

TOWN OF WILTON

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PUBLIC HEARING-Proposed Local Law #3 of 2024

7:00 P.M.

WEMS/AMBULANCE DISTRICT 2025 TAX CAPOVERRIDE

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Councilwoman Kolligian made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilman Bogardus seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-October 3, 2024

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:01 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 Councilman O'Connor who was excused.

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman

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

Public Comment Session

Ed Kokowski of Knollwood Drive spoke against the Quaker Springs Solar project.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #219

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2024 meeting, as typed.

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

Tentative Budget

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

RESOLUTION #220

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2025 preliminary budget.

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

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

RESOLUTION #221

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for the 2025 tentative budget for November 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Proposed Local Law #3 of 2024 Wilton EMS/Ambulance District Tax Cap Override

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

RESOLUTION #222

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Local Law #3, of 2024, Wilton EMS/Ambulance District Tax Cap Override, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

Request to Rezone Property 851 Route 9

Councilwoman Kolligian made a motion to set a public hearing and Councilman Bogardus seconded the motion.

Mark Schachner, Town Counsel said he had some concerns regarding the Short EAF.

Councilwoman Kolligian rescinded her motion as well as Councilman Bogardus rescinded his second. No action was taken.

Road Dedication

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

RESOLUTION #223

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the road dedication of Eastpointe Drive with the following stations:

STA 0+000 to STA 20+80

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

Speed Limit Reduction Requests-DOT Responses

Dear Mr. Cooke,

This is in response to your request from March 16, 2022, for a speed limit reduction on Traver Road between Ballard Road and Northern Pines Road in the Town of Wilton. We apologize for the extended delay in our response.

Currently, the requested section of Traver Road is governed by a 40 MPH speed limit, established by this office in 1985. We conducted a field investigation of the requested section of road. Based on our review and experience, we have determined a reduction of the speed limit is not warranted at this time.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Scott Gannon of this office at 518-457-5283. Sincerely, Michael W. Fenley, P.E. Regional Traffic Engineer.

Dear Mr. Cooke,

This is in response to your August 29, 2023, request for a speed limit reduction on Jones Road, between Route 50 and Carr Road, in the Town of Wilton. We apologize for the delay in our response.

According to our records, the section of Jones Road between Route 50 and a point 0.95 miles to the northwest (between Jodi Lane and the bridge over the southbound lanes of the Northway) is covered by a 45 MPH speed limit; between the 0.95 miles to the northwest of Route 50 and the City of Saratoga Springs line is 40MPH. We reviewed the requested section of road between Route 50 and Carr Road, in the Town of Wilton. Based on our review and experience, we have determined a reduction of neither the 40 MPH speed limit nor the 45 MPH speed limit is warranted at this time.

During our field investigation, we noted several School Speed Limit 30 MPH signs posted on Jones road in each direction of travel between bridges over the northbound/southbound lane of the Northway and Carr Road, covering approximately 0.6 miles of Jones Road. In 1991, a letter was sent to the Town noting the posted 15 MPH school speed limit, at that time, had not been approved by this office (attached is a copy of the 1991 letter). Since 1991, we have no record of approving the currently posted 30 MPH school speed limit.

Our rules regarding the establishment of a School Speed Limit have changed since 1991. Based on the current standards, the Dorothy Nolan Elementary School may meet the criteria for the establishment of School Speed Limit. At this time, we would request that the Town make a formal request for a School Speed Limit at the Dorothy Nolan Elementary School. If approved for a School Speed Limit, please note, the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law limits the length of a school speed limit to no longer than 1320 feet (1/4 mile).

Thank you for bringing your concerns about this location to our attention. If you have any question regarding this matter, please call Scott Gannon of this office at 518-457-5283. Sincerely, Michael W. Fenley, P.E., Regional Traffic Engineer.

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk noted the School Zone Speed Limit request will be addressed on item 14 of the agenda.

Reappointment-Board of Assessment Review

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

RESOLUTION #224

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Robert Clark to the Board of Assessment Review with a term of 10/01/2024-09/30/2029.

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

7 Sarro Lane

Councilman Bogardus said he reviewed the site at 7 Sarro Lane and Mrs. Germond has cleaned up the exterior of the property. She has made a good faith effort and would like to give her another thirty days to continue with the cleanup. No action was taken on the demolition and cleanup of the site.

Standard Workday Reporting

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk noted there was a small typographical error on the Standard Workday Reporting for Chad Jerome and it is required to be reposted.

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

RESOLUTION #225

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Standard Workday Reporting for Chad Jerome, Town Justice.

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

Request to Install Street Light

Supervisor Lant said he received a request to have a streetlight installed at the corner of Nicklaus Drive and Northern Pines Road. He said there have been a couple of accidents there.

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

RESOLUTION #226

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request to National Grid to install a streetlight on Pole #47-2, intersection of Nicklaus Drive and Northern Pines Road.

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

Request for School Zone Speed Limit-Jones Road

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

RESOLUTION #227

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request to refer a School Zone Speed Limit at Dorothy Nolan Elementary School to the Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works.

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

Intersection Study-Louden Road and Ruggles Road

Supervisor Lant said he would like to move this agenda item to the end for discussion.

Request to Bid

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

RESOLUTION #228

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request to bid from Scott Harrington for a Fire Alarm Control Panel in the Highway Department.

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

Snook Kill Fishing Platform at Northern Pine Road-Contracts

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

RESOLUTION #229

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following associated contracts for the Snook Kill Fishing Platform at Northern Pines Road:

Curtin Archaeological Consulting Inc.

Thompson-Fleming Land Surveyors, P.C.

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

Committee Reports

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said the town had a piece of equipment donated to Gavin Park. It's called a Warp Wall and it was donated by the Ninja Lab. It is for indoor or outdoor but it may need a cover if it is outdoors. It would be great if it could be implemented with the new zip line. Discussion was held on the placement.

Councilwoman Kolligian said there was a meeting at Gavin Park with some of the stakeholders regarding the proposed roundabouts on each end of Carr Road. The only residents who attended were those who live on 18th Pass. It started off a little hot but some great ideas and conversations resulted. The next step will be certified letters mailed to residents where the sidewalks will be. There will be a stakeholder's meeting for those residents too. We don't have a date yet.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said there will be a 5K walk at Gavin Park on October 20, 2024.

Supervisor Lant said there are residents who would like stop signs on roads which are not state or county highways. He said he has been told we can't put them up, we have to go through the state. Supervisor Lant said he has done a lot of research and talked to people and he said he believes we can put up stop signs with a town resolution. He asked Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, to look into it. Supervisor Lant said he looked up Law 1682 and it states it is a town board decision. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he is in favor of four way stop signs, especially the one being discussed. When you drive down the road, you wonder why there isn't one. Councilman Bogardus said he drove down Ruggles Road and there are no four way stop signs along Ruggles Road. Ruggles Road has stop signs but the crossroads do not. The line of sight is good. How do we determine how that intersection needs a four way stop sign more than a busier two way intersection down the road? It may be King Road. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if it is possible to add "Cross traffic does not stop" instead of adding stop signs. Councilman Bogardus asked if there is an issue with a lot of accidents. He said he wasn't sure why a four way stop sign would be added there and not at the other intersections. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said if we are told we can't because of legal reasons, when we really can, is all he wants to know. Supervisor Lant said he just wants to know if we have the authority to do it. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he knows of a few residents who would like them too. Supervisor Lant said we don't have much luck with the state.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2023 Budget Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #230

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2024 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 10/3/2024 Report (attached) 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.

2.) Town of Wilton Fiscal Score

Ms. Moran stated the Town of Wilton received a Fiscal Score of 0.0. It is the best score a town can attain.

3.) Personnel

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

RESOLUTION #231

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to ratify the provisional hiring of Tiffany Delaney to the vacant full time Senior Clerk position in the Building Department, effective September 24, 2024, at an hourly base rate of \$21.37 per hour, pending the successful passing of the Senior Clerk exam.

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 Deputy Supervisor McEachron and seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, with all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, John Lant

_____ Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

_____ Councilwoman Erinn Kolligian

_____ Councilman Duane Bogardus