

REGULAR MEETING
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – MAY 16, 2023

A regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall with the following people present:

PRESENT - Supervisor - Lynn Chatfield
Councilman - Adam Ellis, Jr.
Councilman - Daniel Youngman
Councilman – Jordan Brown
Councilwoman – Julie Aldrich

OTHERS PRESENT - Jessica Freer, Town Clerk; Amber Roberts, Assessor/Supervisor's Clerk; Ray Hauss, Code Enforcement Officer; Zach Decker, Highway Superintendent; Richard Flynn, Sterling; Gerald Poluch, Sterling; Marc Boulay, Red Creek; Kara Chapin, Town Historian, Chris Bauer, Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Copies presented to the Town Board:

1. Minutes of April 18, 2023 (Regular Meeting & Public Hearing)
2. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
3. Highway Fund Claims (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 Jordan Brown, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to accept the minutes of April 18, 2023, departmental reports, and general correspondence.

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 .

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS -

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #126 thru #156 - total - \$28,339.26

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - \$20,144.62

A resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Jordan Brown “Be it RESOLVED to pay General and Highway account claims as presented.”

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 .

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK - Amber Roberts

1. The Board of Assessment Review meets on Tuesday.
2. RESOLUTION #30-23 TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER –

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Jorden Brown,

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's Office made a recommendation during their audit process with the Town stating to do transfers for budget line items as they happen if they are over budget during the year; and

WHEREAS, bills came in larger than expected for zoning and research than expected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to make the following transfer to the line item in the 2023 Budget:

From Contingent – A1990.4 to Research – A8030.4 in the amount of \$717.50.

From Contingent – B1990.4 to Zoning – B8010.4 in the amount of \$.45.

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0.

HIGHWAY – Zach Decker

1. Zach said the new excavator will be in this week.
2. The check from the insurance company was received for the damage to one of the plows so he will order a new plow soon.
3. Zach said he is still in need of a salt shed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Ray Hauss

1. Special Permit Request – Richard Flynn
9359 Ingersoll Drive
Sterling, NY 13156
78121-10-294509

Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss, presented Special Permit Request #4-2023, which was brought before the Town Board April 18, 2023, at which time a negative impact was declared on the environment and signed by the Supervisor.

Ray brought up to the Board of a retaining wall on Mr. Flynn's property that a neighbor had previously brought to the attention of the Town Board and prior Code Enforcement Officer last year. Ray acknowledged the retaining wall has nothing to do with the special permit but felt that the Board should be aware of the prior issue.

Lynn asked about contacting Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority about the water, Ray Hauss informed the Board that he had reached out to Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority the prior week regarding their report for the hookup for at the property, he has not heard anything back yet. The neighbor, Mr. Poluch spoke to the Board about the wall. The Board decided to table the decision on the special permit until Ray gets the report back from WCWSA regarding the hookup.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (cont'd)

Richard Flynn left the meeting at 6:14 PM

Gerald spoke to the Board about the safety of the retaining wall again.

Gerald left the meeting at 6:18 PM

2. Special Permit Request – Marc Boulay

9308 Blind Sodus Bay Rd

Red Creek, NY 13143

78121-13-039435

Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss, presented Special Permit Request #5-2023, which was brought before the Town Board April 18, 2023, at which time a negative impact was declared on the environment and signed by the Supervisor.

Request regarding Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 Section 502-C, states special permits are required to expand pre-existing structures on less than one acre of land in waterfront area. Marc would like to build a new deck three sides on his dwelling at his property.

Ray gave the information to our Board of Appeals, they voted unanimously to approve it on May 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION #31-23 MARC BOULAY SPECIAL PERMIT #5-2023 –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Jorden Brown, seconded by Julie Aldrich,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board approve the request of Marc Boulay at the recommendation of the local Board of Appeals to the Town Board.

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 .

3. RESOLUTION #32-23 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR KEVIN LOZIER –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Adam Ellis seconded by Jorden Brown,

WHEREAS, Kevin would like to build 2 apartments in one of existing buildings and a spray foam equipment/material storage and a wood apple box manufacturing space in the second existing building on his properties located at 8251/8255 Route 104A; and

WHEREAS, our Local Law #1-2000, Section 501-C; 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 5 NAYS 0 .

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (cont'd)

4. Ray said he has heard back from Wayne County Planning about the Solar Law, and they had a recommendation to add to the law about having a PILOT, Ray will submit it back to Matthew for revision.

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. Jessica said she had an informative time at the Annual Town Clerks Conference, she said the biggest thing she took away was the changes to the NYS Notary Law.
2. Jessica said she has been organizing some of her files in the office.

TOWN HISTORIAN – Kara Chapin

1. Kara came to update the Board on what she has been doing, she said she recently gave a presentation to the Historical Society, she said the Carriage House Museum is now open for visitors, she has had inquiries about gravestones on properties and genealogy. She also mentioned the Bicentennial Geocaching Passports. She updated the Board about the Old Wolcott Festival on June 17th.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Cemetery Bids – There was a motion made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Julie Aldrich to reject all bids opened at the April Board meeting.

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The reason to reject all the bids was it was decided it was more cost effective to have one of our Highway employees mow the cemeteries.

2. Building Maintenance – Jessica said the phone lines have been installed. Jessica also inquired about adding additional security cameras to the court system to include the hallway near the Assessor, Code and Town Clerk Offices and the front entrance near those offices. The Board agreed to additional cameras. Zach said he would like to add cameras to the Highway Barn soon.

3. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – Lynn said there have been complications with the project due to the substantial increase of the cost of materials.

4. Salt Barn – Lynn said there was a previous WQIP Grant awarded for \$500,000 for the project. Claudia Tenney recently announced a press release awarding the Town and additional \$2.4 million for the project, with these grants the salt barn should be able to be built with no tax burden for the residents. The funds should be available around January 2024.

5. Cemetery Monument Update – Lynn said the STEADY work kids have dug holes for the bases.

6. Blind Sodus Bay Bluff & Barrier Bar Status – Lynn said the Bluff project has a few things to finish then will be complete.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held June 20, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Jordan Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer
Town Clerk