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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-February 6, 2025

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Deputy Supervisor McEachron who was excused.

John Lant-Supervisor
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman
Councilman O'Connor via Zoom.

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Maria Moran, Comptroller. Town Counsel, Mark Schachner.

Public Comment

There was none.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #80

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2025 meeting, as presented.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Bids for Town Hall Renovation

Ryan Riper, Director of Planning and Engineering said there is a summary from MJ Engineering for bids on the Town Hall addition. The bids are for information and can be reviewed to get into details. There was a committee created for that. The ballpark price is about \$3,000,0000. MJ Engineering reviewed all of the bids. If there are any questions, Matt Fueston from MJ is present. We do not need to vote on this tonight. We can set up a meeting with Mr. Fueston and the committee.

Appointment to Park and Recreation Commission

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #81

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Wendy Mahaney to the Park and Recreation Commission for the term vacated by Trey Bodkin, 02/06/2025-12/31/2025.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Road Dedication and Associated Land

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #82

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the road dedication of the following, contingent upon receipt of approval from Wilton Water and Sewer Authority:

**Bullard Lane Sta: 0 + 00 to 18 + 15+/-
(westbound approach)
Sagano Street Sta: 24 + 81 to 46 + 65
Plumas Place Sta: 46 + 65 to 57 + + 74**

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION #83

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the open space land dedication, Tax Map No. 128.-1-2, contingent upon further review and acceptance from Town Counsel and Director of Planning and Engineering:

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Speed Limit Reduction Request

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #84

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the referral of a speed limit reduction request to the Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works for Blanchard Road, from 55mph to 45 mph.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Domestic Violence Awareness Fundraiser

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #85

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the fee waiver for the Domestic Violence Awareness Fundraiser at Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Clean Water Safe Roads Network Agreement

Highway Superintendent Mike Monroe said he would like to discuss the plans for snow and ice removal for the Highway Department. He said he has a presentation, from the Lake George Association, on brining and salt reduction in the Adirondacks. Superintendent Monroe stated there is an agreement from the Adirondack Council, a not for profit agency that is helping municipalities in the Adirondack Park and are opening it up to municipalities outside of the park. They have agreed to work with the Town of Wilton and staff moving forward with salt reduction, clean water into our waterways and proper winter maintenance procedures. In the agreement, Adirondack Action is also a grant writing fund that will help us write grants for some of the equipment shown in the video, that he would like to implement into the Highway Department.

Highway Superintendent Monroe said he has also contracted with Witt Advisors. Rob, who worked for the Town of Lake George and has since left, is the consultant for Witt Advisors. We will be working with them in the coming months and hopefully calibrate all of our trucks to find a baseline of how much we are putting down. Some of the items discussed in the video, like the computerized controls, are about \$30,000 and we have thirteen large trucks to equip. None of this will happen overnight and it will take time to phase in. Last year we bought one set of live edge blades that go on the plow. They are spring loaded and follow the contour of the road. We ordered two more this year and one more on order. Pictures were shown indicating the difference between a regular blade and a live edge blade. The live edge scrapes off more snow. The augers are able to be turned down two clicks to reduce salt on the roads because we are able to take off more snow. He said he would like to purchase ten more live edge blades next year, hopefully with a grant through Adirondack Action. We now have three cameras and have them out on the roads, active and live. A current picture of Corinth Mountain Road showed snow flurries. The cameras indicate the ambient air temperature, pavement temperature and conditions with the road. The program sends information to the Superintendent's phone and the Deputy's phone. This will come into play more when we start brining with different chlorides and materials we will be using.

Highway Superintendent Monroe said he would like the board to be aware of the changes and pass a resolution in support of the program. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if there is an update about the briner. Superintendent Monroe said the tank is in the truck. We are rehabbing an older single axel truck for the tank to be on. We will keep the new truck with a flatbed and a hopper and try to make another plow truck out of it, in house. We don't anticipate brining until the 2025-2026 snow season. We will be working with another vendor this summer to discuss tank leasing.

On a motion introduced Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #86

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a resolution of support of the Town of Wilton Highway Department winter road maintenance program.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Cannabis Draft Zoning

Councilman O’Conor, via Zoom, said he would like to recognize Mark Mykins, Senior Building Inspector and his staff for putting together the draft regulations regarding cannabis. The draft has been shared with Counsel and he has made some suggestions and recommendations for changes. This is new to the State of New York. Some of the language in the draft has been borrowed from other communities who have passed local legislation regarding some of the issues regarding cannabis. At this point, if Town Board members have taken a look at it, he said he would like to set a public hearing for next month. Between now and then, we can look at any revisions. One portion on the draft requires the Special Permit to be decided by the Town Board, Counsel suggested that there be a possibility of it going to another body, like the Zoning or Planning Board.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #87

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for March 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for proposed Local Law #2 of 2025, amending the Wilton Town Code to Allow Cannabis Manufacturing, Cultivation and Distribution in the C-2 Zone as a Specially Permitted Use in the Town of Wilton.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Building Use Request and Fee Waiver-Senior Center

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #88

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the building use and fee waiver at the Wilton Senior Center for the Saratoga County Assessors Association.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Acceptance of Traffic Study

Mr. Riper said the board received the traffic study at the last board meeting. It's been being worked on for about two years. The Town Board should adopt the legal language by adopting the traffic planning study. Associated with this, the traffic mitigation fees will be increasing. That will be a zoning change in our code. We will also be requesting to set a public hearing for these fees. Alana Moran is present and has worked very diligently on the study. If there are any questions, they can be asked now or next month at the public hearing.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #89

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt the 2025 Traffic Planning Study.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Amendments to Traffic Study

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #90

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing on March 6, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. for the amendment of traffic mitigation fees.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman Bogardus said there was an Emergency Services meeting which was cut short due to a fire. We are discussing increasing false alarm, nuisance alarm and non-fire related alarms fees for commercial businesses. It is currently a \$100 fine. The first notice is a warning and the second one is \$100 and another \$100 for each false alarm. We've had commercial properties ignore the fines because it is a low fine. They will let the fines build up. We would like to increase and enforce fines. Mr. Riper asked if the fees are for the fire department. Councilman Bogardus said he not sure who the fines go to. Supervisor Lant said the policy was to split the fee between the town and the fire department. Ms. Moran said that it is a good idea because town staff also responds to the alarms. Councilman Bogardus agreed.

Supervisor Lant said he and Councilwoman Kolligian have a meeting with NYS Department of Transportation, Assemblywoman Woerner and Senator Tedisco regarding the Exit 16 bridge. We are trying to start the project a little sooner. SEDC is working on getting water and sewer to the east side of the bridge. Councilwoman Kolligian said it was supposed to start in 2025 but it was moved to 2029.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2024 Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #91

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2024 budget transfers 1-10 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/6/2025 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.) 2024 Budget Amendments

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #92

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2024 budget transfers 1-2 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/6/2025 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

3.) 2025 Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #93

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2025 budget transfers 1-2

requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/6/2025 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

4.) 2025 Budget Amendments

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #94

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2025 budget transfers 1-2 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/6/2025 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

5.) Asset Disposal

1.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #95

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from John King, Park Maintenance Supervisor, to place the following items on Auctions International:

- a. 2006 Toro Workman 2110 with electric groomer**
- b. 2006 John deere ZTrak 72" with bagger**

Councilwoman Kolligian seconded the adoption of the resolution duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #96

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from Mike Monroe, Highway Superintendent, to place the following item on Auctions International:

1989 Chevrolet Ambulance

Councilman Bogardus seconded the adoption of the resolution duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

3.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #97

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from Ross MacNeil, Recreation Director, to place the following item on Auctions International:

Scoreboard

Councilman Bogardus seconded the adoption of the resolution duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Culvert Project-Louden Road

Mr. Riper said there is one other item. The Town of Wilton received a grant from New York State Department of Transportation for \$844,000.00 for the culvert rehabilitation under Loudon Road near the Ingersol Road intersection. There is a contract and a resolution for review and approval. The contract will need to be signed. There will also be an agreement with MJ Engineering for the design and survey of the work. The grant pays 100% of the work. If the board chooses, they can authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreements if everything is appropriate and acceptable.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #98

WHEREAS, a project for the Bridge NY Loudon Road over Bog Meadow Brook, T/O Wilton, Saratoga County – P.I.N. 1763.00/D041611 9 the “Project”) is eligible

for reimbursement of qualified costs from Bridge NY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of 100% Bridge NY funds and 0% non-Bridge NY funds; and

WHEREAS, Town of Wilton will design, let, and administer all phases of the Project.

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of Design, Right of Way and Construction work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Town Board hereby approves the Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Wilton to pay 100% of the cost of costs of Design, right of Way and Construction work for the project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from Bridge NY funding; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$844,000.00 (Eight Hundred and Forty Four Thousand Dollars and zero cents) is hereby appropriated from Highway Fund, Permanent Improvements, 200-811.200-599.200 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town BOARD hereby agrees that the Town of Wilton shall be responsible for all costs of the Project, including costs which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from the NY Bridge Funding awarded to the Town of Wilton and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Town Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification to the Town of Wilton thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town BOARD hereby agrees that Town of Wilton hereby commits that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction please of the Project shall be completed withing thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Wilton be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests with NYSDOT for Stat Aid and/or Bridge NY funding on behalf on the Tow of Wilton in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's funding of the Project cost, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Wilton will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York Stat Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #99

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the signing of contracts by the Supervisor for MJ Engineering (engineering and survey) and Bridge NY for the Loudon Road Culvert Replacement Project contingent upon Town Counsel review.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, seconded by Councilman Bogardus, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, John Lant

_____ Deputy Supervisor McEachron

_____ Councilman, Duane Bogardus

_____ Councilwoman, Erinn Kolligian