

**Wilmington Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting
And Public Hearing on the proposed 2022 Budget**

Thursday November 4, 2021

7:00 PM-Community Center

Town Board Members Present: Supervisor-Roy Holzer

Councilman-Darin Forbes

Councilwoman-Paula McGreevy

Councilwoman-Dawn Stevens

Councilwoman-Rarilee Conway

Also Present: Nancy Randall-Town Clerk, Nicole Forbes-Accounts Clerk, Louie Adragna-Highway Superintendent, Doug Nemec-Codes Officer, David Lally, Cliff Holzer, Sarah Holzer, Rebecca Holzer, Tim Follos, Tina L. Terry Preston

Absent were Ed Orsi-Water Department, John Langford-Parks Department and Michelle Preston-Visitors Bureau

The public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget was open for any questions. It was stated that the budget would see an increase of 1.9% and that taxes could actually go down a little bit per thousand because of the growth in our tax base. There were no questions and a MOTION was made to close the public meeting by Dawn Stevens, SECONDED by Paula McGreevy and carried with ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Darin Forbes, SECONDED by Rarilee Conway and carried with ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTION 62-21^A to approve the 2022 Town Budget as final. MOTION by Paula McGreevy SECONDED by Dawn Stevens and carried with ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTION 63-21^A was proposed for the town to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on site consumption as authorized by Cannabis Law Article 4. There will be a public hearing at 6:45 PM at the regular December meeting.

MOTION by Paula McGreevy SECONDED by Darin Forbes with Rarilee Conway and Dawn Stevens being OPPOSED. RESOLUTION was carried.

RESOLUTION 64-21 Approving the Town Supervisor to sign a 2021/2022 supplemental agreement with New York State DOT, Contract #D014778. Said agreement allows for increase

in labor and material costs. MOTION by Darin Forbes SECONDED by Dawn Stevens and carried with ALL IN FAVOR.

Planning/Zoning Board Alternates- Tony Nickinello has shown interest in this position.

MOTION to approve Tony as an alternate was made by Paula McGreevy SECONDED by Rarilee Conway with Darin Forbes opposed.

MOTION to approve expenses made by Rarilee Conway SECONDED by Dawn Stevens and carried with ALL IN FAVOR.

HIGHWAY REPORT: The lift we purchased was installed the other day. The money we made last year from rentals will pay for that. Roy and Louie met with the AuSable River Association regarding replacement of the culverts on John Bliss Road. They are going to start the process of the engineering and the paperwork and funding for us . The cost could be between \$90 and 100,000.00. They are interested in installing weather cameras in town.

VISITORS BUREAU REPORT: Michelle Preston was not in attendance to give a report.

CODES OFFICER REPORT: Doug has collected \$5,566.00 in fees with \$750.00 for water connection included. He issued 6 building permits and has 49 open permits.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: Ed Orsi was not in attendance to give a report.

PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: John Lanford was not in attendance, but the work being done around town shows that they have been putting up Christmas decorations and seasonal things such as the forms in place for the skating in the park.

SUPERVISORS REPORT FOR THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

First and foremost, I want to congratulate everyone that were successful in the recent town elections. I also want to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone that ran for office. Putting oneself out there in this time period we live is not easy.

On town issues, I would like to remind everyone that the seasonal speed limit in the notch is at 45 for the winter as part of the Low Salt use study. Also, as Supervisor I have had to call the NYS Police on the construction traffic light not working correctly in the construction zone of the notch as well. With the snow here, hopefully the contractors will be wrapping up soon.

Please mark your calendars that Friday December 10th will be the towns 14th annual Children's Christmas Celebration. The event will be similar to last year with the Fireworks being in town. Plans are to have a Christmas Parade again with a goody bag and stocking delivered by Santa and his entourage.

The Town continues to seek applicants for our Senior Citizen Bus Driver Position. We will continue to advertise the part time job and hope for the best.

Our Community is definitely starting to look very festive thanks to the efforts of the Parks Department. Currently we are right on track for getting our Holiday decorations up before the winter weather totally kicks in.

The Wilmington E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library is asking area residents to take a brief survey about the library so the board can anticipate and meet the needs of the community. The survey can be found on the Library's Facebook Page.

In my role as a County Supervisor, I have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Adirondack Community Action Programs. "ACAP" as it's called helps Essex County citizens with a wide variety of programs like Weatherization, Meals on Wheels, One Work Source and Head Start to name a few. I have been amazed at the amount of good work this organization does and look forward to being on the board.

We continue to work on implementing a system for working out the "logistics" of registering the short term rentals operating with the Town of Wilmington. With the enacting of Local Law #1 of 2021, the town now has the authority to require all short term rentals to register. I have been in contact with a company that will be presenting a proposal to the town board to do the initial registering.

Tim Follos brought up speeding on the rural roads in town. He said many people had mentioned it while he was campaigning. Could we discuss the possibility of new speed limit signs perhaps at a future meeting. He also mentioned putting caps on the size of commercial buildings.

MOTION to adjourn made by Roy Holzer SECONDED by Rarilee Conway ALL IN FAVOR