

**TOWN OF SARATOGA TOWN BOARD
MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
12 SPRING ST., SCHUYLERVILLE, NY**

**January 11, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Thomas Wood opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call: Town Clerk, Linda McCabe, called the roll: Supervisor Thomas Wood-present, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – present, Councilman James Jennings – present, Councilman Gary Squires - present, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - present.

Also present: Deputy Town Clerk Michelle Conover, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Gil Albert, Highway Superintendent Don Ormsby Jr., Town Attorney William Reynolds, Bookkeeper Pat Temple, Wendy Lukas, Terri J. Korb, Steve Thurston, Paul Murphy, someone with zoom name as Computer, another zoom name as iPad, Margaret McShane.

Supervisor Thomas Wood asked for a Moment of Silence in memory and honor of Margaret (Marge) Kirkpatrick, our Tax Collector, who passed away on December 31, 2020. He asked all present to please offer up a prayer for her and her family.

Recognitions/Presentations/ Bid openings/Public Hearings:

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS:

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, the following **Resolution #21-01 - Setting the Rules of the Board**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

Resolution #21-01 - setting the “Rules of the Board”:

WHEREAS, §63 of the Town Law provides that the Town Board may determine the rules of its procedures; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following Rules of Order be and the same are hereby adopted pursuant to §63 of the Town Law:

RULES OF ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA

1. The Supervisor shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall preserve order and decorum in debate.
2. The Board shall be called to order by the Supervisor. A quorum must be present in order to conduct business of the Town. A quorum shall be defined as three members of the Town Board.
3. The Supervisor, immediately following the opening of every regular meeting of the Board, shall proceed to the regular order of Town business as follows: Roll Call, Approval of Minutes, Town Clerk’s Report, Zoning Officer’s Report, Dog Control Officer’s Report, Town Court Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Historian’s Report, Assessor’s Report, Highway Superintendent’s Report, Supervisor’s Report, Public comments on agenda items, Committee Reports,

- Old Business, New Business, Communications, Privilege of the Floor, Auditing Bills, Establishment of the Next Regular Meeting, Adjournment.
4. Public Hearings: It shall be the duty of the Supervisor to preside at all general or special business hearings, to instruct all persons addressing the Board to state their names, addresses, and to state whether they are for or against the proposal. Those in favor of the proposal before the Board should speak first and those in opposition should speak last. At such hearings the Board may have special rules and prescribe the time to be allotted as 3 minutes to each speaker. Once all persons wishing to speak have spoken once, any person wishing to speak a second time may do so for a maximum of 2 minutes.
 5. At the close of the public hearing as provided for in paragraph "4" above, the Supervisor may grant any member of the general public in attendance at such meeting a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any question or subject in which the Town is concerned.
 6. Every resolution or motion must be seconded before being put to a vote by the Supervisor and all resolutions or motions shall be recorded in their entirety in the official minutes of the Town Board.
 7. The Supervisor may offer or second a resolution or a motion and need not relinquish the chair for such purpose.
 8. No motion or resolution may be brought to a vote except by the majority consent of those present unless printed or typewritten copies thereof are presented to each member of the Town Board 48 hours prior to the opening of the meeting at which such motion or resolution is offered.
 9. No member shall speak more than once on any questions until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, no more than twice, in any case, without leave of the Town Board.
 10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained unless (a) for an adjournment or recess, (b) for the previous question to lay on the table, (c) to postpone to refer to a committee, or (d) to amend.
 11. A majority vote of all the members of the Town Board shall be required to suspend these rules of order. A majority of the Town Board shall constitute a quorum.
 12. If the above stated rules are or become at any time in conflict with the statutory law, the statutory law shall take precedence.
 13. No member of the public shall engage in any demonstration, booing, hand clapping or otherwise disrupt the formality of a Town Board meeting.
 14. Any persons speaking to the Town Board with the consent of the Supervisor shall address their remarks to the Town Board, not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate. Residents will be limited to speaking for three minutes unless extended by permission of the majority consent of the Town Board. All persons speaking will be given respect and courtesy and in return are expected to be respectful and courteous. The use of profane and inappropriate language is not acceptable.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, the following **Resolution #21-02 through 21-14 & #21-16 through #21-22 - Organizational Designations and Appointments**, were adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye. **Carried 5 – 0**

- ❖ **Resolution #21-02** - setting the meeting time and place for the agenda meeting as the Thursday preceding the regular Town Board meeting, which is set as the 2nd Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-03** - designating the Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Company as the official bank depository.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-04** - designating *The Saratogian* as the official newspaper for the Town.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-05** - authorizing the Supervisor to invest idle cash balances.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-06** authorizing the Supervisor to submit claims for state aid for youth recreation programs.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-07** - authorizing the Supervisor to execute & pay contracts & annual appropriations as provided in the budget.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-08** - approving the salaries & highway scale of wages and additional benefits as set forth in the 2020 budget.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-09** - appointing the Supervisor as health insurance administrator.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-10** - authorizing the Supervisor to pay bills of utility, fuel, gas, oil, credit card & any discounted bills without prior audit and providing that bills are presented at first available meeting for audit.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-11** - authorizing the Highway Superintendent to spend/purchase up to \$2,000 without prior notice to Town Board.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-12** - setting the mileage rate for actual town business at \$.56 cents per mile.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-13** - setting the election inspector rates at \$100 and machine custodians at \$75 per machine for Special Elections.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-14** - appointing Ed Cross as Dog Control Officer.
- ❖ *Resolution #21-15 will be discussed after executive session at the request of Councilman James Jennings.*
- ❖ **Resolution #21-16** - appointing the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer (Zoning Officer) as Gilman Albert.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-17** - appointing Gilman Albert as the Fire Code Officer.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-18** - appointing Linda McCabe as Registrar of Vital Statistics, Clerk to the Planning Board and Clerk to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-19** - appointing Dr. Christopher Thomas as the Health Officer.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-20** - appointing Kenneth Martin as the Engineer for the Town.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-21** - appointing Edward A. Scalo as Armed Court Officer.
- ❖ **Resolution #21-22** - appointing Dorothy Lavazzo as part-time Assessor's Clerk.

Supervisor Thomas Wood made the following annual appointments:

- ❖ **Deputy Supervisor** – Councilman Michael McLoughlin
- ❖ **Bookkeeper** - Patricia Temple
- ❖ **Payroll Clerk** - Jennie McReynolds
- ❖ **Town Historian** - Sean Kelleher
- ❖ **Deputy Town Historian** - Patricia Peck
- ❖ **Highway Committee:** Councilman Gary Squires and Councilman James Jennings
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- ❖ **Youth Committee:** Councilman Michael McLoughlin
- ❖ **Senior Citizen Committee:** Supervisor Thomas Wood and Councilman James Jennings
- ❖ **Insurance Committee:** Supervisor Thomas Wood and Councilwoman Ruth Drumm
- ❖ **Landfill Committee:** Supervisor Thomas Wood, Councilman Gary Squires and Councilman James Jennings
- ❖ **Park Committee:** Supervisor Thomas Wood, Councilman Gary Squires, Councilman James Jennings, Councilman Michael McLoughlin, and Councilwoman Ruth Drumm.

The following annual appointments were made by elected officials and read by Supervisor Thomas Wood:

- ❖ **Town Clerk Linda McCabe** appoints Michelle Conover as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- ❖ **Town Justice Daniel Waldron and Town Justice Charles Sherman** appoint Bonnie Williams and Jennifer Johnston as part-time Court Clerks.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember James Jennings and seconded by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, **to accept the minutes of the December 14th Regular Remote meeting, December 29th Special Remote meeting and December 30th, 2020 Special Remote Year-End Audit meeting as written.** Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye. **Carried 5 - 0**

Town Clerk's report for December 2020: Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the Animal Population Control Program \$43.00. Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$124.72. Fees paid to the New York State Health Department for Marriage licenses \$22.50. Dog license fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$185.00. Clerk fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$84.78. Total State and Local Revenues received were \$460.00.

Zoning Officer's report for December 2020: 7 Building Permits, 15 Building Inspections, 10 Certificates of Occupancy, 0 Junkyard Permits, 0 Complaints, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Order to Remedy, 2 misc., 8 Building Permit Renewals and 0 Property Maintenance Inspections. A check for \$4,051.00 was given to Supervisor Thomas Wood.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Gil Albert asked if the Board read his submittal that was included in their packets. He said Drew Alberti was incorrect last month when he told the Board that the \$26,000 – \$27,000 spent on a particular property went for sewer issues. The report clearly shows none of the money went for that and they then dumped it all after only 3 years and gave them a new mobile home. That was done through the village and the town. He believes the applications need to include any work that's been done within the past 5 years on a property, whether through a grant or out of pocket of the owner. Supervisor Thomas Wood completely agreed and said that was a waste of \$27,000.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Gil Albert added that Drew told him they destroy the trailers they replace.

Councilman James Jennings stated he knows of one that wasn't destroyed and Gil should check that out.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Gil Albert noted he will reach out to Drew and ask to see the paperwork on the property that Councilman James Jennings spoke of. He wants to see the certificate from Showcase Homes showing it was destroyed, as they are the responsible party for removing them; Supervisor Thomas Wood agreed that is the way to proceed.

Dog Control officer's report for December 2020: The following report was read by Supervisor Thomas Wood: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer answered 27 complaints, took 0 dogs to the shelter, 1 bite case, traveled 26 miles, issued 20 warnings and 16 summons' were issued.

Town Court report for December 2020: No report

Tax Collector's report for December 2020: Town & County Property tax bills were mailed out to all Town property owners on December 30, 2020. The following report was submitted by Assistant Tax Collector Rose Decker: Assistant Tax Collectors Rose Decker and Dorothy Lavazzo have now been trained by BAS on the tax collecting program. As of Friday, January 8, 2021, 191 residents had paid their tax bills, which brought the total amount collected to \$185,018.95.

Please Note: *All taxes are to be paid by mail, in the drop box in the Town Hall lobby or on-line, due to COVID-19.*

The Town offices will be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Historian's report for December 2020: Historian Sean Kelleher submitted an annual report summarizing the 2020 monthly reports he has previously submitted to the Town of his activities and achievements; the multi-page summary report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Assessor's report December 2020: No report.

Highway Superintendent's report for December 2020

- ❖ Pothole patching, culverts and washouts addressed
- ❖ Delineators replaced or repaired
- ❖ Tree limb trimming, mailbox repairs and light ditching completed on Duell Rd.
- ❖ Hauled crusher run to replace stock pile
- ❖ Replaced starter on Truck 9 and inspected Truck 4
- ❖ Changed sidewinder hose on Truck 2 and sidewinder ram on Truck 6
- ❖ Replaced wing ram on Truck 3
- ❖ Worked on grizzly and ramp install
- ❖ Sterilized truck cabs and garage twice
- ❖ Had 1 employee under self-quarantine
- ❖ Sanded for 3 storms and plowed for 2
- ❖ Thanking Marty Hanehan, Chris Koval, Schuylerville DPW and Saratoga County DPW for their help with the surprise 32" snowstorm

Supervisor's report: Supervisor Thomas Wood reviewed the 2020 Goals with the Board. He stated due to covid-19 there were setbacks in accomplishing all of the goals, but they will continue working to accomplish them in the new year. He asked the Board members to think about goals they would like to see accomplished within this year and to bring them to the next meeting. He then stated they will review and adopt the 2021 Goals at the February regular meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2020

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)

Balance on hand 12/1/2020	\$ 621,533.50
Revenues	+ 47,249.56
Disbursements	- <u>101,555.70</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$ 567,227.36

GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)

Balance on hand 12/1/2020	\$1,772,294.34
Revenues	+ 103,862.41
Disbursements	- <u>21,398.05</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$1,854,788.70

HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)

Balance on hand 12/1/2020	\$ 915,685.69
Revenues	+ 31,452.44
Disbursements	- <u>143,725.12</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$ 803,413.01

SCHUYLER PARK CAPITAL PROJECT 12/31/2020	\$167,314.18
YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE 12/31/2020	\$ 8,673.85
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE 12/31/2020	\$ 302,331.30
BUILDING RESERVE 12/31/2020	\$ 436,732.49
SCENIC BY WAYS QRTRLY 12/31/2020	\$ 311.77
PARKS RESERVE 12/31/2020	\$ 426,956.55
TRUST & AGENCY 12/31/2020	\$ 34,792.09
HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT 2 12/31/2020 (holding checks until funds are deposited)	\$ 113.53
HISTORIC HUDSON HOOSICK RIVER 12/31/2020 PARTNERSHIP	\$ 12,717.46
PROPERTY TAX CAP RESERVE 12/31/2020	\$ 1,311.00

December 2020 Sales Tax Received - \$100,492.00

November 2020 Mortgage Tax Received - \$33,447.50

December 2020 Mortgage Tax Received - \$34,038.50

Public comments on agenda items: Wendy Lukas addressed the Board.

Committee reports:

Landfill: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Youth: No report.

Senior Citizens: No report.

Park Committee: No report.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM): No report.

WEMS, QSFD Reports:

Assistant Fire Chief Don Ormsby reported that Quaker Springs Fire Department had a total of 122 calls for 2020.

Pat Temple stated WEMS met last night. She said some revenue was down, they've made some personnel cuts and they've been picking up a lot of covid-19 people; all in all, they are doing well.

Old business: Supervisor Thomas Wood asked Town Attorney William Reynolds to give an update on hydrofracking.

Attorney William Reynolds said he's talked with Town Engineer Ken Martin, who had sent him material from an engineering magazine with an article on hydrofracking, and in turn he's sent that information to Supervisor Thomas Wood. Aside from that, he's at the same place as last month. He doesn't believe there is a ban on hydrofracking anywhere within the state of New York, he serves at the pleasure of the Board and will do whatever they want him to do.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Gil Albert stated in 2012, when a dozen homes/wells along Saratoga Lake had serious issues due to hydrofracking having been done for the Brown Rd. PUD, the Planning and Zoning Boards were on board for banning hydrofracking in the Lake Residential District, Rural District II and any new high density development areas, to prevent such problems. He added NYS Ag & Market laws trump anything the Town would do, so the farmers are protected. He also questioned who's responsible and why should someone else damage your well and not pay restitution? He believes if anyone present had their own well seriously damaged by another person or company, they'd want restitution.

Supervisor Thomas Wood stated, to Gil's point, the high density areas need to be addressed. Town Attorney William Reynolds, Gil Albert and the Board discussed possible means of protecting neighboring properties, such as looking at the geology of the area pre-hydrofracking, neighbor notification and keeping hydrofracking at certain distances, perhaps 1000' – 2000' away from boundary lines. Supervisor Thomas Wood said they will keep working on this.

Supervisor Thomas Wood added work is continuing on the Burgoyne Rd. Canoe Launch.

New business: Supervisor Thomas Wood stated there is now a vacancy for the position of tax collector for the balance of 2021. We will advertise that position and make the appointment at the March meeting. The appointment will be for the balance of 2021, then this position will be on the ballot at the next election, in November 2021.

On a motion by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember James Jennings, the following **Resolution #21-23 – Authorization to Renew Inter-Municipal Agreement with Town of Northumberland – Board of Assessment Review**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is required by §523 of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with another municipality when a property assessment complaint has been filed by a Board of Assessment Review member, where they have a direct or indirect interest in the property; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Northumberland so that any such complaint can be heard by their respective Boards of Assessment Review; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the form of such agreement shall be subject to prior review and approval by the Attorney for the town.

On a motion by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm, the following **Resolution #21-24 – Planning Board Reappointment – Laurie Griffen**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the term of Planning Board Member Laurie Griffen has expired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga reappoints Laurie Griffen for a seven year term as Member of the Planning Board, from 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2027.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember James Jennings, the following **Resolution #21-25 – Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointment – Steve Mehan**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the term of ZBA Member Steve Mehan has expired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga reappoints Steve Mehan for a five year term as Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals from 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2025.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, the following **Resolution #21-26 – Approval to Enter into Contract for Fire Protection with the Village of Victory**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas

Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 – 0.

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize entering into the fire protection contract with the Village of Victory, for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and will provide consideration to the Village of Victory in the amount of \$13,551.00. The full agreement is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the form of such contract shall be subject to prior review and approval by the attorney for the Town.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember James Jennings, the following **Resolution #21-27 – Approval to Enter into Contract for Fire Protection with the Village of Schuylerville**, was adopted by vote:

Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye. **Carried 5 – 0.**

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize entering into the fire protection contract with the Village of Schuylerville, for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and will provide consideration to the Village of Schuylerville in the amount of \$38,317.00. The full agreement is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the form of such contract shall be subject to prior review and approval by the town attorney.

Communications: None

Privilege of the floor: Wendy Lukas, 77 Green St., addressed the Board.

Upcoming meetings:

- ❖ Regular Remote Zoom Town Board meeting – Monday, February 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Audit the Bills:

On a motion by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, the following **Resolution #21-28 - Approving the Payment of Bills in Abstract 14G of 2020**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5– 0.

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in **Abstract 14G (2020) in the following amounts:**

General Fund DB	No. 970, 971	\$ 186.58
General Fund A	No. 966, 973 – 986	\$ 20,556.37
General Fund B	No. 965, 972	\$ 289.80
Schuylers Park	No. 967	<u>\$ 72.03</u>

Grand Total \$ 21,104.78

Audit the Bills: On a motion by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm, the following **Resolution #21-29 - Approving the Payment of Bills in Abstract 1G (2021)** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 - 0

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in **Abstract 1G of 2021 in the following amounts:**

General Fund DB	No. 32, 33	\$ 1,332.26
General Fund A	No. 12 - 30	\$ 17,014.59
General Fund B	No. 31	\$ <u>270.00</u>

Grand Total \$ 21,104.78

Town Attorney William Reynolds stated we still have the WEMS contract to approve. Town Clerk Linda McCabe responded she's not received any information concerning that. Town Attorney William Reynolds apologized and suggested, as the contract hasn't changed, the Board authorize the Supervisor to enter into contract, as Town Attorney William Reynolds will get the proper amount in it. The Board agreed.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm, the following **Resolution #21-30 – Approval to Enter into an Agreement for Emergency Medical Services with Wilton Emergence Squad**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga is authorized by virtue of Section 122 (B) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York to provide general ambulance service for the town; and

WHEREAS, the **WILTON EMERGENCY SQUAD INC.** has trained and experienced personnel and is certified by the Department of Health of the State of New York as an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the WEMS is desirous of furnishing emergency medical services to the town under the terms and conditions set forth in the Emergency Medical Services agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize entering into the Emergency Medical Services with the **WILTON EMERGENCY SQUAD, INC.**, for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and will provide consideration in the amount of \$324,694.00. The full agreement is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of such contract shall be subject to prior review and approval by the town attorney.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, **to Enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel issues, at 7:34 p.m.** Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael

McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 - 0

A motion was made by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, **to Exit Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.** No action was taken.

Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye. **Carried 5 – 0**

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to reappoint William Reynolds as Attorney for the Town.

On a motion by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm, the following **Resolution #21-15 – Authorization to Enter into Contract for Attorney Services**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 - 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined it is in the Town’s interest to have the services of William F. Reynolds as an attorney for the Town as needed; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign a contract with William F. Reynolds for attorney services for 2021 in the amount of \$30,000 for general legal services for Town business.

A motion was made by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, **to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.** Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm - aye.

Carried 5 - 0

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. McCabe
Town Clerk