

REGULAR MEETING
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – MAY 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall with the following people present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT - Jessica Freer, Town Clerk; Amber Roberts, Assessor/Supervisor's Clerk; Zach Decker, Highway Superintendent; Ray Hauss, Code Enforcement Officer; Chris Bauer, Deputy Highway Superintendent,

Copies presented to the Town Board:
1. Minutes of April 16, 2024 (Regular Meeting)
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 –

1. Spring 2024 landfill monitoring report.
2. DEC National Flood Insurance Program, Community Assistance Visit Follow-up letter.
A motion was made by Adam, seconded by Julie, to accept the minutes of April 16, 2024, departmental reports, and general correspondence.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0 .

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS –

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #130 thru #166 - total - \$20,375.51

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - \$84,737.64

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

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0 .

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK - Amber Roberts

1. Amber will not be here for the Board meeting in July, she will have training classes.
2. Kelsey is working very well. Potentially looking at moving forward in position but, there is a class requirement from NYS.
3. Equalization rate was 92% in 2023, for the 2024 it is 85% and the housing market has not been slowing down and prices are still high, Amber predicts the 2025 equalization rate to be in the 60's. Amber's term as Assessor will be done in the middle of the 2025 roll and an up update will not be an option and she thinks a new assessor most likely will not update the first year. The Town may want to consider for 2026 contracting a company to do this. There could be as much as double or more in values residents will not be happy, but it will provide equity to the roll. She will find quotes if asked.
4. Increase line item.

RESOLUTION #26-24 INCREASE LINE ITEM DA5130.2 HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT IN THE 2024 BUDGET -

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Dan Youngman,

WHEREAS, there is revenue that was not budgeted for in the 2024 Highway Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town needs to increase a line item that will reflect the revenues from the sale of a mower and a tractor tire in the amount of \$6,857.50 that need to be accounted for,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to increase DA5130.2 Highway Equipment in the 2024 Highway Budget in the amount of \$6,857.50 to a total of \$393,857.50.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0 .

5. Budget transfer.

RESOLUTION #27-24 TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER –

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich,

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, there were unbudgeted expenditures for publicity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to make the following transfer to the line item in the 2024 Budget:

From Contingent – A1990.4 to Publicity – A6410.4 in the amount of \$2009.50

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0 .

HIGHWAY – Zach Decker

1. Zach said the company brought the new 10-wheeler to the Highway Barns but, there's something wrong with it, and he has since declined possession of the truck until he can be sure of it being fixed, he hopes it will be fixed and we can then pay for it next month.

2. Zach said he would like to sell some items as surplus a 1999 truck, two 75-gallon oil drums and containment tanks he would like to list as surplus

A motion Julie Aldrich, second Adam Ellis to declare the above items as surplus.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

3. Zach has a 2020 tractor that has been sitting at Monroe tractor being fixed, once it came back the transmission went and needs to be rebuilt. Since it's still under warranty Zach would like to trade it in and purchase a new one to replace it. He purchased the 2020 for around \$55,000.00 but they will give him \$45,166.00 for the trade, the one he is looking to purchase is \$106,000.00 with the trade and discounts the balance for a new tractor is \$43,392.51. Zach explained that the new tractor better fits the requirements of the Highway workload compared to the current tractor.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Julie Aldrich to approve the purchase of a new tractor for the Highway Department.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

4. Zach will be at Highway school the 1st week of June.

5. Town Cleanup is June 22nd.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Ray Hauss

1. Business as usual.

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. 2024 Town Clerk's Conference.

2. Appointing Megan Stankevich as her Deputy at a rate of \$16.90 for a probationary period of 3 months. Effective Immediately.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Building Maintenance – Powerwash building and spray for spiders.

2. Handbook – Zach, Amber and Jessica have made notes.

3. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – Slowly moving along.

4. Salt Barn – Lynn received an email from HUD explaining the next steps, there is a Zoom Meeting on June 4th and he has signed up for Hud Exchange. Lorie Fox will be the Grant Administrator for the project. A meeting will be set up between MRB Group, Village of Red Creek and the School Districts to discuss the project.

5. Barrier Bar Status – Latest update was that they were moving rocks. Zach suggests contacting our lawyer for a contracted agreement for damage to the road.

NEW BUSINESS –

Executive Session – Lynn called an executive session with the Board.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Julie Aldrich to move into executive session at 6:34 PM to discuss collective negotiations under the Taylor Law. (Amber and Zach was asked to stay)

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

Close Executive Session -

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich to close executive session at 7:07 PM. VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

RESOLUTION #28-24 APPROVING THE TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNIT INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 118 –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Adam Ellis,

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement ("CBA") between the Town of Wolcott ("Town") and Highway Department Unit for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024, will soon expire; and

WHEREAS, Town and Highway Department unit representatives have met and reached a Tentative CBA for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, under the terms as written, and as set forth in the tentative CBA filed with the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Teamsters, Local 118, has advised the Town that the Highway Department Unit has ratified the Tentative CBA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Service Law sections 201 and 204-a, subject to the Highway Department Unit's ratification, the Town Board approves the Tentative CBA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the expenditure of any additional funds necessary to permit the implementation of the terms of the Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that contingent upon the form and terms of the Agreement having been approved by Counsel to the Town, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held June 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer
Town Clerk