

WALES TOWN BOARD MEETING

Minutes of October 8th, 2019

The 11th meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 8th day of October, 2019 at the Wales Community Center, 12345 Big Tree Road, Wales Center, NY.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Supervisor Rickey Venditti.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was completed at the Public Hearing.

present were: Attorney Ronald Bennett, Town Engineer GHD, (7) residents whose names are on file.
Reporter

INVOCATION:

led by Councilman Donald Butcher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Councilman Gerald Klinck

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher approving the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION # _____ moved by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Dan Driver, approving the Town Clerk's minutes of September 11th and 24th, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

See Attachment Letter from David Newman

Mike Zywar-13304 Big Tree Road. I have worked for the Town of Wales Highway Department for 25 years. I have attended 90% of the meetings. The agenda item #7, Employee health insurance, employee contribution for 2020 will be 9%. He asked Supervisor Rickey Venditti why this comes up on the agenda when the employee contribution has already been agreed upon. Supervisor Venditti responded that it need to be put on the agenda if there are name changes and is part of the town budget and need to be approved on a yearly basis. Also Mike Zywar as an employee of Town of Wales, expressed his opinion of the current status of issues internally not being handled with transparency within the town code.

Brenna Gawronski-12732 Big Tree Road. Regarding health insurance. She agrees with the union people on their health insurance. Health costs are going up continually. She believes the town employees should be "given a plan and stick with not an elite plan". She also stated they should be paying more for their health insurance. "They should be working 30 hours a week and clocking in for their hours."

OLD BUSINESS:

1.SUP APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM 1 WAY FLOORING COVERING & RENOVATION INC. TO OPERATE AT 11086 BIG TREE ROAD.

The application is now complete, the Town Clerk please forward the S.U.P. to the applicable boards.

MOTION # _____ moved by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving to forward the S.U.P. to the applicable boards. **CARRIED**

2. SUP APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR RESTAURANT /CONCERT/THEATHER TO OPERATE AT 12294 BIG TREE RD.

The ZBA is in the process of reviewing the plans from Mr. Craig Childs. Councilman Gerald Klinck will keep the board posted as the application is under review. The Zoning Board of appeals will be meeting on October 16th at 7pm, to go over the applicants updated parking plans.

3 SUP AMENDMENT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM REID PETROLEUM FOR CROBSY'S CONVENIENCE STORE

A tentative meeting with the planning board on October 23rd to review Crobsy's Amended Special Use Permit for outside sales.

4) APPLICATION FOR PEDDLER AND SOLICITOR PERMITS RECEIVED FROM ASTRAL POWER EMPLOYEES.

Will be community meeting at the Wales Center fire hall on October 23, 6:30-7:30. The peddlers and Solicitor permit application is on hold and taken off the agenda, till the town receives the completed applications.

5) TOWN OF WALES 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The tentative budget was presented to the Board at the last meeting on September 24th. It is still under New York State's tax cap by \$6,000.00. There is no general tax for the 10th consecutive year. There is also a slight decrease in the Superintendent's Highway tax. Salaries raised 2.5% across the board keeping with the current CPI, and the current union contract. Unsigned fund balance \$100,000.00, which is used to reduce the highway taxes. The Town still has no debt and no interest expense. We do not have the numbers for the South Wales Fire District numbers. Supervisor Rickey Venditti asked board if anyone had any questions, He feels the budget looks fine

NEW BUSINESS

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF WALES 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE TOWN OF WALES 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Rickey Venditti, made a request that the board move the 2020 Town of Wales Tentative budget to the Town of Wales 2020 Preliminary Budget.

MOTION # _____ by Supervisor Rickey Venditti, second by Councilman Gerald Klinck approving the Town of Wales 2020 Tentative Budget as the Town of Wales 2020 Preliminary budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Councilman Barry Aye Councilman Klinck Aye Councilman Driver Aye Supervisor Venditti Aye
Councilman Butcher Aye Ayes -5- Nays -0- Absent -0-

The Preliminary Budget will be available to the public on October 15th and the public hearing for the preliminary budget will be Tuesday, October 22th prior to the workshop.

2) REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN PRELIMINARY BUDGET ON OCTOBER 22th 2019 AT 7PM

MOTION#_____ by Councilman Donald Butcher and second by Councilman Gerald Klinck approving the town preliminary budget public hearing to be on October 22nd 2019 prior to the town workshop meeting.

CARRIED

3) RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW INTRO-4-2019 PROVIDING THAT THERE SHALL BE ONE ASSESSOR APPOINTED BY THE WALES TOWN BOARD.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 4-2019

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. No. 4-2019 has been submitted to the Town Board to provide for the appointment of a single Assessor as authorized by Section 328 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, and WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law has been carefully considered by the Town, and WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on October 8th, 2019 permitting public comments in regard to the change to a single appointed Assessor, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, Local Law No.4-2019 is hereby adopted and shall become effective upon filing of the Local Law with the New York Secretary of State, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is directed to file a copy of the Local Law with the New York State Department of State and forward a copy of the Local Law to General Code Publishers for the purpose of amending the Code Book of the Town of Wales.

MOTION#_____ by Councilman Donald and second by Councilman Gerald Klinck approving Local Law 4-2019 Appointed single Assessor. **CARRIED**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Barry Aye Councilman Klinck Aye
Councilman Driver Aye Supervisor Venditti recused
Councilman Butcher Aye Ayes -4- Nays -0- Absent -0-
Supervisor Venditti recused from voting, due to his relationship with the Carlone's, John Carlone is one of the Town Assessors.

4) REQUEST ECCDBG SUPPORT FOR RURAL TRANSIT SERVICES

Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated we held our public hearing on September 11th. The Board was presented with one idea from resident Brenna Gawronski to expand the walkway, and the board will monitor the usage for this future expansion. I have given the board a copy of the Resolution for Rural Transit Services annual grant. The request is received from the Executive Director. This is for funds for daily operation.

In conjunction with Elma, Marilla and Town of Aurora in supporting Rural Transit Service which supplies transportation to handicapped and low-moderate income residents.

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2020-2021**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Rickey A. Venditti of the Town of Wales, New York, is hereby authorized to sign, submit and execute a contract with the Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following project, upon the approval of the ECCDBG.

PROJECT RANKING #1

**RURAL TRANSIT SERVICES VAN IN COOPERATION
WITH THE TOWNS OF ELMA, MARILLA, AND AURORA FOR
THE YEAR 2020-2021**

MOTION#_____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Kyle Barry approving the resolution in supporting Rural Transit Service with transportation for the handicapped and low-moderate income residents, in conjunction with Elma, Marilla and Aurora.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Barry Aye Councilman Klinck Aye
Councilman Driver Aye Supervisor Venditti Aye
Councilman Butcher Aye Ayes -5- Nays -0- Absent -0-

CARRIED

5) BUILDING INSPECTOR CLERK REQUEST TO EXPAND FUNDS TO PROCURE REPLACEMENT COMPUTER.

Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated that there are monies in the budget for this item.

MOTION # _____ moved by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Gerald Klinck, approving \$597.38 from Dell Computer to replace the hard drive for the building inspector's clerk's computer. **CARRIED**

6) REPLACEMENT CLERK FOR TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

Councilman Gerald Klinck and Councilman Kyle Barry will be conducting three interviews on Thursday October 17th.

7) TOWN EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE.

Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated the Board has received copies of the Bene-Care BCBS health care

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plans. Last year, the Gold focus tiered plan, which requires the use of the Catholic Health system would still be the no-cost plan offered to the full time Town Employees working 30 hours or more per week and as per the Highway Worker's Union contract. The full time Town Employees working 30 hours or more per week will continue to be offered the same upgrade plan as last year-with employee contribution, the Platinum focus tiered plan, which also uses the Catholic Health system. Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk will pay 9% contribution in 2020 and 10% in 2021. As per contract, the one Highway Employee receiving insurance pays 20%. Please review if you have any input otherwise, we will continue with the same plans.

MOTION # _____ approving the same plan as last year with Bene-Care, moved by Supervisor Rickey Venditti, second by Councilman Gerald Klinck. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Rec'd & filed

Building Inspector/CEO; Rec'd & filed

Highway Dept: Rec'd & filed

COMMITTEES:

Security Committee-Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated he would like to communicate with Highway Supervisor Michael Zywar on using key fobs.

REPRESENTATIVE OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

South Wales Fire Company successful BBQ

Councilman Donald Butcher stated that the South Wales Fire Co. will be having a budget hearing is Tuesday, October 15th at 7pm also will be accepting bids for snow removal of the parking lot.

South Wales Fire Company had a dedication for the new tanker truck. The new truck easier to operate. Councilman Donald Butcher thanked the surrounding fire departments who attended.

Kiwanis Club of Wales-having a chicken & ribs on Sunday, October 13th at Wales Fire Hall-noon sold out

Wales Center Fire Co having a Grain Drill seminar-they will certify up to 55 people. A representative is coming in from out west to demonstrate, the public is welcome to observe.

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenna Gawronski-12732 Big Tree Road. Not in favor of the Amended SUP for Crosby's to be able to sell seasonal items outside the store. Reason being, Dollar General would follow suit.

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, 2019. Including the transfer's 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, 2019, as presented. CARRIED

ACTION ON GENERAL FUND BILLS: **MOTION # _____** by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Daniel Driver, approving General Fund bills, abstract # 009, voucher #324-357 total amount \$8,147.68 CARRIED

ACTION OF HIGHWAY FUND BILLS:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving Highway Fund bills, abstract # 009, voucher #087-097 total amount \$10,870.29

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business at hand, motion duly made by Supervisor Rickey Venditti and Councilman Donald Butcher to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm

Respectfully submitted, Town Clerk Melinda Eaton