

Wales Town Board Meeting

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 the Wales Community Center, 12345 Big Tree Road, Wales Center, NY

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Supervisor Rickey Venditti  
Councilman Gerald Klinck  
Councilman Michael Simon  
Councilwoman Jude Hartrich  
Councilman Donald Butcher arrived at 7:15pm

Also present attorney Ronald Bennett, and (7) residents and Reporters Pat McDonnell

**INVOCATION:** led by Councilman Michael Simon

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA: MOTION#\_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Gerald Klinck second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the agenda as presented. CARRIED

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

**MOTION#\_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Michael Simon Klinck Approving the Town Clerk's minutes of November 14<sup>th</sup> and Public Hearing. CARRIED

**INVITATION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Ruppert 4495 Mearlu Rd Stated he was out of town for a while, after getting back he read an article that said the town was rezoning Merlau Road to commercial for Dirt works. He called Supervisor Venditti who stated that it was not true, that the special permit from dirt works was only in the process and if he would like to come to a board meeting, he has right the to come and express his opinion. Mr. Ruppert expressed the fact that all summer long and ever now trucks are going up and down the road. He has lived in Wales for 38 years and does not want Meralu to become a commercial road or rezoned.

Judy Ruppert 4495 Meralu - She doesn't like the heavy equipment going up and down the road, she wishes they could find alternative route. When she moved here 38 year ago she expected to have farm equipment on the road but the heavy equipment considers her.

Also Wanda Piechocki at 4995 Merlau would not like the road to be rezoned for businesses, she worries about crossing to road to get her mail.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1S.U.P. application received from Nicholas Snyder for business to be located on 5960 Merbau Road.**

The Public hearing has been held, the boards have all submitted their reports, and we have heard concerns from residents. Supervisor Venditti asked if any of the Councilman have any comments or concerns. Councilman Michael Simon said he feels the board is on a slippery slope if they permitted a commercial business in a Residential – Agricultural district, he continues hearing residents say they want to keep Wales rural. Councilwoman Jude Hartrich agrees, Supervisor asked Attorney Ron Bennett for his legal opinion on the Special Use Permit. The permitted zoning of the property is located in an agricultural district, principal uses include family dwellings, farms and recreational areas. Accessory use is farming and residential that are stated in the code, nothing in the code for special uses include this type of business.

**MOTION#\_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Michael Simon and second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich denying the SUP application CARRIED

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

Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated we have settled on the Fire contract, will be a 3% increase per year for the 5 year contract with the Wales Center Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1 Request to set date for Public Hearing on Wales Center Volunteer Fire Company Inc. contract. RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, a fire protection district known as the Wales Fire Protection District has been established in the Town of Wales,

WHEREAS, the Town elects to contract with the Wales Center Volunteer Fire Company, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 184 of the Town Law of the State of New York, that a public hearing be had with reference to the furnishing of fire and emergency medical protection for the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, at the Town Hall, 12345 Big Tree Road, at 7:00 p.m., and that notice of such hearing be published in the East Aurora Advertiser, a newspaper having a general circulation in said fire protection district, and that such notice shall

specify the time when and the place where such hearing shall be held in regard to the proposed contract.

**MOTION#** \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich approving the public hearing for Wales Center Volunteer Fire Company Inc. contract on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. **CARRIED**

**2 Highway Superintendent request to purchase new pick-up truck.**

**MOTION#** \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich approving the County bid cost to purchase a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 3500hd crew cab with plow at a price of \$43,367.95 **CARRIED**

**3. Town Justice request to purchase annual Court Room Program license/maintenance agreement.**

The license/maintenance agreement has not been received yet by the Wales Court as soon as they receive it they will let the town Board know.

**4. Resignation letter received from Assessment Review Board member.**

Received a letter of resignation of Daniel Driver from the Assessment Review Board. He will now be a Town Board member after the first of the year.

**5. Appointment of replacement Assessment Review Board member.**

**MOTION #** \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving Julie Barry to replace Daniel driver to the assessment review board. **CARRIED**

**6. Update on Town of Wales Bicentennial.**

**MOTION #** \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the Bicentennial Calendar/Newletter with Butterfly marketing at a cost of \$3814.32. **CARRIED**

**MOTION #** \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Donald Butcher and second by Councilwoman Micheal Simon, approving Arcadia Publishing the Bicentennial Book, for 700 books at a cost of \$9235.80. **CARRIED**

**MOTION #** \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Michael Simon and second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the Imperial Imports to order 200 caps with town logo stitched on front at a cost of \$10.98 with a one-time fee of \$75.00 for a total cost \$2271.00 **CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Closeout Meeting December 26, 2017 at 7:00p.m

**MOTION #** \_\_\_\_\_ by Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the SPCA Updated agreement in place with towns in WNY, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract. **CARRIED**

Resignation letter from Court Security George Avery

Assessors- the Town needs to adoption of a local law to extend the cold war veterans exemptions. Supervisor Venditti wanted to recognize and thank Councilwoman Jude Hartrich for her 8 years of service. Jude has contributed much to our town, her work and dedidition on the town water study/ town employee safety training and handling the grant process for the improvements in our town park. Thank You Jude!

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: *Rec'd & filed*

Building Inspector/CEO: *Rec'd & filed*

Highway Dept: *Rec'd & filed*

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

*South Wales Fire Dept*

*Celebrations: Dee Zeigel would like to thank everyone involved for the tree lighting celebration.*

**SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

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

**MOTION #** \_\_\_\_\_ moved by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilwoman Jude Hartrich, approving the Supervisor's monthly report of November, 2017 including the transfers on page 2. **CARRIED**

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

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Michael Simon, second by Councilman Jude Hartrich, approving the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for the month of November, 2017 as presented. CARRIED

**ACTION ON GENERAL FUND BILLS:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Michael Simon, approving payment of the 2017 General Fund Abstract # 012, voucher #387-437 total amount \$ 96,580.67 CARRIED

**ACTION ON HIGHWAY BILLS:**

**MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_** by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second Councilman Michael Simon, approving payment of the 2017 Highway Fund Abstract # 012, voucher #148-168, total amount \$10,070.93 CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business at hand, motion by Supervisor Rickey Venditti and seconded by Councilman Donald butcher, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm  
Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Eaton  
Wales Town Clerk