

REGULAR MEETING
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – JULY 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, July 18, 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 (ABSENT)
Councilwoman – Julie Aldrich

OTHERS PRESENT - Jessica Freer, Town Clerk; Amber Roberts, Assessor/Supervisor's Clerk; Ray Hauss, Code Enforcement Officer; Jack Whitaker, Wolcott; Ken Natale, Wolcott; Kevin Lozier, Red Creek; Lynn Housel, Wolcott.

Copies presented to the Town Board:

1. Minutes of June 20, 2023 (Regular Meeting & Public Hearings)
2. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
3. Highway Fund Claims (Unaudited)
4. Brown/Wadsworth WD Claim (Unaudited)

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

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

GENERAL BUSINESS –

Privilege of the Floor -

1. Jack Whitaker – Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Workers Exemption -
Lynn asked around Wayne County had has found out that one other Town has adopted the law, the rest have not and are waiting for the state for clarification and from what Lynn said The Governor is supposed to change wording on the law. Lynn also said he went to our local Assemblyman's office and was told that there had been numerous complaints from assessors around the district that are asking and waiting for clarification about the law regarding the requirements that a volunteer would have to provide and there has been no response from NYS. Jack responded saying he's been following this for months and has no direction but thanked the Board for their continued support in working to finding a resolution and will keep updating the Board if he hears anything new.

2. Lynn Housel – Out-of-District Water User Agreement
Lynn Housel would like to connect her house on Tellier Rd., to the water line that runs down West Port Bay Rd because she has a dug well and is in the process of trying to sell her house; it was determined it would be an out-of-district user. The Town of Wolcott has an old agreement from 2008, it was slightly updated, Lynn Housel was aware of the terms of the agreement and if the property was

Privilege of the Floor – (cont'd)

sold would make the buyer/buyers aware as well; she has spoken with the Highway Superintendent regarding the work, and he sees no foreseen problems. Amber said she has to find out what water district it would be a part of, and once Wayne County Water & Sewer has signed the contract Lynn would see the debt service on her annual Town & County taxes going forward until the debt service is paid in full.

A motion was made by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Dan Youngman to allow the Supervisor to sign the Out-of-District Water User Agreement for the property currently owned by Lynn Housel at 11833 Tellier Road.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE – No Correspondence this month.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to accept the minutes of June 20, 2023, and departmental reports.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS -

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #193 thru #226 - total - \$8,770.80

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - \$32,402.74

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

RESOLUTION #40-23 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 planning regarding the Solar Law;
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 – B1990.4 to Zoning – B8010.4 in the amount of \$1,074.70.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

HIGHWAY – (Zach Decker and Chris Bauer were absent, the Supervisor spoke in their place)

1. Lynn said that the excavator that was on the auction site had a final bid of \$81,550.00, Lynn said that we can either accept the bid or reject the bid and try again on another site for a possible higher bid. The Board decided to accept the bid.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Dan Youngman to accept the bid of \$81,550.00 for the excavator that was on Auctions International.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

2. The Highway Department still needs a salt barn.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Ray Hauss

1. Special Permit Request – Kevin Lozier
8251 Route 104A
Red Creek, NY 13143
78120-00-151082

Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss, presented Special Permit Request #6-2023, which was brought before the Town Board May 16, 2023, at which time a negative impact was declared on the environment and signed by the Supervisor and Mr. Hauss had completed the plan reviews.

Request regarding Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 Section 501-C states special permits are required for commercial uses in an agriculture district. Kevin would like to build 2 apartments in one of the 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.

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

RESOLUTION #41-23 KEVIN LOZIER SPECIAL PERMIT #6-2023 –

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board approves the request of Kevin Lozier at the recommendation of the local Board of Appeals to the Town Board.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

2. RESOLUTION #42-23 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR KEN NATALE –

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

WHEREAS, Ken would like to add a 21x32 addition onto the East side of his cottage at 8069 Martin Rd; and

WHEREAS, our Local Law #1-2000, Section 502-C states special permits are required are

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (cont'd)

RESOLUTION – (cont'd)

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 4 NAYS 0.

3. Ray said that he issued Mr. Flynn the permit for his gazebo last month, but now currently he has been having problems with his neighbor but that is a civil matter, and it does not involve the Town.

4. Ray said that month that he has been having problems with the Code Program on his computer and has found estimates for two programs that he likes. The first estimate was for Cloud Permit and the estimate was \$4,700.00 and includes the \$1,500.00 one-time installation fee and the other estimate was for BAS that was double close to \$10,000.00. Ray said he would like to go with Cloud Permit.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Dan Youngman to allow Ray to contact with Cloud Permit for the Code Enforcement Program for his computer. ‘

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

5. Ray asked about the Solar Law and if it had been filed with the State, Jessica said she had sent the final to the Attorney to file but has not heard confirmation back yet, Ray would like the Local Law and the check list to be placed on the website once the filing has been confirmed.

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. Hunting Licenses go on sale August 1, 2023.
2. Jessica has Wayne County Fair passes for sale in her office.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Land Use Code – Matt Horn is looking at our current Land Use Code and will keep in touch with Lynn as to what is needed to update it.
2. Building Maintenance – There is still the problem with the back door and the front door sweep will need to be replaced before winter.

SUPERVISOR – (cont'd)

OLD BUSINESS – (cont'd)

3. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – Lynn had spoken to MRB Group and Wayne County Water & Sewer and found out that the USDA wants an estimate of the bid to continue to the next step of the project. Amber stated there is almost 25 thousand dollars already put into the project and feels it is a large burden on the taxpayers already with no district established yet. Marty Aman and Dave Doyle are going to try and work with USDA and hope they will accept an estimate of the project from Wayne County Water & Sewer. Ray asked about the neighboring Towns that were doing a water district at the same time a couple years ago, Lynn said that those projects were given grant funding initially and the fund was simply increased whereas we had no funding and are still searching for some.

4. Salt Barn – Lynn said we must wait for WQIP letter before we can access those funds and the money from Congresswoman Tenney money should come at the beginning of 2024.

5. Tellier Rd Culver – Lynn has had a meeting with Kevin Rooney, Zach, about the Bridge NY project and was told it is 100% funded and no local matches are needed. The Town was awarded \$354,00.00 for the culvert and the Village of Red Creek was awarded 1.7 million for Hawley Road Bridge.

6. Cemetery Monument Update – Bob and Chris at the Highway Department have made the forms and will be pouring concrete soon.

7. Blind Sodus Bay Barrier Bar – The Bids were today for barrier bar and 3 contractors submitted bids. Wayne County Soil & Water will review the bids to make sure all requirements are met.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. 2024 Budget – Amber is giving warning to start early. She has spoken to Department Heads and is asking for changes early or any additions.

2. CHIPS Program – Lynn said that New York State has made changes again to the CHIPS schedule and now the change has affected our Highway equipment timeline and budgets going forward.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held August 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer
Town Clerk