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TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING **OCTOBER 22, 2026**
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
Website: www.townofwindhamny.gov

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, A sign in sheet was passed around by the Town Clerk; with a statement "if you choose not to be recognized in the meeting notes do not sign in. The following people have signed in for this meeting: Kevin Murtagh, Sue Kowalski, John Rich, Maureen Hefferman, Chris Landi, Jon Licurse, Connor R. Exum, Jonathan Gross, Anita P. Buyers, David Elua, Albin Beckmann, Amanda Bently, Karen Matteo, Jess Leto, Dominick Modafferi, Jim Parrish, Phyllis Parrish, Lynn Verrengia, Marc Farmilette, Lee Rappleyea, Dominick Caropreso, Anne Jakubowski, Maria Lena Papson, Agnes Ruslunske, Jan Bzdek, Lori Torgersen, Nick Bove, John Flannigan, Rick Pedrick, Missy Dipold, Tyrel Sherman, Mary Baxter Hengst, Ellen Schrsh, Connor Greco with a camera man from the Overlook News & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hoyt asked everyone to remain standing for a **Moment of Silence for Frederick "Freddie" Decker; May 26, 1939-October 21, 2026**. "Freddie graduated from Windham–Ashland–Jewett Central School, where he developed friendships and community ties that remained important throughout his life. A proud American patriot, Fred served his country in the United States Army with the 121st Evacuation Unit in Korea. Fred joined his father, Lee, at Decker Funeral Home in Windham, New York, eventually assuming leadership of the family business. He also served as president of Decker Ambulance Service. Through these roles, Fred became a trusted presence in his community, providing comfort to grieving families, responding to emergencies, and offering a helping hand whenever it was needed. He served as Supervisor for the Town of Prattsville and as Greene County Coroner. He was a member of the New York

State Funeral Directors Association, Catskill Elks Lodge No. 1341, American Legion Post 1 in Titusville, Florida, and Windham VFW Post 1545. His dedication to the fire and emergency services included membership in the Hensonville Hose Company and Windham Hose Company No. 1, as well as service on the Windham Fire District Board. He was also a Certified Advanced EMT. Fred also volunteered as a National Ski Patrolman at Windham Mountain and generously gave his time to the Knights of the Road and W.A.J. Little League".

Supervisor Hoyt opened the town board meeting and asked for a motion to recess the meeting to go into the Water District Meeting at 7:02 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

Town Board meeting was reconvened at 7:04 pm with a motion to approve by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2026, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

1.WINDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY seeking permission to use Centre Property: Tuesday, October 27 @ 5:00-7:00 pm "Let's Paint an Autumn Pumpkin" watercolors with Alice Tunison. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

2.TOWN OF WINDHAM RELEVIES: **Town Board Resolution #140 of 2026:** A group of 137 properties in the Town of Windham Sewer District are delinquent in sewer payments; in the amount of $39,787.09. These amounts are to be included in the Tax Rolls as a charge again the real properties. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Town Board Resolution #141 of 2026:** A group of 19 properties in the Town of Windham Sidewalk District are delinquent in sidewalk payments; in the amount of $1,849.52. These amounts are to be included in the Tax Rolls as a charge again the real properties. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Water District Resolution #10 of 2026:** A group of 90 properties in the Town of Windham Water District are delinquent in water payments; in the amount of $41,464.49. These amounts are to be included in the Tax Rolls as a charge again the real properties. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

3.SET PRELIMINARY BUDGET Public Hearing November 10, 2026 @ 6:50pm; a motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

4.RESCHEDULE TOWN BOARD MEETING November 12 to Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm; a motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

4.RESCHEDULE TOWN BOARD MEETING November 26 (Thanksgiving Day) to Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 7:00 pm; a motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

5.WILLIAMSON LAW BOOK CO. renewal software support contract WLB Water/Sewer for 11/01/2026-10/31/2027 $790.50 each for Water/Sewer; Total $1,581.00. Contract to be signed by Supervisor. A motion to approve the support contract fee and allow the Supervisor to execute the contract was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

6.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT: September 2026 for Justice McCarthy $2,136.00 & Justice Carreras $1,241.00 was duly noted by the Town Board.

7.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #142 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution

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was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #17 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #21 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 Peters, with all in favor.

8.AMBULANCE REPORT: Chris Maurer and Jim Stone were present. Autumn Affair weekend went well and was very busy.

9.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Robert "BJ" Murray was present. Patching of roads is complete. The highway staff is working on culvert & ditching weather permiting. The Highway Dept had a shelter drill with the Red Cross. The highway uniforms have been bought out by a new company "Cintas". Cintas will be able to offer the town the same standard uniforms. Highway Superintendent Murray explained the contract difference in price. Attorney Tal Rappleyea would like to see the old contract against the new contract. Approval of contract will be tabled until the next meeting. Highway Superintendent Murray is researching Auction International. **Councilman Van Valin** would like to keep a winter project in house at the Centre Property with the highway dept. The building cira is 1894. Water problems are just getting started. The highway dept will also be pruning the crabapples on the Westside of the building. John Garzone Plumbing has closed the little league field for the winter. The ramp and railing project will be looked at. The highway dept want to have the bottom half of the outside wall on the Centre Property sealed for winter. With the highway dept working on this building with the smaller projects, money can be saved by the town.

10.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** has attended the CWT meeting, giving the Board an update on that meeting. October 28, 2026 the SWAC Meeting will be held at the WWTP building here in Windham. Councilman Walker will be attending that meeting. **Councilman Goettsche** has been working on the fee schedules of the town's various applications. He is hoping to have new fees to discuss with the Board at the next meeting. The Autumn Affair weekend was very busy for all those who attended. **Councilman Peters** has been reviewing the budget. He too has also been working on the town's website. **Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea** currently has 23 escrow accounts for the planning board.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AND BUDGET COMPARISIONS October 22, 2026, files were made available for the Board to review.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #20-G contained vouchers #682-704, totaling $7,645.03 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 #191-206, totaling $27,564.83 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 $48,698.66 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 #223-227, totaling $6,349.13 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 10 claims, totaling $12,646.68 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling

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$22,552.03 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 2 claims, totaling $6914.30 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #20-P contained 4 claims, totaling $7,839.36 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 #20-P contained 2 claims, totaling $503.40 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: Supervisor Hoyt will allow each person to speak if they wish to do so. Each person will be given 3 minutes to speak. Supervisor Hoyt went around the room asking each person if they had any comments. **Majority of the people** were happy with Supervisor Hoyt and the job he has been doing. **Connor Exum** would like an apology from the Supervisor from the last meeting on October 8, 2026 and with that Connor Exum would like Supervisor Hoyt to resign from his position. Supervisor Hoyt thanked Connor Exum and went on to the next person. **Phyllis Parrish** complimented the Center Property building and the outside work that had been completed this year. **John Flannigan** from Wylder Windham spoke to "the Windham Town Board Restoring Public Trust". John Flannigan is not happy how the planning board members on how they are handling the discussion of the new luxury hotel to be built at the Windham Mountain Club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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