TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING **OCTOBER 23, 2025**
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
Website: www.townofwindhamny.com

Present: Supervisor: Thomas F. Hoyt
Councilmen: Wayne Van Valin, Ian Peters, Stephen Walker & Kurt Goettsche
Town Clerk: Bonnie Poehmel

Also Present: Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Emanuela Stucchi, Donald Alberti, Jen Schwartz, Diane Kletz, Ronnie & Stephen Bendernagle, Karen Bromley, Connor R. Exum, Evan Schieren & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025, TENTATIVE BUDGET WORK MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2025, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

1.SEEKING PERMISSION to place the Menorah for the Channukah season on the front lawn of the Centre Property. "Channukah this year is December 14th – December 22, 2025. We would again like to place the menorah at the town center from approximately December 10th through the first week of 2026. We expect to have a very modest public lighting for the first night only. Ronnie & Stephen Bendernagle will light the remaining candles each night thereafter of the 8-day holiday." This is their 7th annual menorah lighting. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

2.WAJPL GOLDEN AGERS would like to use the Community Senior Room for November & December. The WAJPL Golden Agers will be hosting a **Holiday Bizarre on Saturday, November 15, 2025 all day**, (with set up on Friday). A **Blood Drive** on **Saturday, December 6, 2025 @ 9:00 am-2:00 pm.** WAJPL GOLDEN AGERS WILL BE HOSTING a **Wreath Making** on **Saturday, December 13, 2025.** A motion to approve all three events was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

3.CRYSTAL POND HOA seeking permission to use the Community Senior Room for their annual HOA Meeting. They would like to use the facility on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 4:00 pm for a duration of 2-hours. There will be approximately 30-40 members and will need to access the WIFI and use of the TV screen as well. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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4.WYLDER WINDHAM would like to host their 3rd year annual 3-mile Turkey Trot at the Windham Path. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

5.APPROVAL NEEDED FOR THE WLB Water/Sewer Software Annual 11/01/25-10/31/26. The Sewer Support Contract cost will be $753.00 for the year. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.TOWN COURT JUSTICE REPORT for September Justice McCarthy $2,522.00 was duly noted by the Board.

7.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #315-25: Amounts Due to County Treasurer by Respective Towns. GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #316-25: Establishing Equalization Rates (2025)

8.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #133 OF 2025: "WHEREAS, the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law allows a municipality to establish a Senior Citizen's Tax Exemption (RPTL §467) as well as the Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Tax Exemption (RPTL §459-c); and…NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Windham hereby establishes the maximum income limit of $37,000.00 for the year 2026 for Senior Citizen's Tax Exemption as well as the Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limit that are residents of the Town of Windham." A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #134 OF 2025: "WHEREAS, the Town of Windham receives payments from various services and fees through checks; and WHEREAS, dishonored checks, also known as returned checks or bounced checks, impose additional administrative burdens and costs on the Town, including processing fees, re-notification, and collection efforts; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that: 1. The Town Board of the Town of Windham hereby establishes a returned check fee of $20.00 for any check, paper or electronic payment, written to any Town Department that is returned due to insufficient funds, stopped payment, closed account, or any other reason; and… 5. That a copy of this resolution be posted publicly and made available to individuals and entities making payments to the Town." A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #135 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #136: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of $30,000.00 principal plus the interest earned of Streetlighting Fund Money at the Bank of Greene County, Catskill, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #137: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of $356,885.86 principal plus the interest earned of Sewer District #2 Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Coxsackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #138: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of $20,393.47 principal plus the interest earned of Capital Water Equipment Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Coxsackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #139: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing CD regarding the sum of $458,853.26 principal plus the interest earned of Capital Sewer Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Coxsackie, New York. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #140 OF 2025: "Be It Resolved, that the Town of Windham, Location Code 30304, hereby acknowledges the following record of activities results from the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System for its employees as listed hereon. And will report these officials to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on these results for said members to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System…" A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #16 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by

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Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #22 OF 2025: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

9.AMBULANCE REPORT: The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: "***Calls for the Month of September 2025:*** *Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-9, Basic Life Support (BLS)-4, Public Assist (P/A)-1, Stand-By Fire Call (S/B)-1;* Calls in Jewett: ALS-5, BLS-3, C/C-2, P/A-1, RMA-1; Calls in Ashland: ALS-1, P/A-1; Calls in Hunter: ALS-1, C/C-1; Calls in Durham: C/C-1; Calls in Cairo: ALS-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-1; Stand by for GCEMS-3. ***Total calls: 37. Vehicle Mileage Log for September 2025*****:** 96-1: 114,495 and 96-2: 25,213."

10.HIGHWAY REPORT: The highway department has all the mowing down for the fall. The snow and ice material for the winter has been ordered. The snow equipment is being serviced. The CHIPS program paperwork has been sent in for reimbursement.

11.POLICE REPORT: The police department computers have all been updated. The Chief will be researching quotes for the CADS in the cars and will have a report for the board at the next meeting.

12.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** has attended the CWT Meeting. High stake members from DEP were at this meeting. All went well. The next SWAC meeting will be here at the WWTP on October 29, 2025. **Councilman Van Valin** has spoken to Chris Landi who will be working on the entrance flooring at the Library. Councilman Van Valin has no other business to report on. **Supervisor Hoyt** has spoken to Mike Lacombe regarding the downspouts at the town hall building. **Councilman Goettsche** has been working on upgrading the computers in town hall and working on the website. **Councilman Peters** has been working with ITS on their quote package for new upgraded computers. **Supervisor Hoyt** James Wizeman one of the lifeguards has been doing extra maintenance work at the town hall. The lights inside the building have all been cleaned and bulbs replaced. James has also painted the outside of the doors, ramp and front steps. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** has been working with the escrow accounts at the planning board. The accounts are slowing down there are now eight projects. **Supervisor Hoyt** would like to set a public hearing for Preliminary Budget 2026 on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:50pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. Supervisor Hoyt would like to move the regular town board meeting on Thursday, November 13 to Wednesday, November 12 @ 7:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #20-G contained vouchers #648-677, totaling $10,544.59 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #20 contained vouchers #188-201, totaling $13,496.17 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #20 contained vouchers #273-284, totaling $3234.93 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #20 contained vouchers #210-219, totaling $2,486.01 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #20-P for **General** contained 12 claims, totaling $13,812.36 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman

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Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 17 claims, totaling $19,662.49 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #20-P contained 4 claims, totaling $7,575.20 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #20-P contained 3 claims, totaling $441.24 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

13.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: **Don Alberti** has noticed the Veteran Honor Roll in the front entrance is being hide behind the police stuff. Can this placque be moved for the public to see? Supervisor Hoyt will have Councilman Van Valin take care of this. **Karen Bromley** lives on Mill Street and is quite concerned about the entering of State Route 23 from Mill Street. It is not safe. Supervisor Hoyt asked her to write a letter to NYS DOT. NYS DOT controls the road of State Route 23. Please send the letter here and Supervisor Hoyt will deliver the letter to the Cairo office. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea stated that NYS DOT is not quick in processing it may take 1.5-2 years for a response as they will need to investigate and do a study on the road. **Connor Exum** had a question about the budget surplus. Supervisor Hoyt explained in detail, the town has to be audited every year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

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