

August 8, 2016

A Public Hearing and the Regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Wheatfield was held August 8, 2016 at 7:15 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 Larry Helwig, Gilbert Doucet, Randy Retzlaff, Attorney Abraham Platt, and Town Clerk Kathleen Harrington-McDonell.

EXCUSED: Councilman Arthur Gerbec

A Public Hearing to RR Residential District amending Town code opened at 7:15 pm. Drew Reilly of Wendel gave an overview. There was brief discussion, no action taken and the Public Hearing closed at 7:25 pm.

The Regular Town Board meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

Moved by Councilman Doucet and seconded by Councilman Retzlaff to accept the minutes dated July 25, 2016 as presented.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Helwig and seconded by Councilman Doucet to approve the bill payment for voucher # 20161450 ó 20161576 in the amount of \$403,307.65 as follows:

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| General Fund | \$187,400.24 |
| Highway | \$ 12,998.52 |
| Water/Sewer | \$ 27,942.54 |
| Spec. Dist./Lighting | \$ 63.14 |
| Trust & Agency | \$ 14,990.00 |
| Capital/Fairmount Park | \$115,643.50 |
| Capital/Riverwalk | \$ 8,333.25 |

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Helwig to authorize the Highway Department to contract with Hoppyø Tree Service to cut 23 trees at a cost of \$14,985.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Supervisor Cliffe that;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield regulates land uses through various sections of the Code of the Town of Wheatfield, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has noted that agricultural uses are not an allowed use in the R-R Rural Residential zoning district, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfieldø Comprehensive Plan and Agricultural Protection Plan identify agriculture as an important component of the Town and have specifically noted that most of the northern portion of the Town (including many areas zoned R-R Rural Residential) should be encouraged for the continuation of agricultural uses, and

WHEREAS, the Townø Agricultural Focus Group and the Townø Comprehensive Planning Implementation Task Force have both supported and recommended amendments to the R-R Rural Residential Zoning District to allow for Agricultural uses, and

WHEREAS, the Town has introduced a proposed Local Law to amend the R-R Rural Residential Zoning District and presented a copy to each member of the Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Wheatfield, New York, would like to adopt a Local Law to amend the RR district, and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act ó SEQRA) of the Environmental Conservation Law, the Wheatfield Town Board has conducted an environmental review of these Zoning Code revisions, and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified that there are no other Permitting or Approval agencies for this action, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on August 8, 2016 regarding these Zoning Code amendments, and no adverse comments were received, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board is proposing to adopt these Zoning Code amendments by enacting a Local Law, and

WHEREAS, these proposed zoning amendments were referred to Niagara County in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and the County had no adverse comments,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Wheatfield Town Board, in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) has determined that the proposed enactment of this Local Law, will not adversely affect the natural resources of the State and/or the health, safety and welfare of the public and is consistent with social and economic considerations and, therefore, issues the attached SEQR Negative Declaration (Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the EAF) in accordance with Section 617.7 of the SEQR regulations, and,

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF).

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 - NAYS 0.

Moved by Supervisor Cliffe and seconded by Councilman Helwig that;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has been in contact with Lynx Technology regarding computer/records management program assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield requests that Lynx Technology provide pricing and specific options to the Town based on the Town needs; and

WHEREAS, said request for pricing and options from Lynx Technology would require Lynx Technology to review our systems, which would be done by the creation of a òguest admin domainö, which would be deleted when Lynx Technology has completed their review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Wheatfield shall allow Lynx Technology to create a òguest admin domainö to allow Lynx Technology to provide pricing and specific options based on the Town's computer/records management program needs, and that upon the completion of said review and proposal creation, that said òguest admin domainö shall be deleted; and

That any information reviewed or obtained by Lynx Technology dealing with the Town's propriety information, and any information regarding specific Town accounts, vendors, customers, residents and businesses shall be considered confidential information and shall not be released, nor copied and stored by Lynx Technology for the purpose of this review of computer/records management programs and associated pricing and options.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

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The next town board meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC INPUT ó none

There was a moment of silence in remembrance of Ken DeVole who passed August 3, 2016.

Moved by Councilman Retzlaff and seconded by Councilman Helwig to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

This motion was CARRIED: AYES 4 – NAYS 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Harrington-McDonell
Town Clerk