

**WALES TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Minutes of November 10, 2015**

The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 at the Wales Community Center, 12345 Big Tree Road, Wales Center, NY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Rickey Venditti.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Supervisor Rickey Venditti  
Councilman Donald Butcher  
Councilman Gerald Klinck  
Councilman Michael Simon  
Councilwoman Jude Hartrich

ABSENT: None

Also present was: Attorney Ronald Bennett, Building Inspector Walter Raichel and (10) residents whose names are on file. Report Pat McDonnell.

**INVOCATION:**

led by Councilman Donald Butcher

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

led by Councilman Gerald Klinck

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Supervisor Rickey Venditti, second by Councilman Michael Simon, approving the agenda with the correction, new business #6 Feb 2016 not 2015.

CARRIED

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the Town Clerk's minutes of October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, as presented.

CARRIED

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) TOWN OF WALES 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Supervisor Venditti stated that the public hearing had been held; we have finally received the final figures from the South Wales fire department. South Wales Fire department is up 4.15 per thousand. In other words a 3.86% increase. Supervisor Venditti stated that is the only change since the Preliminary Budget. Councilwoman Judge Hartrich asked if there was any way we could be billed earlier. Supervisor Venditti responded that South Wales Fire district is its own entity and that is how they operate, but he would speak to them on this matter.

**2) TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENTS/ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Supervisor Venditti asked for an updated from the committee, Councilwoman Jude Hartrich and Councilman Gerald Klinck met with the grant writer for help with the cost estimates. She also spoke with Paul D'Orlando from Erie County Environment and planning. Paperwork has to be completed in Letterhead. Right now the paperwork is too delineated. Supervisor Venditti stated it has to go through a more formal bidding process and we can access the block grant in 2016. Councilwoman Jude Hartrich stated that everything has to be specific ex. I need 2 trucks, 2 workers, for # of days, etc. You have to have 5 packets and every aspect outlined to exact specification.

**3) TOWN EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

MOTION# \_\_\_\_\_ By Supervisor Rickey Venditti and second by Councilman Gerald Klinck, approving the same plan with Blue Shield/Blue, with the employee's contributions of 7% for the plan.

CARRIED

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Michael Simon Aye  
Councilwoman Jude Hartrich NO  
Supervisor Rickey Venditti Aye  
Councilman Donald Butcher Aye  
Councilman Gerald Klinck Aye

Aye-4- Noes-1- CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) REQUEST TO APPROVE TOWN OF WALES 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE FINAL WALES 2016 BUDGET**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, to approve the Town of Wales 2016 preliminary budget as the final Town of Wales Budget for 2016.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilman Michael Simon Aye  
Councilwoman Jude Hartrich Aye  
Supervisor Rickey Venditti Aye  
Councilman Donald Butcher Aye  
Councilman Gerald Klinck Aye  
Aye-5- Noes-0-

CARRIED

**2)REPLACEMENT FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

Councilman Michael Simon and Councilman Gerald Klinck will be interviewing two candidates this Thursday, both are very qualified.

**3)REPLACEMENT FOR TOWN CONSTABLE/COURT SECURITY OFFICER**

Councilman Don Butcher and Councilman Michael Simon met with Judge Ray Poliso and Deputy George Avery from Erie County Sherriff's office. Talked with Ron Bennett and ran things by Ray Hoxsie. Basically would have an armed Law Enforcement Office 1x's a month on their DA night. The Court is only requesting 1 additional night. Deputy George Avery will be going for the Court Officer training. Our second officer is already trained. With two (2) officers available, if requested, an armed Constable could be at an event, Supervisor Rickey Venditti asked. Councilman Don Butcher said the process is going very well.

**4)BUILDING INSPECTOR /CEO REQUEST TO PURCHASE GAS AND CARBON MONOXIDE METER**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the purchase of gas and carbon monoxide meter from Grainger for \$385.00 off state bid.

CARRIED

**5)HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REQUEST TO PURCHASE TIRE AND RIMS FOR HIGHWAY TRUCK.**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the purchase for tires and rims. Eight (8) tires off State Bid each at \$376.00 total \$3,010.16. Highway Superintendent has two bids for Rims. Main Tire Exchange came in the lowest at \$2,500.80 for eight (8) rims.

CARRIED

**6)REQUEST TO APPOINT SUPERVISOR AS DELEGATE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWN S ANNUAL MEETING IN FEB 2016**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon, second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving Supervisor Rickey Venditti as delegate to the association of town's annual meeting.

CARRIED

**7)BUILDING INSPECTOR REQUEST TO ATTEND ANNUAL TRAINING/RECERTIFICATION SCHOOL IN JAN 2016**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Supervisor Rickey Venditti, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving, Walter Raichel to attend annual training in January 2016 at a cost of \$275.00

CARRIED

**8)TOWN OF WALES VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE**

Everything ready to go. Town Historian Dee Zeigel requested help to setup tables. Should there be rain at the time of ceremony, she has alternate plans for that occurrence.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Town Clerk: *Rec'd & filed*  
Town Attorney: *Rec'd & filed*  
Building Inspector/CEO: *Rec'd & filed*  
Highway Dept: *Rec'd & filed*

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Water Study - Mr. Winkley presented part 2 of the study October 22th . Councilwoman Jude Hartrich mentioned a website called FreeWells.com. She learned quite a bit about wells from this website.

Sludge – Councilman Mike Simon said it is a wait and see situation. He asked Councilwomen Jude Hartrich to ask for a recommendation from Mr. Winkley within the context of his knowledge with the water. Councilman Mike Simon said that would be interesting since last fall Mr. Winkley was in favor of spreading Sludge but that contradicts his initial study. He feels it is best to wait and see what other towns will be doing. He has been working with Jeff Simon on this subject. Councilman Mike Simon said if we issue a Ban, we should work together with Ag’s. & Markets so we do not run into the kind of litigation that other towns are experiencing. Right now we have a moratorium in place. Councilman Mike Simon said he wants to see how the litigation turns out.

**SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Zwyer – 13304 Big Tree Road. Thank you very much to Supervisor Rickey Venditti and the Board members with keeping the health insurance the same.

Evie Kleinberg – Water Committee information very valuable and a good thing to do. Supervisor Rickey Venditti said the Power point was an excellent way to display the information.

Eve Ulrich - East Creek Rd. Water committee member. She is disheartened that not one board member attended the water meeting at the fire hall. Requested 1 board member to attend future water meetings.

Dorrie Carlone – Hunters Creek Road – does not agree with the Platinum Plan for Town Employees.

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Michael Simon, approving the Supervisor’s Report for the month of October along with the transfer on page 2.

**CARRIED**

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for the month of October, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ON GENERAL FUND BILLS:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Michael Simon, approving payment of the 2015 General Fund Abstract # 010, voucher#0362-0399 total amount \$ 32,842.56

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ON HIGHWAY BILLS:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Michael Simon, second Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving payment of the 2015 Highway Fund Abstract # 010 voucher # 0214-0224 total amount \$3,627.61

**CARRIED**

**IN MEMORY OF:** Richard Suleski, George Weissenburger and Margaret Hannah

**ADJOURNMENT** With no further business at hand, motion duly made by Supervisor Rickey Venditti, seconded by Councilman Michael Simon to adjourn the meeting 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Eaton  
Wales Town Clerk