

A Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Barrington, County of Yates and State of New York was held at the Town Hall located at 4424 Bath Road, Penn Yan on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Present:	Fred Wright	Town Supervisor
	Nate Olney	Deputy Supervisor
	Ken Christensen	Assistant Deputy Supervisor
	Bruce Castner	Councilman
	Calvin Crosby	Councilman
	John Griffin	Code Enforcement/Watershed Inspector
	Joy L. C. Perry	Town Clerk

Also Present: Sue Lange, Planning Board Chairperson; Stan Dobromil, Town Accountant; Lauren Snyder, Our Town Rocks; Sheila Foster; Rob Loudon; Phil Morehouse; Valerie Gardner; David Mashewske; David Austen, Observer

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Public Hearing-Override Tax Cap

Wright opened the public hearing at 7:01 pm.

Marion Loudon asked the Board what kind of increase they are looking at. Wright stated that he did not know.

Wright explained that there will be expenses coming up that they have never had before relating to the Teamsters Union 118. He stated that he would like to be prepared. He stated that the 2% cap has been decreased to 1.66% and he doesn't know how the Town would be able to survive on that even on a regular basis.

Wright asked if there were anymore comments. There weren't any.

Wright closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

Wright stated that he would like to hear a motion to accept this local law.

A motion to pass this local law to override the tax cap for 2014 was made by Olney and seconded by Wright.

Castner stated that he just doesn't like the idea. "I realize we are caught between a rock and a hard place here with negotiations with the union but if we don't go automatically saying we are going to have more tax money to pay off whatever they require...I think we're probably just as well off that way instead and safer than carte blanche and saying we always have extra money to overrun it." He further explained that there are a lot of people that are already strapped with their taxes.

Wright stated that he agrees with Castner 100%, but with all the other things that will be going on besides the union negotiations we still have to worry about what the increase could be. He also pointed out the New York State Retirement that is required. It will also be increasing. Wright said that the Town's limit if this law isn't passed will be 1.66%.

Olney stated that he doesn't see how the Town could ever hold to that limit.

Wright stated that small Municipalities like Barrington have financial problems especially for the elderly. He explained that he understood this thoroughly and he has stated it numerous times, but we still have bills to pay. He pointed out issues that the highway department was having with their 2003 truck. They are finding pieces of metal in the transmission. He also added that it has over 200,000 miles on it. This will cost about \$250,000 for this alone. Wright stated that the Town does have some money to put against it, but if the Town doesn't keep going the way that it is then it won't be able to stay out of debt and keep another truck on the road. The Town, at this point, is finally debt free. The Town is no longer paying interest to a bank. He explained that this is just one item that came to mind.

Crosby stated that it is a tough situation. He doesn't want to get in a position that the Town has to spend more than they absolutely have to. Wright assured him that the Town would not spend money that wasn't necessary.

Olney stated that with the union situation we just don't know how we will end up.

Christensen stated that he doesn't like having something agreed upon that is open ended. He said that he doesn't want to be like Yates County and all of a sudden have an increase of 14.7%. He further stated that he doesn't see us living at a 2.25% or 1.6% tax cap. He said that he would like to put more effort into what they can do and find out negotiation wise what they are looking at first.

The Clerk took a roll call vote.

Roll Call:	Calvin Crosby	Noe
	Ken Christensen	Noe
	Fred Wright	Aye
	Nate Olney	Aye
	Bruce Castner	Noe

3-Noes, 2 Ayes

## 2. Approve Minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

A motion to approve the Town Board minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was made by Christensen and seconded by Castner.

5-Ayes (Castner, Christensen, Crosby, Olney, Wright) 0-Noes

3. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

A.

Lauren Snyder gave everyone an update on the Our Town Rocks project, also known as The Barrington, Starkey, Dundee Health Improvement Project. Their office has moved to a location at the Presbyterian Church just down the street from where it was on September 1<sup>st</sup>. All contact information is the same except for their physical location.

Snyder also stated that they applied for one of six national prizes through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation called the Roadmaps to Health. She stated that they did become semifinalist, but unfortunately they are not finalists.

Snyder pointed out that in the process they learned that many people thought of them as an organization. She stated that they are not an organization. It's really that the Say Rural Health Network which sponsors the project assigned those of them that are staffed to this community. They are there to work for the people of Barrington, Starkey and Dundee. They are focused on improving the physical, social and economic health.

Our Town Rocks has given out five grant loans so far this year. There are still about four available.

There will be a meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss what kind of housing is needed in this area. Currently there is nothing available for older middle income retirees. This discussion will take place with a housing developer, Paul Brown.

There will be a food pantry available for people in need of food on the fourth Thursday of every month. There will also be a truck at the American Legion on November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> from four until six pm which will have perishable food for anybody that is interested.

B.

Valerie Gardener stated that she is running for Yates County District Attorney and she will be running on the independent line for the integrity party on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she has been a prosecutor for seventeen years and gave a little background on herself. She pointed out that she could save the District Attorney's Office a lot of money. She introduced David Mashewske who she pointed out she would put on part time and get rid of a position that pays \$35,000 full time annually.

4. Approve Monthly Accounting for August 2013

**Resolution 2013-117** to approve the monthly accounting for August 2013 was made by Castner and seconded by Christensen.

Bruce Castner	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Nate Olney	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

5. Approve Justice's Audit for August 2013

**Resolution 2013-118** to approve the Justice's audit for August 2013 was made by Olney and seconded by Christensen.

Nate Olney	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

6. Planning Board Report

Lange stated that there is another Planning Board Member who would like to resign due to health concerns.

Lange stated that she could write an article for the paper explaining what Planning Board Members do. She will try to get it in the paper for free instead of running an ad. The sign board will also be placed out in front of the Town Hall looking for Planning Board Members.

Lange let the Board know that the Planning Board will be reviewing a kennel application.

Christensen asked what the status was with the cemetery concerns that were brought up to the Town Board a couple months ago. Lange stated that the History Group realizing the financial situation of the Town has decided to withdraw their requests. They are going to try to take other avenues but may come back to the Board with their concerns in the future.

7. Highway Superintendent's Comments/Concerns

(Superintendent Wheeler absent)

Wright stated that the Highway Crew finished the bridge today. The project is now completed.

Farnan's concern with the tree stump on Gray Road is tabled until Wheeler is present at the meeting. Wright pointed out that he doesn't believe it should be removed unless it is a safety hazard.

8. Code Enforcement/Watershed Report

Griffin gave the Board his report and stated that he sent out second notices for inspections that still need to be done.

9. Coordinated Assessment Agreement

**Resolution 2013-119** to accept and to have the Supervisor sign the Coordinated Assessment Agreement with the Town of Starkey was made by Castner and seconded by Crosby.

Bruce Castner	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Nate Olney	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye

0-Noes

10. Attorney David English Retiring

Supervisor Wright stated that Attorney English is retiring and the Town will need to look for someone to take his place.

11. Yates County Planning Board-Barrington Representative

Lange is going to look further into getting someone to fill the Barrington seat on the Yates County Planning Board.

**Resolution 2013-120** to appoint John Kuehn as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals taking Carolyn Merritt's term ending December 31, 2013 was made by Christensen and seconded by Castner.

Ken Christensen	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Nate Olney	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

12. Grant Resolution

Supervisor Wright explained that Renee Crofoot would like the Board to pass a resolution giving her permission to apply for the 2013-2014 JCAP grant for the Justice Department.

Christensen explained that he didn't think that Crofoot should be applying for this since she hasn't actually been voted in as Justice yet. He stated that election is November 5<sup>th</sup> and there could be a write in. Perry stated that it doesn't necessarily have to be the Justice of the Town that applies for the grant and they are on a tight time schedule to get it done.

Castner had concerns that this grant could cost the Town more money in the future.

**Resolution 2013-121** to authorize Joy L. C. Perry to apply for a 2013-2014 JCAP Grant was made by Olney and seconded by Castner.

Nate Olney	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye

0-Noes

### 13. Elected/Appointed Officials Concerns

Lange stated that the Fracking Committee would like the Town Board to attend their November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting which starts at 6:30 pm. The Committee would like to give the Board a small presentation of what they have accomplished to date. Wright will not be able to attend. Castner will attend.

Supervisor Wright stated that he would like to put together a budget committee, other than himself. He appointed Calvin Crosby and Bruce Castner. They agreed.

### 14. Public Participation on Agenda Items

Sheila Foster expressed her concerns regarding increasing taxes.

### 15. Pay General Bills

**Resolution 2013-122** to pay the general bills numbered 226 through 247 in the amount of \$8,535.64 which have been audited by the Town Board was made by Castner and seconded by Olney.

Bruce Castner	Aye
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Nate Olney	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Ken Christensen	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye

0-Noes

16. Pay Highway Bills

**Resolution 2013-123** to pay the highway bills numbered 214 through 245 in the amount of \$42,932.27 which have been audited by the Town Board was made by Christensen and seconded by Crosby.

Ken Christensen	Aye
Calvin Crosby	Aye
Fred Wright	Aye
Nate Olney	Aye
Bruce Castner	Aye

0-Noes

17. Next Meeting-October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

The next Town Board meeting will be October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

18. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm was made by Olney and seconded by Castner.

5-Ayes (Castner, Christensen, Crosby, Olney, Wright) 0-Noes

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Joy L. C. Perry, RMC, Town Clerk*