

WALES TOWN BOARD MEETING

Minutes of November 12, 2019

The 12th meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 12th day of November, 2019 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 Kyle Barry
Councilman Dan Driver

Also present was: Attorney Ronald Bennett, (10) residents whose names are on file.

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 Donald Butcher, approving the agenda **CARRIED**

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: MOTION # _____ by Councilman Dan driver, second by Councilman Donald Butcher approving the Town Clerk's minutes of October 8th & 22th, as presented. **CARRIED**

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

1.S.U.P. AMENDMENT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM 1 WAY FLOORING & COVERING RENOVATION INC. TO OPERATE AT 11086 BIG TREE RD

MOTION# _____ By Supervisor Rickey Venditti and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving a Public Hearing on November 26th prior to the workshop meeting. **CARRIED**

2. S.U.P. APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR RESTAURANT/CONCERTHALL THEATHER TO OPERATE AT 12294 BIG TREE RD.

Councilman Klinck stated the Zoning board is still waiting for additional paper work, before it sets a public hearing.

3. S.U.P. AMENDMENT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM REID PETROLEUM FOR CROSBY'S

MOTION# _____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving a Public Hearing on November 26th prior to the workshop meeting. **CARRIED**

4.TOWN OF WALES 2019 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 has a decrease of 2.64% for this year. We have continued to eliminate the General tax line and decrease the Highway fund, the town continues to stay under the NYS tax cap.

Councilman Donald Butcher stated would like to make a change to Account Code A7510.2 from \$5,023.00 to \$2,000.00 Salaried.

NOTE: An Historian's Assistant to be appointed at an annual salary of \$2,000.00

If Bookkeeper requires an Assistant, one who is not related to any Town Employee or Officer may be appointed if proven to be needed. If Rae Hoxsie is planning on retiring soon, a replacement should be appointed as a Trainee, again, a non-relative of any employee or officer of the Town.

MOTION# _____ By Councilman Donald Butcher, and second by Councilman Klinck, approving 2020 Preliminary Budget to the Final Budget with that change and in addition to the South Wales Fire figures **CARRIED**

Rae Hoxsie, Town of Wales Budget Director questioned the reason for the change in hours, as it was not discussed with her or the Historian. What are the reasons behind this? This position, General Clerk, has been very useful to the historian. She has helped her increase records, the data and viability for genealogy purposes. Councilman Donald Butcher stated that the historian has a salaried position for that. Town Historian Dee Zeigel asked why she was not contacted about this change being she is a department head. She asked if all the deputies are being cut across- the-board are. Why haven't any board members come to her office to see what they are working on? She also stated that Dave Lane has an assessor that does not show up for work and is paid bi- weekly \$500.00 compliments of the wales tax payers. Supervisor Venditti stated he was not part of this discussion. I am just a supervisor trying to approve a budget. I guess if we are going to start to look at lines, I think my salary and I think the town clerk's salary should also be look at. I believe our salaries are a little high compared to other town's our size.

Maybe we should not get raises this year. Councilman Gerald Klinck responded to Dee Zeigel's comments stating that the assessor she referred to Jennifer Gossel, is not being paid.

NEW BUSINESS

1.REQUEST TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF WALES PRELIMIANRY BUDGET AS THE FINAL 2020 BUDGET

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klink, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, to approve the Town of Wales 2020 preliminary budget as the final Town of Wales Budget for 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Kyle Barry	Aye	
Councilman Dan Driver	Aye	
Supervisor Rickey Venditti	Aye	
Councilman Donald Butcher	Aye	
Councilman Gerald Klinck	Aye	CARRIED

2.RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TOWN OF WALES LOCAL LAW INTRO 5-2019 IN REAGARD TO ASSESSOR.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. No. 5-2019 was introduced at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 27th day of August, 2019, and subsequently approved on October 8, 2019, and WHEREAS, the Local Law Intro. 5-2019 would amend Chapter 7 of the Codes of the Town of Wales by deleting the present Sections and adopting a new Section which incorporates Local Law 4-2019 adopted on October 8, 2019 providing one appointed Assessor as authorized by Section 328 of the Real Property Tax Law, and WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 20(A) requires a Public Hearing to be held before the Town Board with at least five days notice of said Public Hearing, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Wales does hereby approve a Public Hearing to be held on said Local Law Intro. 5-2019 on the 26th day of November, 2019, at 12345 Big Tree Road in the Town of Wales, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice of said Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Town of Wales, said notice being published at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled Public Hearing.

MOTION# _____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving a Public Hearing on November 26th prior to the workshop meeting for Local Law 5-2019. **CARRIED**

3. AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL AGREEMENT ERIE COUNTY 2019 – 2022

SNOW REMOVAL and ICE CONTROL AGREEMENT

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town Wales, Erie County, New York, held on November 12th, 2019, the following Resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Rickey A. Venditti of the Town of Wales, New York, is hereby authorized to sign, submit and execute an agreement with the Erie County Department Public Works, Division of Highways titled as follows:

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Rickey Venditti	Aye
Councilman Donald Butcher	Aye
Councilman Gerald Klinck	Aye
Councilman Kyle Barry	Aye
Councilman Dan Driver	Aye

MOTION# _____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the snow removal and ice control agreement for 2019-20122. **CARRIED**

4. REQUEST TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO WALES CENTER VOLUNTEER FIRE CO LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the revisions to the Wales Center Volunteer Fire Co length of service awards program.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilman Kyle Barry Aye
Councilman Dan Driver Aye
Supervisor Rickey Venditti Aye
Councilman Donald Butcher Aye
Councilman Gerald Klinck Aye

CARRIED

5. REQUEST TO APPROVE CONVERSION TO LED STREET LIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF WALES

Highway Supervisor Michael Zywar collected all the numbers from NYSEG. He supplied us with a nice spreadsheet. The cost to convert the lights is \$1,777.00. Basically you have to buy the unexpired life of the existing owned non-LED fixtures prior to acquiring and installing the requested LED fixtures. There is an estimated cost of \$3,917.00. NYSEG figures we have a 4.5 year pay back by this conversion. It will start sometime next year. NYSEG will replace as time allows.

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Dan Driver and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving the conversion to LED lighting in the Town of Wales lighting district.

CARRIED

6. REQUEST TO REAPPOINT ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN.

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Kyle Barry and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving a Glenn Goerke to a 4-year term as Chairman of the Zoning Board of appeals.

CARRIED

7. REQUEST TO REAPPOINT TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving Richard Munn as Chairman to the planning Board for a 4 year Term. **CARRIED**

8. REQUEST TO REAPPOINT TOWN CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBER.

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Kyle Barry and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving as Bryan Smith for a four year term. **CARRIED**

9. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD CLERK

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Kyle Barry Butcher, approving Michelle Justinger as clerk to Planning and Zoning Boards.

CARRIED

10. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBER.

MOTION#_____ By Supervisor Rickey Venditti and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving Kelly Osinski to the Assessment Review Board to replace Julie Barry's term.

CARRIED

11. ASSESSOR REQUEST TO EXPEND FUNDS TO PROCURE NEW FILE CABINETS.

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Dan Driver, approving, the Assessors to procure new file cabinets at a cost of \$631.98 each from Hon

CARRIED

12. TOWN CLERK REQUEST FUNDS FOR THE 2020 TOWN OF WALES NEWSLETTER.

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Dan Driver and second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving \$800.00 for the 2020 town newsletter **CARRIED**

13. TOWN CLERK'S REQUEST TO EXPEND FUNDS TO PROCURE REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Dan Driver, approving the hard drives for computers at a cost of \$597.38 each. **CARRIED**

14. TOWN BOOKEEPER REQUEST TO EXPEND FUNDS TO PROCURE REPLACEMENT

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Donald Butcher and second by Councilman Dan Driver, approving the hard drives for computers at a cost of \$597.38. **CARRIED**

15. REQUEST TO APPOINT SUPERVISOR AS DELEGATE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING IN FEB AND APPROVAL FOR PREPAYMENT OF REGISTRATION.

MOTION#_____ By Councilman Gerald Klinck and second by Councilman Donald Butcher, approving Supervisor Rickey Venditti as delegate for the annual Associations of Towns meeting and to Pre-pay registration fees of \$150.00. **CARRIED**

16. REQUEST TO UTILIZE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT FOR CAR- POOLING.

Highway Superintendent Mike Zywar, spoke with them about parking in the Town Parking lot.
COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Rickey Venditti thanking Dee Zeigel and Brenna Gawronski for the fine Veteran’s Day Celebration.

The December Close-out Meeting will be held on the 17th of December

Dee Zeigel thanked the ladies at the Wales Center Fire Company and everyone who helped with the veteran’s ceremony and the Sly’s for the turkey they cook every year.

No Tree lighting this year, costly for only a few children that attend.

Supervisor Rickey Venditti has a copy of Marilla’s Nepotism Law. He has spoken with Councilmen Donald Butcher and Gerald Klinck on this. We can further work on through committees.

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:

Councilman Gerald Klinck is working on Zoning changes and aesthetic appearance changes- design of buildings

Councilman Dan Driver-Source Water Protection Plan. There has been no calls or emails received. Councilman Dan Driver will follow-up with Mr. Waterman.

Safety Committees-Dee Zeigel stated there have been no safety meetings. On Election Day, she took a photo of the extra chairs neatly stacked in front of the emergency exit. Shawn Marcheson removed them. Michael Zywar has some quote for a security systems. Supervisor Rickey Venditti stated that he will sit down sometime next week with the safety committee members to discuss further.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Councilman Donald Butcher attended the East Aurora Legion Veteran’s Day celebration

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brenna Gawronski-12732 Big Tree Road. Commented on the 2020 Budget. Hope’s that the town takes a look at current salaries and the clerk’s salary that was drastically reduced at tonight’s meeting. Complimented Camille Vendetti for all her volunteered time on the Veteran’s Day luncheon. She did not see any board members other than Supervisor Rickey Venditti at the luncheon. She feels regarding the clerk’s reduced wages is an injustice to Dee Zeigel and Camille.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Gerald Klinck, second by Councilman Donald Butcher, 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 Councilman Gerald Klinck, approving the Town Clerk’s Monthly Report for the month of October, 2019 as presented. **CARRIED**

ACTION ON GENERAL FUND BILLS:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Donald Butcher, second by Councilman Kyle Barry, approving payment of the 2019 General Fund Abstract # 010, voucher# 358-384 total amount \$26,041.90 **CARRIED**

ACTION ON HIGHWAY BILLS:

MOTION # _____ by Councilman Dan Driver, second Councilman Donald Butcher, approving payment of the 2019 Highway Fund Abstract # 010 voucher #098-117 total amount \$15,079.42 **CARRIED**

IN MEMORY OF Deborah Carrick and Arlene Swarner

ADJOURNMENT With no further business at hand, motion duly made by Supervisor Rickey Venditti, seconded by Councilman Gerald Klinck to adjourn the meeting 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Eaton
Wales Town Clerk