REGULAR MEETING
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – FEBRUARY 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall with the following people present:

PRESENT - Supervisor - Lynn Chatfield
Councilman - Daniel Youngman
Councilwoman – Julie Aldrich
Councilwoman – Cindee Meiden

ABSENT – Councilman – Adam Ellis

OTHERS PRESENT - Jessica Freer, Town Clerk; Ray Hauss, Code Enforcement Officer;

Copies presented to the Town Board:
1. Minutes of January 21, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
2. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
3. Highway Fund Claims (Unaudited)
4. Blind Sodus Bay SD Fund Claim (Unaudited)
5. ARPA Fund Claim (Unaudited)
6. Brown/Wadsworth Rd WD Claim (Unaudited)
7. Port Bay SD Fund Claim (Unaudited)

The Supervisor's, Town Clerk's, Justices, and Code Enforcement Officer's reports were presented to the Town Board.

Supervisor Chatfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance –

GENERAL BUSINESS –

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE –

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich, to accept the minutes of January 21, 2025, and departmental reports.
VOTE – AYES__4__NAYS__0__.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS –

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #37 through #75 - total - $45,578.25
HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - $ 82,066.44
BLIND SODUS BAY SD ACCOUNT - Claim #1 – total - $1,578.03
ARPA ACCOUNT – Claim #1 – total - $15,909.21
BROWN/WADSWORTH RD WD ACCOUNT – Claim #1 – total - $2,030.62
PORT BAY SD ACCOUNT – Claim #1 - total - $5,594.41

A resolution was presented by Julie Aldrich, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Cindee Mieden "Be it RESOLVED to pay General, Highway, Blind Sodus Bay SD, ARPA, Brown/Wadsworth Rd WD, Port Bay SD account claims as presented."

VOTE - AYES__4__ NAYS__0__.

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK -

1. Supervisor Chatfield explained that funds needed to be transferred from the Blind Sodus Capital account to the Blind Sodus Bay operating checking account. Jessica Freer clarified that the transfer was for the totals of the E1 repairs on the abstract.

RESOLUTION #4-25 TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS TRANSFER FROM BLIND SODUS BAY CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO BLIND SODUS BAY OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,578.03–

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman**,** moved by Cindee Mieden, seconded by Julie Aldrich,

WHEREAS, the Blind Sodus Bay Capital Account was created to pay for any repairs that were needed according to Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority to the Blind Sodus Bay Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority has billed the Town for necessary capital improvement and E-1 pump repairs; and

WHEREAS, funds need to be transferred from the capital account to the operating account to pay for this bill,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to transfer $1,578.03 from the Blind Sodus Bay Capital Account to the Blind Sodus Bay Operating Account to cover necessary expenses billed by Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority.

VOTE – AYES__4__ NAYS__0__.

2. Supervisor Chatfield stated that funds needed to be transferred from the Port Bay Sewer Capital account to the Port Bay Sewer operating checking account.

RESOLUTION #5-25 TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS TRANSFER FROM PORT BAY SEWER CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO PORT BAY SEWER OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,594.41–

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman**,** moved by Cindee Mieden, seconded by Julie Aldrich,

WHEREAS, the Port Bay Sewer Capital Account was created to pay for any repairs that were needed according to Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority to the Port Bay Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority has billed the Town for necessary capital improvement and E-1 pump repairs; and

WHEREAS, funds need to be transferred from the capital account to the operating account to pay for this bill,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to transfer $5,5964.41 from the Port Bay Capital Account to the Port Bay Sewer Operating Account to cover necessary expenses billed by Wayne County Water & Sewer Authority.

VOTE - AYES__4__ NAYS__0__.

HIGHWAY –

1. Skid Steer – Supervisor Chatfield discussed the skid steer that was talked about in the previous month's meeting. The total cost for the John Deere skid steer was $89,006.56, which was included in the budget. Jessica Freer explained that the original plan was to make a joint purchase with the Town of Huron for shared services, but Huron had backed out. However, Huron would still purchase the attachments, allowing for shared use of the equipment.

RESOLUTION # 6-25 AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE 2025 JOHN DEERE 331 SKID STEER FOR THE QUOTED AMOUNT OF $89,686.56 -

The following resolution was presented by Julie Aldrich**,** moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Cindee Mieden,

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested to purchase a 2025 John Deere 331 Skid Steer in the amount of $89,686.56; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has presented a reasonable need for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed this purchase would benefit the Highway Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to allow the Highway Superintendent to purchase a 2025 John Deere 331 Skid Steer for the quoted amount of $89,686.56.

VOTE - AYES__4__ NAYS___0_.

2. Supervisor Chatfield also mentioned that the highway department would like to make the current New Holland L170 skid steer surplus and put it up for sale at an auction through Auctions International.

A motion was made by Dan Youngman, seconded by Julie Aldrich to declare the above item as surplus and allow the Highway Superintendent to list the surplus item for sale on Auctions International.

VOTE – AYES__4__ NAYS__0__.

3. The Highway Department still needs a salt shed.

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. Jessica Freer provided an update on tax collection numbers. As of the meeting date, $2,837,349.73 had been collected out of approximately $3,700,000, representing about 75% of the total, which was noted as around average. She predicted that collection would reach about 85% by March. Freer also mentioned that the tax levy checks had been sent to the appropriate parties and that a 2% interest penalty with a $2 mail fee would come into effect on March 5th for any unpaid taxes.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – Supervisor Chatfield reported that he had visited the town attorney the previous Friday. Jessica Freer mentioned that they were only waiting for one document. Once this final piece of paperwork is received, it will be sent to the comptroller's office.

2. Salt Barn – Supervisor Chatfield provided an update on the salt barn project. He reported receiving an email regarding the HUD portal, where Laura Fox had been downloading information but encountered issues with submitting bank information. Chatfield noted that the process was moving more quickly than before, with faster response times from HUD officials.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Boater Safety Course - Supervisor Chatfield announced plans to schedule a boater safety course in the area, to be held at the Red Creek Fire Hall with a minimum capacity of 30 people.

2. 2025 Weed Harvesting Contract - Supervisor Chatfield mentioned that the weed harvesting contract was available for review. He asked for permission to sign the contract and take it back to the county attorney. There was a brief discussion about the effectiveness of the weed harvesting program, with Jessica Freer noting that it was more of a biological process than originally realized. The harvesting focuses on invasive species.

RESOLUTION #7-25 AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY REGARDING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR 2025 WEED HARVESTING IN PORT BAY AND BLIND SODUS BAY -

The following resolution was presented by Cindee Mieden, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Dan Youngman,

WHEREAS, the Town realizes the economic value of our waterfront property and communities contribute to our Town tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also realizes the environmental quality of our embayment's must be maintained; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board acknowledges the recreational value and quality-of-life value the embayment's contribute to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wolcott desires to be a good steward for our embayment's;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with Wayne County contributing $2,000.00 to this effort to pool with other contributions from the Town of Huron for $9,000.00, the Town of Sodus for $4,000.00 and the County of Wayne for $15,000.00 for 2025.

VOTE - AYES__4__ NAYS__0__.

2. AED's – The board discussed quotes for purchasing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the town hall and highway department. Two quotes were presented, ranging from $1,200 to $2,200 per unit. The board decided to wait for more information from Zach before deciding. They also discussed the possibility of obtaining Narcan for the town hall.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held March 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Dan Youngman seconded by Cindee Mieden, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer
Town Clerk