

**TOWN OF WALES**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13th, 2017**

The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 13th day of September, 2017 at the Wales Center Community Building at 12345 Big Tree Road Wales Center, NY 14169 The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rickey Venditti at 7:00 pm EST

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Attorney Ronald Bennett, Town Engineering, and (4) residents whose names are on file.

**INVOCATION:**

led by Councilman Donald Butcher

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

led by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the agenda as presented with the Spectrum spokesperson attending for discussion of cable, and items 13 & 14 under new business.

CARRIED

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** moved by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilwoman Donald Butcher, approving the minutes of August 8th 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

**COMMENTS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Waste Management refuse collection contract.**

Supervisor Vendetti, stated as mentioned before, their contract is due to expire December 31, 2017. There is a five (5) year extension option. The board had one question in the current contract, the annual increases are based upon the local consumer price index. There was a proposal to use a fixed rate that would be easier at budget time. Waste Management came back with a 2.5 increase, then a 2.2 increase. The Board felt to go with the current contract with a c.p.i. Supervisor Vendetti mentioned to Attorney Ron Bennett that the clause in the current contract for electronics pickup should be taken out due to New York State changing the law in 2016. The board decided to move ahead with contract changes.

**2. S.U.P. application received from Rupp Development for property located on the corner of Emery Rd. and Rt.16.**

Supervisor Vendetti stated at this time, we have forwarded the S.U.P. to the applicable boards at the time. We have not received any communication from the various boards. We have not received a formal notice that the neighbors were notified by the applicant. Councilman Michael Simon attended the Planning Board meeting stating that the development, of 2 buildings on the 3-acre parcel is illegal and against the code. Therefore the Planning Board tabled the S.U.P. application. Attorney Mike Perley that represents Rupp Development go back to the drawing boards with alternatives and restructuring their proposal. Supervisor Venditti stated the board will proceed with the application once we receive alternative items.

**3.S.U.P. application received from Nicholas Snyder for business to be located on 5960 Merlau Road.**

Councilman Michael Simon stated that the Planning Board plans to proceed with the S.U.P. application. Supervisor Vendetti stated we have not received any communication from the various boards. We have not received a formal notice that the neighbors were notified by the applicant. The Board will move forward with the application for S.U.P.

**4. Wales Center Volunteer Fire Company Inc. contract.**

The Town board entered executive session at the beginning of the meeting, the contract expires December 31, 2017. Will continue negotiations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2018 Town OF Wales**

Bookkeeper Rae Hoxsie and Supervisor Rickey Venditti are currently working on the 2018 budget, Supervisor Venditti said, we are liking a 2.5% increase for town employee's which is what was negotiated with the Highway Union contract. Looking for any input from board members, please speak with myself or Bookkeeper Rae Hoxsie, if you have any questions.

**2. Presentation from Spectrum**

Mark Meyerhauser, representative from Spectrum, gave an update on the project. They are building east of Hunters Creek Road and north of Fish Hill road. Weather plays a part in finishing the construction aspect. They are aiming for December-January. Then, splicing. On to hub service, which dedicates the line. That has a target period of February-April.

**2. Request to set date for Special Board Meeting to present Town of Wales 2018 Tentative Budget on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Gerald Klinck, approving the Special Board meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. prior to the workshop meeting to present the 2018 Tentative Budget.

CARRIED

**3. Request to set date for Public Hearing on E. C. Community Development Block Grants on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the Public Hearing for the E.C. Community Development Block Grants on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 prior to the workshop meeting after the Special Board Meeting.

CARRIED

**4. Request to set date for Public Hearing on proposed code revisions on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. No. 2-2017 has been introduced at a Special meeting of the Town Board a public hearing must be held by the Town Board on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2017, to amend Chapter 158-2 Permit requires FEE for the Town of Wales,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby schedule a public hearing to amend Chapter 158-2, Permit requires FEE, for the Town of Wales, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is directed to give proper notice of the hearing no later than five (5) days prior to the date of hearing,

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the Public Hearing on September 26<sup>th</sup> to be held before Public Hearing on Community Block Grant but after the Special Board Meeting for 2018 Tentative Budget

CARRIED

**5. Request to expend funds to purchase trees for the Town Park as part of the ECCDBG project**

Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated Councilwoman Jude Hartrich and Councilman Gerald Klinck went with Johnson's Nursery. They were able to provide the lowest bid \$12,245 and had the largest trees required from the list.

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Michael Simon to purchase trees from Johnson's Nursery for the Town Park Project. CARRIED

**6. Request to expend funds for the creation of the Town Park walking path as part of the ECCDBG project**

Highway Superintendent Michael Zywar requested expenditure using county bid pricing from approved county vendors. This is in compliance with the community block grant requirements Supervisor Rickey Venditti inquired. Expenditure not to exceed \$20,000. The dirt removed for the walkway is being kept in close proximity to the park for town usage. Highway Superintendent Michael Zywar noted that Blackstone Construction, who donated the use of a bulldozer, and Robinson Paving; they are both companies who are owned by women.

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, Councilman Donald Butcher to for Highway Superintendent Michael Zywar to proceed with the project. CARRIED

**7. Request to procure annual maintenance of eCode360 electronic codes from General Code for the Town website.**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the annual maintenance fee of \$1195 for eCode360 for town website.

CARRIED

**8. Approval of appointment for replacement for Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.**

Walter Raichel retiring end of 2017. Supervisor Rickey Venditti offering the position of Disaster coordinator and fire code officer.

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon and Councilman Gerald Klinck to appoint David Bender as Code Enforcement Officer to start October 2, 2017. CARRIED

**9. Approval of appointment of replacement for vacant of Wales Assessor position.**

With the passing of John Sly, a vacancy occurred for a Wales Assessor position.

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, Councilman Donald Butcher to appoint John Carlone as a Wales Assessor to start September 14, 2017. CARRIED

**10 Approval of appointment of replacement for Town of Wales Assessment Review board**

With John Carlone as Wales Assessor left a vacancy on the Wales Assessment Review board.

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon, Councilman Gerald Klinck appointing Tony Roncone to fill the vacancy on the Wales Assessment Review board.

CARRIED

**11. Approval of Annual Town Department Head Audit.**

Supervisor Rickey Venditti noted for the audit (1) change Court does not receive paper canceled check, just images.

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon, Councilman Gerald Klinck approval of Annual Town Department Head Audit CARRIED

**12. Town Judges & Court Clerk request to attend Magistrates seminar September 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**

The judges and court clerk decided to only drive to seminar for one day, they can just submit voucher for mileage and expenses.

**13. Strykersville Fire Company Request Certificate of Need**

Certificate of Needs allows them to supply ambulance help to the Town of Bennington and Town of Holland.

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, Donald Butcher for Town of Wales to supply Strykersville Fire Company with a letter recommending them to continue their service to the above-mentioned towns CARRIED

**14. Formal Responses Letter that Supervisor Rickey Venditti has to Sign and Send to New York State for the Audit**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon, Donald Butcher approving Supervisor Rickey Venditti to sign the formal response letter from NYS audit. CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Councilman Gerald Klinck clarifying that larger items such as furniture and appliances will be picked up not on garbage day but the next day.

Representative Chris from Waste Management will entertain 2.0%.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

*Building Inspector/CEO - Rec'd & filed Attorney Report - Rec'd & filed*

*Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Rec'd & filed Highway Dept - Rec'd & filed*

**REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

*South Wales Fire Co: Chicken Bar-B-Q 11AM till sold-out Sept 17th*

**SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

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

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ moved by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Gerald Klinck, approving the Supervisor’s monthly report of September, 2017 the transfer on page 2. CARRIED

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

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the Town Clerk’s monthly report for September, 2017, as presented. CARRIED

**ACTION ON GENERAL FUND BILLS:**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Michael Simon, approving General Fund bills, abstract # 009, voucher #292-362 total amount \$31,167.77 CARRIED

**ACTION OF HIGHWAY FUND BILLS:**

MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving Highway Fund bills, abstract # 009, voucher # 107-120 total amount \$75,779.11 CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business at hand, motion duly made by Supervisor Rickey Venditti and seconded by Councilman Donald Butcher to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm

IN MEMORY OF: Robert Kowalski

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Eaton

Wales Town Clerk