

REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – October 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, October 17, 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; Zach Decker, Highway Superintendent; Jack Whitaker, Wolcott; Mary DiAngelo & Leon Biando, Wolcott; Kara Chapin, Town Historian; Lori Furguson, Wolcott.

Copies presented to the Town Board:

1. Minutes of September 19, 2023 (Regular Meeting)
2. Minutes of September 26, 2023 (Budget Workshop)
3. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
4. Highway Fund Claims (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 6:00 PM.  
Pledge of Allegiance –

GENERAL BUSINESS –

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - 2024 Preliminary Budget

Supervisor Chatfield declared the Public Hearing open at 6:01 PM and asked the Town Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget and to show proof of publication.

Supervisor Chatfield asked for comments or questions from the floor; there were no comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Dan Youngman to close the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM. VOTE - AYES   4   NAYS   0  .

RESOLUTION #56-23 ADOPTING PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2024 -

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

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Budget, with mentioned modifications to the budget, was found to be acceptable by the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Preliminary Budget as the Annual Budget for 2024.

On Roll Call Vote - Chatfield "YES", Ellis "YES", Youngman "YES", Brown "ABSENT". Aldrich "YES".

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE – No Correspondence.

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to accept the minutes of September 19, 2023, September 26, 2023, and departmental reports.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS –

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #279 thru #309 - total - \$8,921.47

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - \$19,372.94

PORT BAY SD ACCOUNT - Claim #2 - total - \$366,708.00

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

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK - Amber Roberts

1. RESOLUTION #57-23 TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER –

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

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, bill have come in higher than were budgeted for;

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 Town Board Contractual – A1010.4 in the amount of \$74.48

From Contingent – B1990.4 to Code Enforcement Contractual – B3620.4 in the amount of \$190.67

From Contingent – B1990.4 to Planning Contractual – B4020.4 in the amount of \$10.65.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK – (cont'd)

2. RESOLUTION #58-23 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR'S CLERK TO TRANSFER \$81,515.00 FROM GENERAL CHECKING TO BUILDING CAPITAL CD -

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

WHEREAS, the amount of \$81,515.00 was from the sale of the excavator that was sold at Auction, the Board had previously spoken about at the July Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor's Clerk would like to transfer that money into the Building Capital CD for future capital improvement; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate monies to finance the cost of a type of capital improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to transfer \$81,515.,000.00 from the General checking account to the Building Capital CD.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

3. Amber will return to her normal office schedule Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

HIGHWAY – Zach Decker

1. The Highway Department are cutting shoulders.
2. They are switching to sanders soon, should be completed by November's meeting.
3. A salt shed is needed
4. Zach budgeted for a new pickup, the quotes he had have went down in price, he will get it requoted hoping for the same outcome; a lower price.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Ray Hauss

1. Special Permit Request – Leon Biando  
7818 South Maple Rd  
Wolcott, NY 14590  
75119-11-521572

Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss, presented Special Permit Request #9-2023, which was brought before the Town Board September 19, 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 502-C, states special permits are required to expand pre-existing structures on less than one acre of land in waterfront area. Leon would like to add a 14x32 deck and a 12x32 deck onto his cottage.

Ray gave the information to our Board of Appeals, they voted unanimously to approve it on October 9, 2023.

RESOLUTION #59-23 LEON BIANDO SPECIAL PERMIT #9-2023 –

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board approved the request of Leon Biando at the recommendation of the local Board of Appeals to the Town Board.

VOTE - AYES 4 NAYS 0.

2. RESOLUTION #60-23 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR ROBERT CASPER –

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

WHEREAS, Robert would like to build two decks sizes 12x26 and 5x23 onto his property at 7828 South Maple 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 4 NAYS 0.

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. The Town historian would like to set a date for that; Kara spoke to the board about what the dedication would entail as well as the location they would like. Lynn said the location would be near the Highway Department on Red Creek Road.

2. Jessica said she renewed SAM registration.

3. Jessica spoke to the Board about a TextmyGov presentation she participated in, while she believes it would be beneficial at some point, she feels the cost as well as the potential participation would not be justified. Zach agreed that there are more popular and free ways of communication with the public available.

4. She reminded the board of the change for November's Board Meeting to November 14, 2023.

5. Jessica brought up the quote from Eric Nurse about the vestibule in the front hall, the quote was for \$7,000.00 which the board agreed that was very reasonable. Amber brought up using ARPA funds for the project; Lynn said that we could. Jessica has asked that a window will be put in the wall as well, Eric did not quote that originally, but she has spoken to him; Lynn said that NYMIR had mentioned the safety reasons for having a customer window at another Town in Wayne County and agrees now would be the time to install that; Jessica said that she will contact Eric for a quote.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Land Use Code – Lynn said Brian Pincelli from Wayne County IDA is working on updating our Code, because it is needed for the study done at Buter Correctional.
2. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – There was a meeting in Rochester with MRB and the owners of Holiday Harbor regarding questions they had. Dave Doyle has been trying to contact USDA due to the huge project increase from 2.7 million to 4.5 million.
3. Salt Barn – Lynn met with Laurie Fox about the WQIP funding and signed the necessary paperwork to move forward.
4. Barrier Bar Status – The contractor has signed access to the bay as they are coming in from the Cayuga County side.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Ed Bundy property – Lynn gave the Board members a copy of the survey map for Ed’s property on Younglove Road. The road was moved north in the 1970’s to straighten it. Once Ed purchased the property, he had it surveyed and found that he had no access to the property due to it being landlocked and the maps not revised after the road was moved. Lynn is going to speak with our Attorney to figure out the best way to fix what should have been done when the road was moved.

Privilege of the Floor –

1. Lori asked what the modifications would be to the budget, Amber answered that she will have to figure in the statement of town accounts from Wayne County and only to calculate the tax rate and the Fire Contract numbers which were obtained earlier that day. Lori asked about the access for BSB and wondered why the change, Zach explained the residents were not being cooperative with access therefore they had no choice but find an alternative way.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held November 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer  
Town Clerk