REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARINGS
WOLCOTT TOWN BOARD – OCTOBER 15, 2024

A regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board was held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall with the following people present:

PRESENT - Supervisor - Lynn Chatfield
Councilman - Adam Ellis, Jr.
Councilman - Daniel Youngman
Councilman – Jorden Brown
Councilwoman – Julie Aldrich

OTHERS PRESENT - Jessica Freer, Town Clerk; Zach Decker, Highway Superintendent; Ray Hauss, Code Enforcement Officer; Amber Roberts, Assessor;
PRIVLEGE OF THE FLOOR SPEAKER – Lori Furguson

Copies presented to the Town Board:
1. Minutes of September 17, 2024 (Regular Meeting)
2. Minutes of September 23, 2024 (Special Meeting)
2. General Fund Claims (Unaudited)
3. Highway Fund Claims (Unaudited)

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance –

GENERAL BUSINESS –

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #2-2024

Supervisor Chatfield declared the Public Hearing open at 6:00 PM and asked the Town Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law #2-2024.

Supervisor Chatfield asked for comments or questions from the floor – There were no comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Dan Youngman to close the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM. VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

RESOLUTION #40-24 Local Law #2-2024 OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2025 BUDGET –

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, seconded by Dan Youngman moved by Jorden Brown,

Town of Wolcott, County of Wayne

**A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c**

**Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Wolcott as follows:**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Wolcott pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Wolcott to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax cap by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Town Board of the Town of Wolcott, County of Wayne is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

On Roll Call Vote - Chatfield "YES", Ellis "YES", Youngman "YES", Brown "YES". Aldrich "YES".

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 2025 Preliminary Budget

Supervisor Chatfield declared the Public Hearing open at 6:03 PM and asked the Town Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing on the 2025 Preliminary Budget and to show proof of publication.

Supervisor Chatfield asked for comments or questions from the floor – There were no comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Jorden Brown to close the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM. VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

RESOLUTION #41-24 ADOPTING PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2025 -

The following resolution was presented by Jorden Brown, moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Adam Ellis,

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Budget was found to be acceptable by the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Preliminary Budget as the Annual Budget for 2025.

On Roll Call Vote - Chatfield "YES", Ellis "YES", Youngman "YES",
Brown "YES". Aldrich "YES".

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence this month.

A motion was made by Adam Ellis, seconded by Jorden Brown, to accept the minutes of September 17, 2024, September 23, 2024, and departmental reports.

VOTE – AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS –

GENERAL ACCOUNT - Claims #307 thru #343 - total - $25,362.47
HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - DA Town wide & DB Outside - total - $101,489.32
WADSWORTH ROAD WD ACCOUNT – Claim #1 – total - $4,269.85
PORT BAY SD ACCOUNT – Claim #1 - total - $366,708.00

A resolution was presented by Julie Aldrich, moved by Jordan Brown, seconded by Dan Youngman "Be it RESOLVED to pay General, Highway and Wadsworth Road WD and Port Bay SD, account claims as presented."

VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

ASSESSOR/SUPERVISOR'S CLERK - Amber Roberts

1. Amber talked to county director about retirement and the assessors clerk taking over. She might be able to.

RESOLUTION #42-24 TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS –

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis**,** moved by Julie Aldrich, seconded by Jorden Brown,

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's Office made a recommendation during their audit process with the Town stating to do transfers for budget line items as they happen if they are over budget during the year; and

WHEREAS, there were expenditures that went over budget for Town Board, Town Clerk,

Highway and Code Enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to make the following transfers to the line items in the 2024 Budget:

From Contingent – A1990.4 to Town Board – A1010.4 in the amount of $164.85
From Contingent – A1990.4 to Town Clerk – A1410.4 in the amount of $241.85
From Contingent – A1990.4 to Highway – A5010.2 in the amount of $18.39
From Contingent – B1990.4 to Code Enforcement Contractual – B3620.4 in the amount of $140.08.

VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

RESOLUTION #43-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR'S CLERK TO TRANSFER MONEY BETWEEN MONEY MARKET AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS FOR GENERAL AND HIGHWAY AS NEEDED -

A resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Jorden Brown,

WHEREAS, our General Checking and Highway Checking accounts are currently higher interest Money Market accounts; and

WHEREAS, it is advised by our Supervisor's Clerk some transfers might need to be done in between Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board holds meeting once a month,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to allow the Supervisor's Clerk to transfer money between money market and checking accounts for General and Highway on an as needed basis.

VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

HIGHWAY – Zach Decker

1. Switching from Summer to Winter trucks.
2. A Salt Barn is still needed.
3. Permission to buy a truck a while ago, new law limits production, best option purchase truck in 2025.

A motion was made by Julie Aldrich, seconded Jorden Brown to allow Zach to commit to buying a truck in 2025

VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Ray Hauss

1. Special Permit Request – Gary Morrissette
7803 Eagle Road
Wolcott, NY 14590
75119-11-698575

Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss, presented Special Permit Request #4-2024, which was brought before the Town Board September 17, 2024, at which time a negative impact was declared on the environment and signed by the Supervisor.

Request regarding Town of Wolcott Special Permit Request #4-2024 Gary would like to build a new 24 x 24 Cottage onto his property.

Ray gave the information to our Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals approved the permit for Gary on October 14, 2024.

RESOLUTION #44-24 GARY MORRISSETTE SPECIAL PERMIT #4-2024 –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Adam Ellis, seconded by Julie Brown,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board approves the request of Gary Morissette at the recommendation of the local Board of Appeals to the Town Board.

VOTE - AYES __5__ NAYS __0__.

2. RESOLUTION #45-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR BRYAN POPOVICI –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Adam Ellis, seconded by Jorden Brown,

WHEREAS, Bryan would like to build a 32 x 52, 2 story dwelling at his property on 7835 Eagle Road; and

WHEREAS; and Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 502-C, states special permits are required because the dwelling is on less than one acre of land in waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has reviewed said project and feels a negative declaration is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, upon review, concurs with the Code Enforcement Officer and sees no negative impact environmentally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a negative declaration for said project.

VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

3. RESOLUTION #46-24 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FORM FOR LISA LOCHNER –

The following resolution was presented by Dan Youngman, moved by Jorden Brown, seconded by Adam Ellis,

WHEREAS, Lisa would like to install a double wide mobile home sized 30 x 70 on her property on 7616 Cardinal Road; and

WHEREAS; and Town of Wolcott Local Law #1-2000 502-C, states special permits are required because the dwelling is on less than one acre of land in waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has reviewed said project and feels a negative declaration is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, upon review, concurs with the Code Enforcement Officer and sees no negative impact environmentally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a negative declaration for said project.

VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

4. Special Permit Request – Lisa Lochner
7616 Cardinal Road
Wolcott, NY 14590
75119-16-786304

Code Enforcement Officer, Ray Hauss, presented Special Permit Request #5-2024, which was brought before the Town Board October 15, 2024, at which time a negative impact was declared on the environment and signed by the Supervisor.

Request regarding Town of Wolcott Special Permit Request #5-2024 Lisa would like to install a double wide mobile home on her property at 7616 Cardinal Road.

Ray gave the information to our Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals approved the permit for Lisa on October 14, 2024.

RESOLUTION #47-24 LISA LOCHNER SPECIAL PERMIT #5-2024 –

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Jorden Brown,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Board APPROVE/DENY the request of Lisa Lochner at the recommendation of the local Board of Appeals to the Town Board.

VOTE - AYES __5__ NAYS __0__.

4. Ray is attending a seminar in Rochester for the new floodplain maps.

TOWN CLERK - Jessica Freer

1. Upcoming training on Zoom and Webex for Election Changes and Open Meetings Law.
2. Town Hall will be closed November 11th for Veterans Day.

SUPERVISOR - Lynn Chatfield

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Building Maintenance – Roof quotes.

RESOLUTION #48-24 TO ACCEPT QUOTE FOR NEW ROOF INSTALLATION BY WAYNE COUNTY METAL ROOFING –

The following resolution was presented by Julie Aldrich, moved by Dan Youngman, seconded by Jorden Brown,

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has obtained quotes for a new roof for the Town Hall; and
WHEREAS, Wayne County Metal Roofing was the lowest quote at $20,200.00 with an with a snow rail at $1,050.00 extra for a total amount of $21,250.00,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board would like to accept the quote of $21,250.00 from Wayne County Metal Roofing with the following contingencies, have the project finished by the end of the year and removal of the chimney.
BE IT FURTHUR RESOLVED to allow the Supervisor to write the check to Wayne County Metal Roofing for the 25% down payment upon the beginning of project.
VOTE - AYES__5__ NAYS__0__.

2. Blind Sodus Bay Water District – signatures and numbers coming, contact other residents, WCWSA, letters going to residents maybe.

3. Barrier Bar Status – Should start soon as far as bonding with Sterling and Wolcott.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. NRBC Grant -

RESOLUTION #49-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT LYNN CHATFILED, WHO IS THE SUPERVISOR, IS EMPOWERED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL -

The following resolution was presented by Adam Ellis, moved by Jorden Brown, seconded by Dan Youngman,

Resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Wolcott as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Charter requires the Town Board to designate the source of any money appropriated after the budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wolcott is asking for $2,386,000.00 in NRBC funding for a total project cost of $3,545,400.00 for the Blind Sodus Bay Water District Project;

NOW THEREFORE, the Supervisor, Lynn Chatfield, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Wolcott, to apply for, accept, and expend grant funds from the Northern Borders Regional Commission. The named authorized official has permission to sign all NBRC investment documents that bind the applicant.

VOTE - AYES__4__ NAYS__0__. (Julie Aldrich abstained)

Privilege of the floor –

1. Lori Furguson asked about the Land Use Code and the RG&E Substation.

The next regular meeting of the Wolcott Town Board will be held November 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Jorden Brown, seconded by Adam Ellis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Freer
Town Clerk