

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
Website: www.townofwindhamny.gov**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Robert “BJ” Murray, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea & Holly Rappleyea

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

THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

Supervisor Hoyt asked everyone to remain standing for **a Moment of Silence for Peter O’Brien**. Peter was a member of the Town of Windham Board of Assessment Review starting in September 1996 until September 30, 2025 (29 years) when he retired from community service. Peter just had his 100th birthday on August 8th. August 8, 1926-September 12, 2026, obituary.

1.GCSWCD REQUEST USE OF WWTP for SWAC Meeting. Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) would like permission to use the meeting space in the Windham Wastewater Treatment Plant for our fall Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting. The SWAC meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 28th, 2026, at 6:00 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

2.WINDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY would like to request use of the Centre Property for the Medicare Agent by appointment only on Monday, October 19, 2026, and Friday, November 6, 2026, at 10:00 am -4:00 pm each day. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

3.REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT: Young Explosives Corporation-Display Fireworks will be at Windham Manor, 1161 County Route 10, Windham on Saturday, September 26, 2026, for a wedding with fireworks. The wedding party would like the fireworks show to go off at 9:15pm for a duration of 8 minutes. The Town Board would like the fireworks show to be no later than 9:00 pm. They will need to be finished by 9:00 pm. A motion to approve with the time change was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

4.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #135 OF 2026: WHEREAS, Town Board of the Town of Windham has determined that it may be necessary to exceed the limit set tax levy cap pursuant to GML §3-c in the 2027 budget; and NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of Windham sets a **public hearing on October 8, 2026, at 6:50 o'clock pm to receive public comment** on a local law authorizing the Town to exceed the tax levy limit in GML §3-c in the 2027 budget. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. The Town Board has approved the Neg Dec for the Short Environmental Assessment Form -Part 1, 2 & 3 and the Town Board is giving permission to the Supervisor to execute the forms. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

5.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #136 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #19 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #15 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

6.GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #320-26: Awarding Bid for Abrasives (Dry Screened and Washed) Used in Snow & Ice Control

7.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT FOR AUGUST: Justice McCarthy for August 2026 \$2,523.00; was duly noted by the Town Board.

8.AMBULANCE REPORT: Meaghan O'Brien is the first to complete the Paramedic course that the County has offered for reimbursement. Windham Ambulance has another person doing the same program as an EMT. New York State is rewarding a \$1.2 million dollar grant for the Ambulance District in October. Supervisor Hoyt is hoping that Greene County can match 10% of that. This will help the mountaintop create a multi-ambulance district for the mountaintop towns. Supervisor Hoyt, Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie, and Account Clerk Jessica Leto met recently to discuss possible new pending charges for the ambulance service provided. The Supervisor has submitted the new charges pending to the Town Board for their discussion on rate changes. At this time the new mileage rate will be \$35.00 and the new No Transport BLS rate will be \$125.00. A motion to approve the new charges was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

9.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Robert “BJ” Murray was present. The highway dept has finished paving today from Spring Lane on Begley to the intersection at Bell Hill Road. They used 470-ton of blacktop. The new pickup truck has push plates and lights installed and is ready for the upcoming winter season. The Greene-county transfer station in Windham will have a message board telling Contractors to take their debris to Hunter with a tentative start date the end of the first week in October. Residential homeowners will be doing a single stream with a temporary set up. The next two weeks all this will be starting.

10.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** the CWT meeting was cancelled. The next SWAC meeting will be on October 28, 2026, here at the WWTP in Windham. **Councilman Van Valin** would like to do a walk-thru with the highway superintendent. The railing needs to be repaired for safety issues. **Councilman Goettsche** has nothing to report. **Councilman Peters** will be working on the fees of the different permits. Fees have not changed in many, many years. **Supervisor Hoyt** CD Lane Park will remain open until Columbus Day weekend. The restroom’s weather forecast will remain open. The Department of Health was there on September 17, 2026, for their annual inspection of the beach area. The lifeguard shack and chair have been moved to higher ground for the closing season. WWTP has received the I&I grant. The grant is \$50,000. The grant will go towards a study on the Hensonville side. The HOA meter at Windham Mountain is working properly. Cedarwood will be doing hydrant flows on the planning board projects needed and will pressure test the wells too. October 2, 2026, Brock from Delaware Engineering will be here with plans for the receiving station building at WWTP. Supervisor Hoyt would like Highway Superintendent Murray to be there too; as the highway department will be doing the ground maintenance and snow removal around this building. The weekend weather news station predicted our area to be on watch for a Nor’easter. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** has 21 escrow projects from the planning board. There is about \$40,000 in escrow.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AND BUDGET COMPARISONS September 24, 2026, files were made available for the Board to review.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #18-G contained vouchers #622-653, totaling \$15,020.76 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #18 contained vouchers #172-179, totaling \$26,992.74 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 #18 contained vouchers #242-257, totaling \$20,245.37 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #18 contained vouchers #204-215, totaling \$6197.16 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 #18-P for **General** contained 14 claims, totaling \$16,595.79 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 18 claims, totaling \$24,156.05 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 10 claims, totaling \$14,777.13 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$6,040.80 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT PAYROLL WARRANT #18-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$377.55 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: no one spoke.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

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