

REGULAR MEETING
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – DECEMBER 20, 2022

A regular meeting and public hearings of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 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 – Ray Hauss
Councilman – Jorden Brown

OTHERS PRESENT - Jessica Freer, Town Clerk; Amber Roberts, Assessor/Supervisor’s Clerk; Zach Decker, Highway Superintendent; Don Camp, Code Enforcement Officer; Dave Doyle, MRB Group; Lori Furguson, Wolcott.

Copies presented to the Town Board:
1. Minutes of November 15, 2022, (Regular Meeting)
2. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
3. Highway Fund Claims (Unaudited)

The Supervisor's, Town Clerk's, Justices, Code Enforcement Officer, 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. Received 30-day advance notice from Port Bay Golf, LLC for a new application of On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage License (Liquor License).

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Dan Youngman, to accept the minutes of November 15, 2022, general correspondence, and departmental reports.

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 .

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS -

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #358 thru #398 - total - \$8,559.07

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - \$6,296.28

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

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 .

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK - Amber Roberts

RESOLUTION #51-22 TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS –

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Jordan Brown, 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, bills came in larger than expected for various accounts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to make the following transfers to the line items in the 2022 Budget:

From Contingent – A1990.4 to Town Board – A1010.4 in the amount of \$268.50

From Contingent – A1990.4 to Highway Garage – A5132.4 in the amount of \$802.59

From Contingent – B1990.4 to Street Lighting – B5182.4 in the amount of \$54.55

From Contingent – B1990.4 to Planning – B8020.4 in the amount of \$498.25

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 .

2. Amber said there was a new law that allows local governments to provide up to a 10% property tax exemption to volunteer ambulance and firefighters who have served at least 2 years and a lifetime 10% exemption for members who have served 20 years. Amber stated that there were many questions and concerns she had about the law as it reads now; Lynn said they had recently discussed this same law at the County level. Amber's recommendation is to not adopt it as it reads now until after there is clarification from New York State.

HIGHWAY – Zach Decker

1. Zach would like to upgrade the CASE CX80 excavator at the Highway Department, he would like to go from and 80-145 and would prefer to sell the existing one now and buy a new one. He obtained quotes for a new excavator the purchase price would be around \$203,000.00 and he believes he can sell the existing one for around \$75,000.00; the cost with the trade would be 128,880.00 roughly. If he did sell the CASE, he would like to submit \$60,000.00 of that to NYS under CHIPS. There was discussion regarding the cost and trade in.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Jordan Brown to allow Zach to inform the company of his intent to purchase contingent that he brings the documents at the January meeting with all the information for the Board.

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 .

2. Zach said that his new employee starts January 2nd, 2023.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - Don Camp

1. Don asked if Jessica had heard anything from our attorney about the Part 1203 “Establishing a Local Government Code Enforcement Program”, Jessica said she had not.

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. Jessica said she received notice from Wayne County Real Property about a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review (BAR), Amber stated she was aware, and she has been looking for replacements for several years and anticipates there will be more vacancies in the coming years for the BAR; Amber said she will contact Real Property and speak with them.

2. Jessica informed the Board that she does not have the 2023 Town & County Tax Bills yet, she anticipates them being ready for pickup after Christmas.

3. The Town Hall will be closed Monday, December 26, 2022, for Christmas, Monday, January 2, 2023, for New Year’s and Monday, January 16, 2023, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Land Use Code – Lynn said Bret Deroo, who was from Wayne County Planning would be willing to help the Town revise the current code.

2. Building Maintenance – Lynn spoke to Spectrum, and they are compiling another contract to review.

- Phone lines

3. Policies – An employee needs to be made.

4. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – Paperwork came back from the Comptroller’s office; it will need to be revised and go back eventually after revisions. A question was asked to Dave Doyle from Amber, she asked due to the increase of the project if the debt service payment was increased to the residents does he believe that Rural Development might consider a grant; he said it could be a possibility. Dave also said a new petition will have to be signed and pass all the tests required from the first before it can be returned to the comptroller’s office. Discussion ensued.

5. Cemetery Monument Update – Will have to happen in the Spring due to weather.

6. Blind Sodus Bay Bluff & Barrier Bar Status – Lynn said the project is ongoing they are making good progress. The Barrier Bar is being done by WCSW it will be broken down into 3 projects they are working on it currently.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Closeout & Organizational Meeting Date set for January 3rd, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Privilege of the Floor was offered.

Executive Session -

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Jordan Brown to move into executive session at 6:50 PM to discuss matters relating to the appointment of Code Enforcement Officer.

VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0.

Close Executive Session -

A motion was made by Jordan Brown, seconded by Adam Ellis to close executive session at 7:46 PM. VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held January 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Jordan Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer
Town Clerk