

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.
at Albert Emerson Town Hall**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA YOUTUBE INTERNET BROADCAST AND WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE YOUTUBE LINK CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
Councilperson	John Alexander
Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
Councilperson	Robert Sutphin
Councilperson	Jerold Quintal II

OTHERS PRESENT: Pamela Lloyd, Town Clerk; Dani Oliver, Supervisors Secretary; Jackie White, Town Attorney; Tracy Benoit, Water/Sewer/Parks & Recs Manager; Joyce Reed, Water/Sewer Clerk; Pete Bederian, Highway Superintendent; Jim Hull, Code Enforcement; Judi Hull, Deputy Town Clerk; and **Several Public Attendees, Sign in sheet available for review at the Town Clerks office.**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Geraghty at 7:00 p.m. and the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2023, DECEMBER 27, 2023 AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2024

RESOLUTION # 28-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on December 13, 2023, December 27, 2023, and January 3, 2024.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

NAYS: None

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

The Town Officials reports were received and read by the following: Town Clerk – Pamela Lloyd; Supervisor, Landfill – Kevin Geraghty; Assessor, Justice - John Alexander; No Dog Report; Planning Department - Bryan Rounds; Code Enforcement Officer – Jim Hull.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

The Committee Reports were received and will be placed on the Town of Warrensburg Website and will no longer be read at the Town Board Meetings Per Supervisor Geraghty.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter received from Warrensburg Emergency Medical Services, Inc. to move forward with the land acquisition adjacent to their building at 3 King Street.

Notification received from the USDA about possible Rural Development Grant funding in the amount of \$40,000 to move ahead with new water well development.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Geraghty stated that as soon as the Federal government passes their budget we should be awarded about 40,000 to fund the well development on the Hudson Street side of Warrensburg.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATION SENATE BILL S7696 & ASSEMBLY BILL A8183

RESOLUTION #29-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board received a request to support State Legislation Senate Bill S7696 and Assembly Bill A8183. Home Rule Request entitled AN ACT to amend the real property tax law and the real property law, in relation to the taxation of property owned by a cooperative corporation.

WHEREAS, the bill if enacted will allow the Town the ability to change how it assessed the value of condominiums.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Warrensburg Town Board hereby approved the request to support State Legislation Senate Bill S7696 and Assembly Bill A8183.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE ON JANUARY 10, 2024, WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

DISCUSSION CAN BE HEARD ON WARRENSBURG YOUTUBE SITE.

REQUEST FOR OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FROM WARRENSBURG BIKE RALLY, LLC

RESOLUTION #30-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

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WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board received a request to approve Occupancy Tax Funds to the Warrensburg Bike Rally, LLC in the amount of \$4,495.00 for expenses for the Warrensburg Bike Week event held on May 27, 2023 thru June 6, 2023 at the Warren County Fair Ground.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Warrensburg Town Board hereby approved the request for Occupancy Tax from Warrensburg Bike Rally, LLC for the June 2023 Bike Week event in the amount of \$4,495.00 for expenses.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

REQUEST FOR OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FROM WARRENSBURGH BEAUTIFICATION

RESOLUTION #31-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, a request to the Warrensburg Town Board to approve Occupancy Tax Funds to the Warrensburgh Beautification Committee in the amount of \$5,509.18 for expenses of the 2023 Farmer’s Market and related events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request from the Warrensburgh Beautification Committee for Occupancy Tax Funds in the amount of \$5,509.18 for the 2023 Farmer’s Market events.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

REQUEST TO PURCHASE NEW AIR COMPRESSOR FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

RESOLUTION #32-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Joq Quintal II

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board received a request from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to purchase a new (replacement) air compressor at the cost of \$10,476.00 with a 12 week lead time for delivery.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request for the purchase of a new air compressor for the Waste Water Treatment Plant at the cost of \$10,476.00.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

Congratulations to Larry Crandall who retires this month with over 38 years of working for the Town. We appreciate Larry’s time here and we certainly will miss his knowledge and wish him the Best of Luck.

We ask the people who reside in the Water District in identifying the lines by taking a picture of the water line where it comes into you home. Please forward the picture to the Town and if you need help getting a picture please call the Town Sewer/Water clerk at 518-504-4114. This project needs to be completed by October 2024.

REQUEST FOR A BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT OF THE KING STREET HIGHWAY PROPERTY TO GIVE A PORTION TO WARRENSBURG EMERGENCY SERVICES

RESOLUTION #33-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board received a request from Warrensburg Emergency Services asking for a portion of the King Street Highway Property to expand their building quarters.

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrensburg would need to advertise for a permissive referendum to allow the Town to move forward with the transfer of property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request from Warrensburg Emergency Services to receive a portion of the King Street Highway property that is subject to a permissive referendum in order to move forward with transfer of property.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

REQUEST TO ALLOW THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO NEW AGREEMENT WITH FLATLEY READ, INC. FOR CDBG HOUSING GRANT

RESOLUTION #34-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Joq Quintal II

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WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board request to allow the Supervisor to enter into a new agreement with Flatley Read Inc. for the CDBG housing grant administration and project delivery services, to follow the procurement that occurred in April 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to enter into a new agreement with Flatley Read, Inc. for administration services for the CDBG housing grant.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

REQUEST TO ALLOW SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO NEW AGREEMENT WITH FLATLEY READ, INC FOR THE NY MAIN STREET GRANT

RESOLUTION #35-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board request to allow the Supervisor to enter into a new agreement with Flatley Read, Inc. for the New York Main Street Grant administration and project delivery services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to enter into a new agreement with Flatley Read, Inc. for administration services for the NY Main Street Grant.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR AN RFP FOR ENVIROMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE CDBG AND NY MAIN STREET GRANTS

RESOLUTION #36-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson John Alexander

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bryan Rounds

WHEREAS, the Warrensburg Town Board request to advertise for an RFP – Request for Proposal for environmental services, including lead testing and clearance, asbestos surveys, project monitoring and clearance, and site specific environmental reviews for the CDBG Housing Grant and New York Main Street Grant.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Warrensburg hereby approved the request to advertise for an RFP for environmental services for the CDBG Housing Grant and New York Main Street Grant.

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilpersons Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

Need to schedule a time when you can come in and review the court records and dockets. receipts for 2023.

I would like to recognize and commend Warrensburg Volunteer Fire and Warrensburg EMS on how they handled the mass casualty bus accident on the Northway last Friday. The cooperation of all the first responders was remarkable and there a total twelve (12) EMS agencies, two fire companies, Warrensburg Central School and Lake George School who provided buses to transport the uninjured to LG firehouse, police agencies, Glens Falls Hospital, and Life Net Helicopter who transported one patient to Albany Medical Center. Red Cross and the Fort William Henry Hotel who provided food and rooms for those on the bus who needed a place to stay. Unfortunately, there was one fatality and we are sorry for that family’s loss. Last but not least I would like to recognize the Warren County Sheriff’s Department Communication Center for the professional way they handled the whole situation. They were truly professionals.

REQUEST TO PAY WARRANTS ON ABSTRACT #1-2024

RESOLUTION #37-2024

ON MOTION OF: Councilperson Joq Quintal II

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Robert Sutphin

RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: Supervisor Geraghty, Councilperson Alexander, Rounds, Sutphin, Quintal II

RESOLVED, to pay the warrants outlined on **Abstract #1-2024** in the following amounts:

WARRANTS:	Total Claims:	\$102,167.19
	General Fund	\$35,553.68
	Cemetery Fund	\$2,262.00
	Highway Fund	\$24,321.68
	Sidewalk Project	\$25,443.10
	Lighting District	\$8,982.95
	Sewer Fund	\$2,737.57
	Water Fund	\$2,866.21

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THE COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS AND COMMENTS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE YOUTUBE LINK LOCATED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE.

COMMENTS:

Joyce Reed – Asked about the CBDG grant and now that the town has been awarded \$500,000 and we already have pre-qualified applicants, can people still apply? **Supervisor Geraghty** replied that at this time we are still getting all the grant process done and he believes we are working with the pre-applicants first and holding off on accepting any new applicants until we have more details after we meet with Flatley Read in the near future.

Jim Hull – Spoke about the CDBG Grant and stated that there is some misconception going around town that they're going to bring a Brink Truck in town and just hand out money. There are all kinds of hoops that need to be jump through to get any of this money and there is a lot to this process. **Supervisor Geraghty** replied that this will take some time before any work will start and some of the home owners on the Pre-application list may not be eligible for this grant but maybe for another grant that we can and will be applying for.

Jennifer Merry-Bierman – 10 Oak St - Asked about the water line and taking picture of it. **Councilperson Rounds** responded that where the pipe in your basement comes through the wall they would need a good color picture of it to be able to identify if its old galvanized or copper. If you have any issues you can call the Water Dept. and they will come out and take a picture for you.

Sheila Mender - Asked if the resolution to enter into an updated contract with Flatley Read for administrative services for the CBDG grant that was originally done in 2022 going to cost the town more money for this update? **Supervisor Geraghty** responded that he believes this would be just a change in language and dates.

Bryan Rounds - Spoke about the Warren County Tax Auction that Warren County has every year and how some properties get sold and 50% of them that get sold are being worked on and fixed up and some don't do anything with them and just put a for sale sign on them. He would like Warren County to start leaning on the bidders at the auction to do something with them. **Supervisor Geraghty and Jim Hull** stated that there was a law that got passed and the committee at the time said it was 18 months from the time that they purchased it to get a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) on the property, but Jim believes that the county changed it to 2 years.

MEETING ADJOURN

On motion of Councilperson John Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk