

March 7, 2022

The Regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Wheatfield was held March 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Wheatfield Town Hall, 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda, County of Niagara and State of New York to audit bills and to conduct any other business coming before the Town Board.

PRESENT: Supervisor Don MacSwan, Councilman Larry Helwig, Councilman Gilbert Doucet, Curt Doktor, Randy Retzlaff, Town Attorney Matthew Brooks and Town Clerk Kathleen Harrington-McDonell

Supervisor MacSwan requested for a moment of thought for all of the people in Ukraine

Moved by Councilman Helwig and seconded by Councilman Doktor to accept the minutes dated February 14, 2022 as presented.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Doucet to approve the March 7, 2022 bill payment for voucher #20220123 – 20220260 in the amount of \$355,247.24

General Fund	\$227,027.07
Highway	\$ 75,556.17
Water/Sewer	\$ 33,427.59
Refuse	\$ 37.18
Fire	\$ 1,901.83
Lighting	\$ 199.80
Pre-paid	\$ 17,097.60

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

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Residents asked what could be done about all the water and flooding in Thornwoods, asked if the creek could be dredged or other options to improve conditions so area did not flood. There are 8 houses that flood all the time. Residents thanked Bergholz Fire Department and said they did a great job helping residents during the July storm. Residents stated Sawyer Creek is filling in again and would like something done. New York State would have to do a study and complete work. The State is supposed to be doing some work in the Spring.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Doucet to authorize Wendel to provide assistance with updates to the Wheatfield Town Code in accordance with their proposal letter dated March 3, 2022, for a time and expense estimated fee of \$9,900.00.

authorize Wendel to assist with updates to Town Code

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Doktor and seconded by Councilman Helwig to approve an amendment to the 2022 Highway Fund budget to provide the estimated revenue and budget appropriation for the 1/5th purchase of a 2020 street sweeper that is being shared by 4 other local governments as follows:

2020 street sweeper purchase 1/5th purchase – budget amendment

Highway Fund	
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
Account DA.0000.1120 Sales Tax	<u>\$48,502</u>
Increase Appropriations:	
Account DA.5130.0200 Machinery Equipment	<u>\$48,502</u>

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Doktor to approve the proposal from Greater Niagara Mechanical, Inc., for a Town Hall HVAC upgrade, pursuant to Quote # 21-516, for the total amount of \$130,999.83, which through a contract award of the New York State Office of General Services, allows this project to not utilize competitive bidding as sole source provider of such services under contract # PT68805SB, NYS Vendor ID # 1000030241.

Town Hall HVAC upgrade

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Doktor and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff;

Resolution of the Wheatfield Town Board to amend the Code of the Town of Wheatfield, approving the adoption of Local Law 1-2022, amending the Town’s stop sign schedule Chapter 185 – Vehicle and Traffic, Article VI, Section 185-33, Schedule I: Stop Intersections as follows:

Local Law 1-2022 Chapter 185-33 Stop Intersections

LOCAL LAW 1 OF THE YEAR 2022

Town of Wheatfield, County of Niagara

A Local Law No. 1-2022, Chapter 185 – Vehicle and Traffic, Article VI, Section 185-33, Schedule I: Stop Intersections.

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The Town Code of the Town of Wheatfield is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 185, Section 185-33 is hereby amended by adding the following STOP SIGNS in the Town of Wheatfield:

SEE ATTACHED LIST

Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Helwig and seconded by Councilman Doucet to appoint Matthew Forcucci to a five (5) year term to the Board of Assessment Review with term to expire September 30, 2026.

Appoint Matthew Forcucci to Assessment Board

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Helwig to approve the request of Water/Sewer Superintendent to approve purchase ten (10) Liberty grinder pumps from Bailey Electric, all for a total cost of \$13,361.71 [a price increase is anticipated in March 15, 2022], to be paid from the 2022 Sewer Budget.

Purchase grinder pumps

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Helwig and seconded by Councilman Doktor to approve an amendment to the 2022 General Fund budget to provide the estimated revenue and budget appropriation for a Town Hall HVAC upgrade as follows:

General Fund

Increase Estimated Revenues:

Account A.0000.1120 Sales Tax \$131,000

Increase Appropriations:

Account A.1620.0200 Town Hall Equip \$131,000

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Supervisor MacSwan and seconded by Councilman Helwig;

RESOLVED, effective retro-actively to February 28, 2022, to authorize the Town of Wheatfield to extend the real property tax exemption as of the 2022 assessment roll for the certain real property owned by the not-for-profit corporation identified as 7210 Housing Development Fund Corporation (Identified on the Official Tax Map of the Town of Wheatfield as Section 161.00,

Extend real property tax exemptions for Summit View - PILOT agreement

Block 1, Lot 9.112), and located at 7210 Williams Road (commonly known as “Summit View Place”), pursuant to Public Housing Finance Law Sec. 577, for a period of ten (10) years as permitted by statute, with further renewals to be addressed at a future date and in consideration of the project’s qualifications at such time, as the exemption that is currently in place will expire and the ownership, use, restrictions, and original basis for the exemption remain in place, qualifying the property for continued exempt status. And also conditioned on the entering in to PILOT/Host Community Agreement between the Town and the corporation to guarantee payments from the corporation directly to the Town in the amount of \$10,000 annually for the 10 year extension.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 – NAYS 0.

PUBLIC INPUT

Compost bins and rain barrels will be available – information available at www.erie.compostersale.com

County Tax collection end March 31st – any payment after that date must be made to the Niagara County Treasurer’s Office

County Legislator’s David Godfrey and Jesse Gooch gave updates on County issues including water levels in the Great Lakes, Countywide Ambulance Service, Purple Heart Committee working on getting all Niagara County Purple Heart recipients registered, Niagara Falls Airbase updates, and CSX will start work on railroad tracks located on NFB in the Spring however a date was not available, money was raised for the Children’s Telethon

The next Town Board meeting will be held March 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Moved by Supervisor MacSwan and seconded by Councilman Helwig to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 5 - NAYS 0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Harrington-McDonell
Town Clerk