

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of the Town Board
August 10, 2016 7:00pm
Town of Windsor, Town Hall
124 Main Street, Windsor, NY 13865

Supervisor Price pointed out the exits in the room.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor Carolyn Price, at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL by Clerk:

Supervisor Carolyn Price: Present
Deputy Supervisor William J. McIntyre: Present
Councilman Gary M. Hupman: Present
Councilman Timothy J. Bates: Present
Councilwoman Lesa Hawk-Shuler: Present
Highway Superintendent Rocky Kohlbach: Present
Attorney Cheryl Sacco: Present
Town Clerk Barbara Rajner Miller: Present

Supervisor Price announced the presence of County Legislator Scott Baker.

Also present were: Alec Jarvis, Ben Brazell (EDR, Syracuse, NY), Brooke Ann Coco, Elizabeth Einstein, Don Einstein, Jerry Henehan, Bev Foster-Bills, Joshua Stoeckel, Deb Wayman, Scott Baker, Emily Hotchkiss, Kaelynn Bush, Luvenna Dutcher, Caroline Russo, Theresa Benjamin, John Pioch, Floyd Bronson.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C (Advertised for 7:05pm)

Attorney Sacco gave the background on this Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Opened: 7:06pm

- Joshua Stoeckel, Chief of Windsor Emergency Services, Main St: Thanked the Town Board for their continued work on maintaining balanced budgets year after year. It demonstrates the level of fiscal conservatism the Town needs. It is the ethical and moral obligation of our elected officials to not only balance budgets but also provide the vital services and amenities the taxpayers expect and require, such as infrastructure, fire protection, and emergency medical services. I find the tax cap unethical and morally unjust to adopt and abide by at the expense of the taxpayers' needs. The Town of Windsor has one of the lowest tax rates in the County, but it also is one of the only in the County that doesn't provide the funds for both fire protection and emergency medical services. He urges the Board to approve and override the tax cap that would allow for the funding required to provide the services and amenities the taxpayers need and expect.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:10pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(Supervisor Price outlined the guidelines of public comment.)

- Kayla Bush, Trim St: Wondered if the Town is going to do something with Blatchley Rd. Highway Superintendent Kohlbach responded that it's up to the gas company to repair that road. Supervisor Price clarified for Ms. Bush that there are two road use agreements, the first regards repairs to the area she was questioning, and the second is the Dunbar Rd area.
- A report was given by Brooke Ann Coco from Rural Health Network of South Central New York on Rural Housing.
- A report was given by Alec Jarvis, of Bluestone Wind, LLC. and Ben Brazell from the Environmental Design and Research Company, regarding background of the company and the regulatory process involved with the development of grid-scale wind projects in NYS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor McIntyre Sec. By: Councilman Bates

To approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting, as submitted.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Price – AYE

Deputy Supervisor McIntyre - AYE

Councilman Hupman - AYE

Councilman Bates - AYE

Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler - AYE

Motion Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Sacco reported, as a follow-up, that she had reached out to a trusted expert regarding potential solar for the West Windsor sewer district area. He said that he wasn't aware of anyone that could do anything cheaper, and also recommended looking at cell towers as a potential source of revenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town of Windsor, County of Broome, State of New York

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AN EARLY BEAR SEASON IN CERTAIN AREAS OF NEW YORK, INCLUDING IN WINDSOR, NEW YORK

Resolution #16-2016

PRESENT: Supervisor Carolyn W. Price
Deputy Supervisor William J. McIntyre
Councilman Timothy J. Bates
Councilwoman Lesa Hawk-Shuler
Councilman Gary M. Hupman

At a regular meeting of the Town of Windsor Town Board, held at the Town Hall on the **10th day of August, 2016**, the following resolution was

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Hupman

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Bates

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is considering designating an early Bear Season in certain wildlife management units; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, the Town of Windsor is in wildlife management units 40 and 7S; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor has been concerned and remains concerned about wildlife safety for residents; as we have had multiple bear sightings and bear-humans interactions; and

WHEREAS, bears are encroaching close to homes; and

WHEREAS, recently the Town Supervisor had a bear on her patio- the bear reared up when she opened the slider door- and recently a child had a bear interaction while riding his bike; and

WHEREAS, although, to the Board's knowledge, we have not had any serious personal injuries directly related to bear-human interaction, the bears are continuing to increase in numbers and are continuing to further encroach on homes; and

WHEREAS, the bears are causing property damage; bird feeders and grills have been frequently damaged; and they have been causing agricultural damage; bears roll in corn fields and ruin corn crops and destroy bee hives/honey; and

WHEREAS, these are just some examples of what Town of Windsor residents are experiencing, and on escalating levels; and, we believe that, this is due to the increase in the bear population; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the increased bear population is creating more nuisance incidents and increased bear-human interaction; and as such the Town Board supports the designation of an Early Bear Season in the Southern Zone; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Windsor, after review and discussion, hereby encourages and supports NYSDEC to designate an early bear Season in certain wildlife management units, including those where the Town of Windsor is located; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, and be it this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Carolyn W. Price - ABSTAIN
Deputy Supervisor William J. McIntyre - AYE
Councilman Timothy J. Bates - AYE
Councilwoman Lesa Hawk-Shuler - AYE
Councilman Gary M. Hupman - AYE

Motion Approved.

Resolution Adopted: August 10, 2016

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor McIntyre

Sec. By: Councilman Bates

To appoint Zachary Abbott, as Motor Equipment Operator, to a 26-week probationary appointment, effective 8-15-16, at an hourly rate of \$15.00/hr.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Price – AYE
Deputy Supervisor McIntyre - AYE
Councilman Hupman - AYE
Councilman Bates - AYE
Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler - AYE

Motion Approved.

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor McIntyre

Sec. By: Councilman Hupman

To add names of Timothy Dodd and Floyd Bronson to the plaque for Windsor Highway Retired Employees.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Price – AYE

Deputy Supervisor McIntyre - AYE

Councilman Hupman - AYE

Councilman Bates - AYE

Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler - AYE

Motion Approved.

Deputy Supervisor McIntyre gladly volunteered to have the above nameplates engraved, at his own expense.

SETTING DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETINGS:

- Regular Meeting: 9-14-16 at 7:00pm, in the Windsor Town Hall.
- Special Meeting: 9-28-16 at 7:00pm, in the Windsor Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Scott Baker, Colpitts Dr: Per the Board’s request, sent a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Broome County Dog Shelter for their services.

At 8:25pm:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor McIntyre

Sec. By: Councilman Bates

To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Public Officer’s Law Section 1051F regarding the appointment of a particular person, and, pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, to discuss collective negotiations, and to recess for legal advice.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Price – AYE

Deputy Supervisor McIntyre - AYE

Councilman Hupman - AYE

Councilman Bates - AYE

Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler - AYE

Motion Approved.

At 9:53pm:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor McIntyre

Sec. By: Councilman Bates

To return from Executive Session and the recess for legal advice.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Price – AYE

Deputy Supervisor McIntyre - AYE

Councilman Hupman - AYE

Councilman Bates - AYE

Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler - AYE

Motion Approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion By: Councilman Bates

Sec. By: Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler

To adjourn the meeting at 9:54pm.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Price – AYE

Deputy Supervisor McIntyre - AYE

Councilman Hupman - AYE

Councilman Bates - AYE

Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler - AYE

Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Rajner Miller, Windsor Town Clerk