TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING **OCTOBER 8, 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, Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle, Connor Greco the Overlook View News & Connor Exum

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and Councilman Walker opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:50 PM Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2026 Tax Cap Override: the following notice was read aloud by Supervisor Hoyt: "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board for the Town of Windham at the Town Hall, 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY on October 8, 2026, at 6:50 pm, regarding the adoption of a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. The proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c establishes the Windham Town Board's intent to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Windham. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same. Copies of the proposed law shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to and after the hearing at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons. By Order of the Windham Town Board Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk Dated: September 24, 2026"

Supervisor Hoyt asked if there was any public comment. Connor Exum would like to know why the town is doing this? Supervisor Hoyt, the town has down this in previous years; it's a safety net for the town. New York State allows a 2% cap for each town budget in the state; should the town's budget go above the 2 percentage then this law is in place to use and guide us. On October 6, 2026, the Town Board conducted a Special Town Board Meeting for the purpose of a workshop session on the Tentative Budget for 2027. Greene County and the State of New York must review and approve the budget for 2027. The budget is still in process of being reviewed and has not been finalized. When the budget is ready the Town Board will have a public hearing for the town taxpayers to review before it gets passed.

Hearing no more public comment, Supervisor Hoyt would like to recess the public hearing at 6:53pm. A motion to recess was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

Supervisor Hoyt would like to re-open the public hearing at 7:00 pm. Councilman Peters made the motion, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

Councilman Peters made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:00 pm and move into the regular town board meeting, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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Councilman Walker would like to make a motion to adopt Local Law #4 of 2026. A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c; 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

1.WAJ BOOSTER CLUB requesting permission to use Community/Senior Room on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 @ 6:00 pm. An email was sent by the Town Clerk to the Supervisor and Councilmen as the request come in prior to the Town Board meeting on October 8, 2026. The Town Board was unanimous in voting yes for the use of the Community/Senior Room at 495 County Route 12, Windham.

2.TOWN CLERK REPORTS for August $7,347.18; a motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. September $8901.62; a motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

3.TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #137 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 Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #138 OF 2026: to authorize the Supervisor to reinvest the sum of $25,327.55 plus interest earned of Capital Water Equipment Fund Money in a Certificate of Deposit for 30 days at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #139 OF 2026: to authorize the Supervisor to close the maturing Certificate of Deposit in the sum of $30,402.74 plus interest earned of Sewer District #2 Fund Money at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Cairo, NY. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #20 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 Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #16 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 Peters, with all in favor. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #7 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

4.AMBULANCE REPORT: The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: "***Calls for the Month of September 2026:*** *Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-8, Basic Life Support (BLS)-2, Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-7, Call Cancelled-(C/C)-1, Stand By (S/B) FD-1;* Calls in Jewett: ALS-3, BLS-1, C/C-3, RMA-1; Calls in Hunter: ALS-1, C/C-1, RMA-1; Calls in Gilboa: C/C-1; Calls in Ashland: ALS-1, C/C-1, Calls in Cairo: BLS-2. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-3; ALS Stand by Request-10. ***Total calls: 50***. *Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Ashland-2.* ***Vehicle Mileage Log for September 2026*****:** 96-1: 125,050 and 96-2: 41,104." Ambulance shifts are being filled with not a lot of overtime. The mixer hot water is having a problem in the mixer valve; Garzone Plumbing is there fixing the problem. Supervisor Hoyt met with the Greene County Legislatures on Wednesday night to present to them the numbers for the Mountaintop towns; there are 5 ambulance districts that will combine into one large district. In the past Greene County has given $190,000.00 to support the mountaintop ambulance towns. There is a Consolidation Grant worth $1.125 million. Supervisor Hoyt has given permission to the Ambulance Administrator Davia Montie to look for a full-time paramedic to start the first of the year, January 2027. The budget for 2027 is allowing another full-time paramedic with town health insurance.

5.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Robert "BJ" Murray was present. Summer hours are ending on October 9, 2026, and the winter hours will start the week of October 13,

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2026. The highway dept will be trimming back all the trees on Main Street prior to winter. The outside wall at the Centre Property is primed and would like to be sealed for the winter. The transfer station is moving along and will be starting their demo work. The highway dept has road sand ready for the start of the winter. Highway Superintendent Murray is working on the items for auction.

6.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** will be attending the next CWT Meeting on October 19, 2026, in Arkville, NY and the SWAC Meeting on October 29, 2026, will be here at the WWTP. **Councilman Van Valin** would like to make a tentative plan to meet with Highway Superintendent Murray to do a walk thru of the Centre Property. **Councilman Goettsche** has been updating the website with important dates i.e. flushing of the town water hydrants. Councilman Goettsche would like to make a motion to **appoint Christine Doolan to the ZBA vacant seat.** Christine Doolan will sit in for the remaining term on that seat, 2nd the motion was made by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. **Councilman Peters** is working with Councilman Goettsche on the fee schedules for the various permit applications. **Supervisor Hoyt** is working with Mid-Hudson Fiber/Cablevision to have the highway phone/fax to be covered by their service. Also allowing the town hall to talk with the highway through an extension than a phone call. Also, the Library phone will be changed. These two departments have been with Bullseye Telecom. We are now done with the contract we had with Bullseye Telecom. Supervisor Hoyt is working with Mid-Hudson Fiber/Cablevision for a better contract price so that all the phone lines have consistent pricing. **CD Lane Park will be closing at the end of the business day on Monday, October 12, 2026.** This will be the last day the park will be open with facilities-rest rooms and pavilion use. The park gates will remain open for outdoor use only.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AND BUDGET COMPARISIONS October 8, 2026, files were made available for the Board to review.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #19-G contained vouchers #654-681, totaling $7,592.67 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #19 contained vouchers #180-190, totaling $54,942.02 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #19 contained vouchers #258-272, totaling $44,882.41 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #10 contained vouchers #78-86, totaling $2,401.07 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #19 contained vouchers #216-222, totaling $4,411.64 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #19-P for **General** contained 13 claims, totaling $14,516.28 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 15 claims, totaling $21,964.72 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 3 claims, totaling $4,855.95 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #19-P contained 4 claims, totaling $7,491.17 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

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SEWER DISTRICT PAYROLL WARRANT #19-P contained 2 claims, totaling $402.72 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Connor Exum uninvited approached Supervisor Hoyt at the board table with a full-page newspaper ad. No permission was given by Supervisor Hoyt for Connor Exum to approach the table. Supervisor Hoyt was startled by the newspaper in his personal space. Supervisor Hoyt felt he was being harassed and ripped the newspaper up. No comment was made in discussion of the ad.

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

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