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A Public Hearing and the Regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Wheatfield was held April 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Wheatfield Town Hall, 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda, County of Niagara and State of New York to audit bills and to conduct any other business coming before the Town Board.

PRESENT: Supervisor Robert Cliffe, Councilmen Gilbert Doucet, Arthur Gerbec, Randy Retzlaff, Town Attorney Matthew Brooks, and Town Clerk Kathleen Harrington-McDonell.

EXCUSED: Councilman Larry Helwig

7:00 - pm The Public Hearing to discuss the Agriculture Protection Plan was opened. Karen Frieder gave an overview of the plan and requested that the Town Board adopt the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:23 pm.

7:30 pm - Regular meeting called to order.

PUBLIC INPUT

National Fuel project has been delayed
Riverwalk Grant comments

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Gerbec to accept the minutes dated March 21, 2016 as presented.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Doucet to approve the bill payment for voucher # 201604236 20160518 in the amount of \$115,258.64 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 37,130.81
Highway	\$ 9,390.98
Water/Sewer	\$ 9,614.77
Capital/Niag River Tr	\$ 40,733.25

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Gerbec to approve the transfer of a 1998 Ford van from Water/Sewer to the Recreation Department.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff as follows:

Resolution for the Town Board Issuance of the SEQR Negative Declaration for the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has prepared a draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, which was prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Town of Wheatfield Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was prepared under the review and guidance of the Town of Wheatfield Agriculture Focus Group, with planning consultation assistance provided by WWS Planning; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Part 617 of the Implementing Regulations of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (State Environmental Quality Review Act), the Wheatfield Town Board was designated as the Lead Agency for the SEQR review and prepared an Environmental Assessment Form to identify and evaluate the potential impacts of adopting the Town of Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as SEQR Lead Agency, conducted a coordinated review of the draft Town of Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and has appropriately acknowledged and addressed all comments received from interested and involved agencies, including the Niagara County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the environmental review indicate that the adoption of the Town of Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, will not adversely affect the natural

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resources of the State and/or the health, safety and welfare of the public, and is consistent with all associated social and economic considerations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Wheatfield Town Board, acting as the lead government entity for this action, has determined that the adoption of the Town of Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment, and that a Negative Declaration is hereby issued based on the findings set forth in the Negative Declaration Notice of Determination of Non-Significance; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be provided to the Town's Planning Consultant for required distribution and filing.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Supervisor Cliffe and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF WHEATFIELD AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has prepared a draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, which was prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Town of Wheatfield Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was prepared under the review and guidance of the Town of Wheatfield Agriculture Focus Group, with planning consultation assistance provided by WWS Planning, and oversight provided by the Wheatfield Comprehensive Plan Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a Public Hearing on April 4, 2016 to solicit final input and comments from the community on the draft Town of Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was reviewed and approved by the Niagara County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Wheatfield Town Board, as Lead Agency, conducted a coordinated review in accordance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and Part 617 of the Implementing Regulations of Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and has issued a Negative Declaration based on their determination that the adoption of the Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will not have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Wheatfield Town Board hereby adopts the Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan be filed in the office of the Wheatfield Town Clerk and made available on the Town's website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Wheatfield Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, as duly adopted, be submitted to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for approval.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4- NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Gerbec to hire the following individuals: (a) Nicolas Loffredo and (b) Brandon Sokol, as summer seasonal help for the Highway Department at the rate of pay and job terms pursuant to the Job Specifications for Highway Department Seasonal Help and pending Civil Service and Town HR approval.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 3 – NAYS 1 Supervisor Cliffe.

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Supervisor Cliffe to hire part-time summer seasonal help for the Water/Sewer Department, the following individuals: (a) Victoria Spring, (b) John Domaradzki, (c) Jonathan Emmons, (d) Brandon Mack, and (e) William Nalbene, at the rate of pay and terms pursuant to Job Specifications of Water/Sewer Department's Seasonal Help and pending Civil Service and Town HR approval.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

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Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff that;
 Be It Resolved that this Town Board does hereby approve the following 2015 year-end budget transfers in order to balance out appropriation expense accounts at year-end.

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A.1110.0120	Court Clerks Pers	\$ 210	
A.1110.0100	Justices Pers		\$ 210
A.1220.0400	Supervisor Contr	140	
A.1220.0100	Supervisor Pers		140
A.1345.0400	Purchasing Contr	110	
A.1345.0100	Purchasing Pers		110
A.1381.0400	Fiscal Agent Fee Contr	990	
A.1355.0100	Assessors Pers		990
A.1430.0100	Human Resources Pers	5,000	
A.1430.0400	Human Resources Contr	7,270	
A.1420.0100	Attorney Pers		12,270
A.4068.0400	Insect Control Contr	2,000	
A.5182.0400	Street Lighting Contr	15,000	
A.1440.0400	Engineer Contr		17,000
A.1950.0400	Property Taxes & Assessment	640	
A.1680.0100	Central Data Process Pers		620
A.4020.0100	Registrar of Vital Stat Pers		20
A.3650.0400	Building Inspector Contr	110	
A.3620.0100	Fire Inspection Pers		110
A.5010.0200	Supt of Highways Equip	2,120	
A.5010.0100	Supt of Highways Pers		1,920
A.5010.0400	Supt of Highways Contr		200
A.7110.0200	Parks Equip	4,000	
A.7110.0400	Parks Contr	8,300	
A.7110.0100	Parks Pers		12,300
A.7020.0200	Recreation Admin Equip	1,760	
A.7020.0400	Recreation Admin Contr	2,790	
A.7140.0100	Playgrounds & Rec Cntrs Pers	1,250	
A.7310.0100	Teen Center Pers		5,800
A.7510.0400	Historian Contr	10	
A.7510.0100	Historian Pers		10
A.7550.0400	Celebrations Contr	1,300	
A.7620.0100	Community Center Pers		1,300
A.7310.0400	Teen Center Contr	1,910	
A.7620.0400	Community Center Contr		1,910
A.8090.0400	Environment Control Contr	4,310	
A.8020.0100	Planning Pers		610
A.8020.0400	Planning Contr		3,700
A.8510.0400	Community Beautification	1,630	
A.8160.0400	Witmer Rd Remedial Maint		1,630
F.8310.0101	Water Special Dist. Alloc	900	
F.8310.0100	Water Administration Pers		900
F.8340.0400	Transmission & Dist Contr	9,340	
F.8340.0200	Transmission & Dist Equip		9,340
G.8110.0101	Sewer Special Dist. Alloc	43,220	
G.8110.0100	Sewer Administration Pers		520
G.8120.0100	Sewage Collect Sys Pers		34,540
G.8540.0100	Drainage Pers		6,400
G.9030.0800	Social Security		1,760
G.8120.0200	Sewage Collect Sys Equip	46,910	
G.8540.0400	Drainage Contr		46,910
SL.5182.0401	Lighting Dist #1 Bergholz	110	
SL.5182.0403	Lighting Dist #3 Ashwood		110
	Totals	<u>\$161,330</u>	<u>\$161,330</u>

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This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Supervisor Cliffe and seconded by Councilman Gerbec;
Be It Resolved that this Town Board does hereby approve the following 2016 budget transfers for the General Fund as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A.1380.0400	Grant Services	\$ 9,600	
A.8030.0400	Grant Services		\$ 9,600
A.1420.0400	Attorney Contr	45,000	
A.1420.0100	Attorney Pers		45,000
A.1990.0400	Contingency Acct Contr	7,500	
A.1930.0400	Judgments & Claims		7,500
	Totals	<u>\$ 62,100</u>	<u>\$ 62,100</u>

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff to hire summer seasonal help for the Recreation Department, the following individuals: (a) Jacob Collins, (b) Jake Connery, (c) Steve DiBartolomeo, (d) Brock Kroening, (e) Ben Krull, (f) Johan Krull, (g) Jamie Martin, (h) Sumer Schebell, (i) Amanda Selbert, (j) Chris Victor, and (k) John Werth, at the rate of pay and terms pursuant to Job Specifications of Recreation Department's seasonal help and subject to Human Resource approval.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Supervisor Cliffe and seconded by Councilman Doucet to amend the job description for Town Attorney in order to conform to Civil Service requirements.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff to update the St. Johnsbury Volunteer Fire Company roster as follows: Remove: Jim Kish Jr.; Add Josh Maroney as Jr. Firefighter.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC INPUT

Comments regarding the chipper truck

Family Farm seminar is scheduled for April 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Housing should be built fireman friendly

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Gerbec to adjourn at 8:38 pm.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Harrington-McDonell
Town Clerk

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