARPA Claim (Unaudited)

The Supervisor's, Town Clerk's, Justices, Code Enforcement Officer's, and Highway Superintendent's reports were presented to the Town Board.

Supervisor Chatfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance –

GENERAL BUSINESS –
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE –

A motion was made by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Dan Youngman, to accept the minutes of January 16, 2024, departmental reports, and general correspondence.

VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS –

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #31 thru #68 - total - \$25,602.02.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - \$138,502.52.

BROWN/WADSWORTH WD ACCOUNT – Claim #1 - total - \$2,081.25.

ARPA ACCOUNT – Claim #1 - total - \$5,603.97.

A resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Lynn Chatfield “Be it RESOLVED to pay General, Highway, Brown/Wadsworth Water District, and ARPA account claims as presented.”

VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0.

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK - Amber Roberts

1. Amber spoke about Rural Development needing service agreements with various entities like bond counsel, attorney, engineers, etc. in order to proceed with the Blind Sodus Bay Water Project. The Board decided that since we were waiting for some agreements to have a Special Meeting at a later date to present the resolutions then.

HIGHWAY – Zach Decker

1. Zach said his new pickup truck and mower came in.
2. They’ve started ditching and doing brushes while the weather is good.
3. The Highway Department still needs a salt shed.
4. Zach will be in Albany March 5-6th for Advocacy Day.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (Lynn & Jessica presented the Special Permit and SEQRs)

1. Special Permit Request – Rachel Sipple
8017 North Maple Road
Wolcott, NY 14590
75119-07-526824

Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss, presented Special Permit Request #1-2024, which was brought before the Town Board January 16, 2024, at which time a negative impact was declared on the environment and signed by the Supervisor.

Request regarding Town of Wolcott Special Permit Request #1-2024 Rachel would like to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for the property and is required to go through the special permit process for a waterfront district dwelling, Rachel will hook into the public water and sewer system as required.

Ray gave the information to our Board of Appeals, there was a concern about the roof area, she cannot use the roof for activity and will stay off until the Code Enforcement Officer deems it safe and usable. The Board of Appeals granted the permit with the limitations for Rachel on February 12, 2024.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (cont’d)

RESOLUTION #3-24 RACHEL SIPPLE SPECIAL PERMIT #1-2024 –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Lynn Chatfield,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board approves the request of Rachel Sipple with the stipulations at the recommendation of the local Board of Appeals to the Town Board.

VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0 .

2. RESOLUTION #4-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR SHEILA BURTON –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Lynn Chatfield,

WHEREAS, Sheila recently built a pole barn structure at 8916 Howland Road and would like to convert it to a dwelling; and

WHEREAS; and Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 502-C, states special permits are required because the dwelling is on less than one acre of land in waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has reviewed said project and feels a negative declaration is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, upon review, concurs with the Code Enforcement Officer and sees no negative impact environmentally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a negative declaration for said project.

VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0 .

3. RESOLUTION #5-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR STEVEN IZZO –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Lynn Chatfield

WHEREAS, Steven would like to demo his cottage at 9454 Blind Sodus Bay Road and construct a new one; and

WHEREAS; and Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 502-C, states special permits are required because the dwelling is on less than one acre of land in waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has reviewed said project and feels a negative declaration is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, upon review, concurs with the Code Enforcement Officer and sees no negative impact environmentally.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (cont'd)

RESOLUTION – (cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a negative declaration for said project.

VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0 .

4. RESOLUTION #6-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR LINDA STEVES –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Lynn Chatfield,

WHEREAS, Linda would like to construct a 10 x 18 deck on their property at 8007 Lark Road; and

WHEREAS; and Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 502-C, states special permits are required to expand pre-existing structures on less than one acre of land in waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has reviewed said project and feels a negative declaration is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, upon review, concurs with the Code Enforcement Officer and sees no negative impact environmentally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a negative declaration for said project.

VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0 .

5. RESOLUTION #7-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR STEVEN FAYETT –

The following resolution was presented by Julie Aldrich, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Lynn Chatfield,

WHEREAS, Steven would like to demo his cottage at 8509 East Port Bay Road and construct a new dwelling; and

WHEREAS; and Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 502-C, states special permits are required because the dwelling is on less than one acre of land in waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has reviewed said project and feels a negative declaration is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, upon review, concurs with the Code Enforcement Officer and sees no negative impact environmentally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a negative declaration for said project.

VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0 .

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. Jessica provided the Board with the tax update, as of today she has collected \$2,122,249.42, which equates to around 60% of the total warrant; Jessica said that amount is lower than it was last year. Jessica also said she has written the checks to the Supervisor for the tax levy and sent her check off to the Wayne County Treasurer.

2. Jessica said her office will be closed on Wednesday to attend Joey Krul's funeral.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Land Use Code – Has a zoom meeting to start working on the land use code to update for LWRP.

2. Building Maintenance – Amber said the back door seal is not right.

3. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – Currently working with USDA.

5. Salt Barn – Waiting for approval on the 2024 Federal Budget.

6. Barrier Bar Status – The permit was obtained from the DEC, now they are waiting for approval from the Army Corp of Engineers.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00am – 1:00pm at the Highway Barns.

2. Lynn received an email from Moms for Liberty, Lynn invited them to come to the Board meeting to speak but, hasn't heard a response back.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR SPEAKERS - Village of Wolcott Mayor; Ron Lindsley; Ed Wazinski, Village of Wolcott Water Department.

1. Chris Henner asked about clarification for the Salt Storage Project and had concerns about the price tag. Zach and Lynn answered his questions.

2. Ron Lindsley had many complaints about the neighboring property to his on Murray Road and was extremely dissatisfied with the job performance of our current Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss and Dog Control Officer, Gary Mettler. The Board acknowledged that this has been an ongoing issue, Lynn said he would speak with Gary and Ray to find a solution.

3. Ed Wazinski asked about residency requirements for a highway employee. Zach said that a Highway employee does not need to be a resident of the Town, only that if they were to be called in they would need to be there in 30 minutes time.

Executive Session – Amber called for an executive session with the Board.

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich to move into executive session at 6:44 PM to discuss matters relating to employment of a particular person. (Amber stayed)
VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0.

Close Executive Session -

A motion was made by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Dan Youngman to close executive session at 7:00 PM. VOTE - AYES 3 NAYS 0.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held March 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer
Town Clerk