

**Special Meeting of the Town Board
September 28, 2022 7:00 pm
Town of Windsor Town Hall
124 Main Streets, Windsor, NY 13865**

Supervisor Odell pointed out the exits in the room.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Supervisor Mark Odell, at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was recited.

ROLL CALL by Town Clerk Elizabeth Pfister:

Supervisor Mark Odell: Present

Deputy Supervisor Daniel Colwell: Present

Councilman Gary M. Hupman: Absent

Councilman Timothy Harting: Present

Councilwoman Christine Kennedy-Tierno: Present

Code Enforcement Officer Richard Osbourne: Absent

Highway Superintendent Michael Kithcart: Present

Attorney Cheryl Sacco: Absent

Also, present were: Annika Polhamus - Budget Officer, Dan Price – White Birch Lake Road

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor Colwell

Sec. By: Councilwoman Kennedy-Tierno

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Odell- Aye

Deputy Supervisor Colwell-Aye

Councilman Hupman- Absent

Councilman Harting-Aye

Councilwoman Kennedy-Tierno-Aye

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Proposed 2023 Budget DA Fund, Councilman Harting asked for clarifications on the DA and DB Fund. DA is for the repair of bridges and the DB is the budget for the highway itself. All were in agreement with the budget.

The Board reviewed the Proposed 2023 Budget DB Fund, Councilman Harting asked why we list “summer hours” and “winter hours” on two different budget lines. Budget Officer Annika Polhamus stated that is how municipal accounting requires it be done. Highway Superintendent Kithcart stated that he keeps those budgets separated even for things like road salt/sand and fuel as well. All were in agreement with the budget.

The Board reviewed the Proposed 2023 Budget Fire 1, Fire 2, Fire 3, Fire 4 Fund, all were in agreement with these budgets since they are set based on what the Fire Departments provide the Town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the Proposed 2023 Budget A Fund change that Supervisor Odell suggested which was to eliminate the expense of Town cleanup day of \$5,000.00 and move that money to the line for EMS services to be able to give more money to them as Councilman Harting and Councilwoman Kennedy – Tierno felt strongly about this. Both Councilpersons agreed with this change and thanked Supervisor Odell for making the change. Deputy Supervisor Colwell wanted to share information that he had researched since the last meeting on EMS and asked that Councilman Harting and Councilwoman Kennedy-Tierno see if they can think of alternative solutions or the correct people to approach to combat the funding struggle that EMS faces. Deputy Supervisor Colwell shared that he spoke with Renee Conklin from Broome EMS that explained their biggest hurdle is the reimbursement rate that Medicare & Medicaid set for claims, this amount stipulates what all other insurances will pay on claims, and these are currently so low it does not even cover the cost of an ambulance ride. Deputy Supervisor Colwell also contacted the Town of Kirkwood to see what monies they set aside for ambulance service in their budget, and they have no line for it at all. There is also an 11-page study that was recently put together by the head of Broome County Emergency Services pointing out many of these issues and more. Supervisor Odell stated he would like to see committee members come back to the Board with solutions instead of more questions, he understands that there is a need for this service but if there are other members of the

government that should be fighting this fight, he feels it is the duty as elected officials that we are pushing those officials to fight for these things higher up the chain.

Councilman Harting asked the Board if the EMS contract could be changed to run January – January going forward instead of the current June – June, which would require a public hearing to be scheduled in November along with budget hearing. The Clerk noted that Town Attorney Sacco had previously said it would be easier for everyone to do it this way and normally that is how contracts run January – January. The payment date of the contract can still remain in June if the Board decides or they can change that as well, the Board agreed to have a hearing with others in November.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board received Justice Blythe’s recertification of the Unified Court System for Continuing Judicial Education.

UPCOMING MEETING: Regular Meeting October 5, 2022 7:00 pm Town Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Price – White Birch Lake Road – Feels the problem with EMS services is that people are using it for non – emergency issues and this drives the cost up. He wonders if there could be an alternative type of response vehicle that is not necessarily an ambulance. He also stated that no one will ever receive instantaneous Ambulance service its just not realistic, especially out in the rural areas.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor Colwell
Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:42 pm

Sec. By: Councilwoman Kennedy - Tierno

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Odell- Aye
Deputy Supervisor Colwell-Aye
Councilman Hupman- Absent
Councilman Harting-Aye
Councilwoman Kennedy-Tierno-Aye

Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Pfister
Town Clerk