

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsborg Regular Board Meeting October 16, 2012
Held at the Sodom Community Center (Scout Hall), Bakers Mills, NY.**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsborg held on Thursday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Sodom Community Center (Scout Hall), Bakers Mills, NY. Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. Ronald Vanselow; Town Councilmen/ Eugene Arsenault, Arnold Stevens; Town Clerk/ William Rawson. Councilmen Katharine Nightingale and Peter Olesheski, Jr were absent.

Guests: On attached list

RESOLUTION NO. 221

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault, to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2012, regular Town Board meeting as written. With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

(Councilperson Katharine Nightingale entered the meeting at 7:03pm)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from the local members of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting that the Town Board allow them to rent the Wevertown Community Center to hold weekly meeting on Mondays starting on November 12, 2012 between the hours of 7:00pm and 9:30pm.
2. An email notification from the Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference announcing the conference would be held on January 30, 2013 at the Saratoga Springs City Center and giving fees and contact information.

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Wevertown Community Center was available on Mondays starting on November 12, 2012 between the hours of 7:00pm and 9:30pm for the weekly meeting of the local members of Alcoholics Anonymous and asked if the Town Board wished to allow the long term use request by this organization.

RESOLUTION NO. 222

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, that the Town Board will grant the request from the local members of Alcoholics Anonymous and will allow that organization the long term use of the Wevertown Community Center beginning on November 12, 2012 between the hours of 7:00pm and 9:30pm for their weekly meeting. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow reminded the Town Board that at the previous Town Board meeting (October 2, 2012) the members had approved the hiring of the contractor with the lowest quote to perform weed harvesting in the pond at the Ski Bowl Park. The insurance cost would prohibit this, however, the individual could be hired as a contract employee and the Town could provide liability insurance only at no additional expense.

RESOLUTION NO. 223

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, to authorize the hiring of Mr. Peter Morehouse as a contract employee by the Town of Johnsbury and further, to place said employee on the Town of Johnsbury liability insurance policy for the duration of the weed harvesting project in the pond at the Ski Bowl Park. With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

(Councilman Peter Olesheski, Jr. entered the meeting at 7:06pm)

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that a payment from the State of New York in the amount of \$57,468.87 was received and that it is a "pass through" to be sent to Warren County Planning Department. This is due to the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor grant structure and the funds will be divided up by Warren County and be returned to participating Towns. Supervisor Vanselow said that this was an informational item as the payment to Warren County Planning Department is in the warrant payments tonight.

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that he was pleased to announce that he has received a packet of information from the NYS Department of Transportation which includes the notification of approval of the purchase of the NYS right of way property adjacent to the Town of Johnsbury Highway garage by the Town of Johnsbury for the previously mentioned price of \$5700.00. Supervisor Vanselow explained that a deposit of \$570.00 and completed agreements to purchase were required to continue the purchase process which will be reviewed and approved by the Office of the NYS Attorney General. Supervisor Vanselow said that this could provide the Town with additional sand for a few years. Mr. Arsenault asked if there was any idea of the time frame for the NYS Attorney General to complete the documentation for the sale; Supervisor Vanselow replied that it could take some months. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was appreciative of the work on this project by Mr. Robert Nettle. Supervisor Vanselow asked for an authorization to execute the binder.

RESOLUTION NO. 224

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, to authorize and direct that the Town Supervisor execute the binder and pay the ten percent deposit in the amount of \$570.00 to move forward the purchase of the NYS right of way property adjacent to the Town of Johnsbury Highway garage by the Town of Johnsbury with the full purchase price of said property understood to be \$5700.00. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow updated the Town Board on the Denton property cleanup. The cleanup

has begun; there is a tremendous amount of material to be cleaned up. Two containers have been filled and more could be filled if they were available. Supervisor Vanselow said that material is currently being stockpiled and that he is looking into the possibility of hiring Galusha Trucking which has a tandem dump truck which could haul the equivalent of two containers at one time.

Supervisor Vanselow explained that at the last meeting a resolution was passed by the Town Board to go to bid on ceiling repair at the Wevertown Community Center. Following discussions as to the scope of the work Supervisor Vanselow polled the Town Board to change the bid to a request for proposal and the advertisement was placed in that manner. Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board rescind Resolution Number 217.

RESOLUTION NO. 225

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski, that the Town Board of Johnsbury acts to rescind Resolution Number 217 of 2012 which authorized the Town Clerk to advertise the bid for the Wevertown Community Center main floor and basement ceilings replacement for two weeks in the North Creek News-Enterprise; and further, to set the date and time for the final acceptance of bids at 12:00 pm on November 8, 2012 and further, that the bid opening will be at 7:00pm at the November 8, 2012 Town Board meeting at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow requested that the Town Board ratify the action he took in placing the advertisement in the manner of a request for proposal to be advertised for two weeks in the North Creek News-Enterprise and to open the proposals at 7:00pm at the November 8, 2012 Town Board meeting at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 226

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, to ratify the action of the Town Supervisor in advertising for two weeks in the North Creek News-Enterprise the request for proposal for the repair/replacement of the ceilings on the main floor and basement at the Wevertown Community Center; and further, to set the date and time for the final acceptance of request for proposals at 12:00 pm on November 8, 2012 and further, that the opening of the request for proposal will be at 7:00pm at the November 8, 2012 Town Board meeting at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow explained that there had been some problems with the alarm panel at the Highway Garage; some component parts need to be replaced. Supervisor Vanselow noted that the cost for the repairs by Foresight Electronic Monitoring Systems would be approximately \$1029.00. Secretary Cherie Ferguson explained that this could be considered an emergency issue as the alarm system at the Highway Garage is completely non-functioning. Sect. Ferguson added that it was questionable if Foresight Electronic Monitoring Systems would monitor the panel with other companies' parts in the operation. Supervisor Vanselow said that there was

currently no operating alarm system at the Highway Garage; he asked if the Town Board wished to declare this an emergency and direct it to be repaired as quickly as possible using the \$1029.00 estimate.

RESOLUTION NO. 227

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault, to declare the condition of having no functioning alarm system panel at the Town of Johnsbury Highway Garage to be an emergency, and therefore not subject to obtaining quotes under the procurement policy in the interest of establishing alarm service as quickly as possible. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow explained that the Town Board had received the 2013 Tentative budget at the previous Town Board meeting and that he was prepared to discuss the 2013 budget with the Town Board members at this time. Supervisor Vanselow said that he expected that the Assessor's exemption report should be added to the budget and that following discussions with the Highway Department employees that the current health insurance plan seems to be the choice to continue. Supervisor Vanselow also asked that the Town Board amend the 2013 Tentative budget to include health insurance funding for an additional Highway Department employee as one more full time hire is expected. Supervisor Vanselow said that the increase would be about \$14,000.00 dollars. Supervisor Vanselow asked if there were any additional discussion points from the Town Board members.

Mr. Arsenault asked if the current high deductible plan was continuing; Supervisor Vanselow said that it was. Mr. Arsenault asked if the Town was supplying deductible funding as in the past. Secretary Cherie Ferguson said that the Town would fund one half of the deductible as that is now the maximum allowed by the insurance carrier. That amount would now be \$750.00 for individuals and \$1500.00 for families. Mr. Arsenault asked if this amount was in the 2012 Town Budget. Supervisor Vanselow said that the one-half deductible amount was in the 2012 Budget. Mr. Arsenault asked if the Highway employees understood and agreed to this. Supervisor Vanselow explained that they had been informed and that the employees had balanced that against the other cap and co-pay and deductible charges. Mr. Arsenault said that he believed that there was a similar plan with the funding being allowable; Sect. Ferguson said that the other plan had several drawbacks according to the employees and that it also was a much lower increase than in prior years. Mr. Arsenault said that the main responsibility is to cover a catastrophic event.

Mr. Arsenault asked if the revenue from the mortgage tax was still a good number. Supervisor Vanselow said that it was a guess; but that it was a reasonable one and that he was trying not to be too conservative or too high in his estimate. Supervisor Vanselow said that he believes that sales are up and he expects the revenue to increase for 2013.

Mr. Arsenault asked about the decrease in the liability insurance expense. Supervisor Vanselow said that there has been a fairly consistent drop due to the rebate from NYMIR and that is the basis for the reduction.

Mr. Arsenault asked if the payment to the Hudson Headwaters Health Center has been reduced. Supervisor Vanselow said that it was reduced to \$24,000.00 from the \$28,000.00 payment of the 2012 budget. Mr. Arsenault said that he did not agree with the reduction last year

and what was his justification. Supervisor Vanselow said that money was still tight and that while he understood that the payment was for keeping the health center operating that there were no specifics as to what the payment supported. Mr. Arsenault said that he was concerned that according to Hudson Headwaters Health Center officials there could be a loss of hours and days of operation. Mr. Arsenault said that a requirement of some of the grant funding which the Hudson Headwaters Health Center receives is a contribution from the local municipality. Mr. Arsenault would like to have a representative from Hudson Headwaters Health Center come to the next Town Board meeting for a discussion of funding levels and possible increased operations at the North Creek center. Supervisor Vanselow said that there was some room to allow for an increase if the Town Board wished to add to the Hudson Headwaters Health Center payment. Mr. Arsenault would like to see the amount restored to the \$32,000.00 level of 2011. Mr. Olesheski said that he would like some additional information to explain the reduction; he said that he would not support a return to \$32,000.00 without additional information. Mr. Olesheski said that he wondered what other Towns with health centers pay to their health centers. Supervisor Vanselow added that the Town of Minerva pays about \$15,000.00 annually to the North Creek health center. Mr. Arsenault said that he was not aware that payment was so high.

Mr. Arsenault asked the present situation of the funding for the North Creek Railroad Depot Preservation Association (NCRDPA). Supervisor Vanselow said that currently there is no funding for the NCRDPA. Supervisor Vanselow said that he would be willing to discuss the funding and legality of any payment to the NCRDPA. Mr. Arsenault asked if there had been any discussion regarding the legality of funding the NCRDPA. Mr. Arsenault asked if there was a way to create in-kind services to legalize the payment. Supervisor Vanselow said that he has spoken with previous Town Supervisor Sterling Goodspeed who said that he based the payment on the provision in NYS law allowing the Town to preserve historic structure. Supervisor Vanselow explained that following that line it was possible that funding the heat to preserve the diorama might be an acceptable position. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was planning to speak to officials from Glens Falls regarding funding of either the Chapman or the Hyde Museums. Mr. Olesheski explained that while he agreed with supporting the NCRDPA that he was not in favor of supporting the organization at the taxpayer supported funding levels of the previous years. Mr. Olesheski suggested other options based upon the NCRDPA budget such as: waiving use fees for the use of Town buildings such as Tannery Pond Community Center and suggesting corporate sponsorships being used more fully. Mr. Olesheski said that he was not in favor of providing funding for one not for profit when funding was not being provided for all similar organizations in Town. Mr. Arsenault said that he wanted to hear from the NCRDPA what additional funding sources they have found and which would allow the weaning process to occur. Supervisor Vanselow asked if the NCRDPA had had any success in finding alternative funding. Mrs. Helen Miner, Co-President of the NCRDPA, replied that an Occupancy Tax application was being worked on and that other grant funds were being sought. Mrs. Miner added that the other grants had been tried before with little success. Supervisor Vanselow said that he had recently become a member of the board of directors of the North Country Hardship Fund and suggested the services of Mr. Wes Dingman as a writer of successful grants. Mr. Arsenault said that the NCRDPA site seems to be vital to the Saratoga-North Creek Railroad operation and asked if the organization had been able to discuss funding with that operation.

Mrs. Miner replied that while some contact had been made that no funding arrangement had been reached and there had been no recent contact. Mr. Olesheski asked if the Town could help the NCRDPA in working on an arrangement with the Saratoga-North Creek Railroad. Mr. Arsenault asked Supervisor Vanselow to assist with initiating the conversation with the Saratoga-North Creek Railroad. Mr. David Bulmer said that Saratoga-North Creek Railroad was already spending a large amount of money in North Creek. Mrs. Miner asked if the NCRDPA was still zeroed out in the current 2013 budget. Supervisor Vanselow replied that at this time in the 2013 preliminary budget that it was still a zero, but that there is time for the Town Board to amend the budget prior to finalizing it. Mrs. Miner asked to be able to discuss the funding with Supervisor Vanselow prior to the finalizing of the budget and added that this was quite harsh.

Mr. Arsenault asked if it was correct that the increase of the NYS Retirement was not subject to the 2% budget cap. Supervisor Vanselow said that a portion of the increase was not subject to the tax cap. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was trying to budget in the 1% range of tax cap and that he had actually had the budget come in slightly under 1% due to an increase in the Town value as determined by NYS.

Mr. Olesheski said that a discussion of Occupancy Tax funding will have to be discussed and he asked what Supervisor Vanselow planned to fund using Occupancy Tax money. Supervisor Vanselow said that some budget lines will be funded from Occupancy Tax funding, such as fireworks, beautification and the Chamber of Commerce funding.

Mr. Arsenault asked when the decision on CHIPS funding is made by NYS. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was not sure.

Mr. Arsenault asked about Capital Projects funding. Supervisor Vanselow said that he planned to amend the budget for these projects when the amount left over is determined. Supervisor Vanselow added that he had not put very much retained funding in the general fund portion of the budget, but had included a large amount in the highway fund portion of the budget. Supervisor Vanselow said that he did not want to make unrealistic assumptions. Mr. Arsenault asked if these numbers will be available prior to finalizing the budget. Supervisor Vanselow replied that he did not think so. Mr. Arsenault asked if this would make the budget have extra funds which could have been used to lower the taxes. Supervisor Vanselow said that once the year ends then all available funds will go into the unreserved fund balance in the highway fund and will be placed in the capital projects funds at that time. Mr. Arsenault asked Supervisor Vanselow if he had a number in mind for the unreserved fund balance. Supervisor Vanselow said that he has a hope based on the sales tax returns so far this year and that he hoped to have about \$60,000.00. Supervisor Vanselow said that there were holes in this year's budget that he was trying to backfill. Supervisor Vanselow said that he expected to have the number in January or February of 2013. Mr. Arsenault asked what the sales tax was up this year. Supervisor Vanselow said that the sales tax was up about \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 plus what the fourth quarter brings in which may be about \$600,000.00. Mr. Stevens asked if there was money enough to replace the roof on the Town Hall next year. Supervisor Vanselow said that there tens of thousands of dollars in wishful thinking revenues this year and that he does not want that to happen again next year. Mr. Stevens said that it was possible that the Town Hall roof would be the only capital project for 2013. Supervisor Vanselow said that the library was seeking grant funding for roof replacement and that if the grant was not obtained that it could be the only major capital funds project. Mr. Olesheski asked if the unreserved fund balance had to be used in the

general fund. Supervisor Vanselow said that it should go to the general fund because it could be moved to the highway fund or the capital projects funds as needed. Mr. Stevens asked if the funding could be rolled over to increase the equipment line. Supervisor Vanselow said that with good bookkeeping and trust that that plan could be worked. Mr. Arsenault asked if there would be a discussion of the "carry-over" funds in the near future. Supervisor Vanselow said yes.

Mr. Arsenault said that he believes that the highway fund balance estimate of \$125,000.00 is too low and that there should be more money left over following the easy winter of last year. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was being conservative.

Mrs. Kelly Nettle asked if by keeping the budget increase too low that it limits the Town in the future. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was trying to keep the increase about 1 ½ percent to be fair and to allow for an increase in the future. Supervisor Vanselow said that he does see the benefit of small increases. Supervisor Vanselow said that by having the previous negative budgets have been a 1% to 1 ½ % increase would have increased the base by about \$60,000.00 this year.

Mr. Stevens said that it appears that Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock has had a larger amount of input in this budget than in previous years. Supervisor Vanselow said that he believes that he met Supt. Hitchcock's requests in all except the equipment line this year. Supervisor Vanselow said that he discussed the budget with many of the departments.

Mr. Olesheski asked if the \$33,000.00 for personal services included the trainee for the assessor. Supervisor Vanselow replied that it did. Mr. Olesheski asked about only having \$5,000.00 towards a reval and that with this there would be about \$10,000.00 towards a reval. Supervisor Vanselow and Mr. Arsenault both said that they believed that the amount would be about \$20,000.00 with the 2013 amount included. Mr. Olesheski said that it looked like it was good work. Mr. Arsenault said that it was a good start.

Mr. David Bulmer said that the public doesn't get to see the budget until just prior to it being moved to the final budget; he added that during the campaign debates that the candidates said that there would be budget discussions and workshops during the year. Mr. Bulmer said that there should be more time for input of both those groups seeking funding, and also, of the taxpayers who fund the budget. Mr. Olesheski said that the budget will be made available soon after the movement to preliminary and added that there will be three weeks instead of the two that the Town Board had upon receipt of the Tentative budget. Ms. Nightingale explained that the timing was a result of the NYS law. Mr. Bulmer said that the law doesn't preclude having meetings throughout the year to discuss budget items.

Supervisor Vanselow asked for a resolution to move the 2013 Tentative Budget to be the 2013 Preliminary Budget and to include the addition of the list of exemptions received from the Town Assessor and the change of the Highway Fund health insurance by an increase of \$14,910.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 228

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault as follows:

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer's Tentative Budget for the fiscal year of 2013 was filed with the Town Clerk on September 27, 2012 as mandated by law, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting conducted on October 2, 2012, the Tentative Budget was presented, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Budget Officer’s Tentative Budget for 2013 be adopted as a Preliminary Budget for 2013,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to amend the budget by the addition of the list of exemptions received from the Town Assessor since the presentation of the tentative budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to amend the budget by increasing the Highway Health Insurance (DA9060.8) by the amount of \$14,910.00 and also, the Unreserved Fund Balance Appropriated by \$14,910.00.

With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow then asked the Town Board to set a time for a public hearing on the proposed Town of Johnsbury 2013 Preliminary Town Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 229

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale as follows:

NOTICE of a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, New York for the year of 2013,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, New York for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 has been completed and filed in the Town Clerk’s office in the hamlet of North Creek in said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours;

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at 7:00pm on November 8, 2012 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York and that at such time and place any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained. After closing the Public Hearing, the regular Town Board meeting will continue,

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, that the following are the proposed yearly salaries of the Town Officers:

Supervisor -----	\$23,289.00
Justice of the Peace -----	\$12,720.00
Councilpersons (4) -----	\$ 4,147.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector -----	\$22,604.00
Highway Superintendent -----	\$45,238.00

With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that all of the radios of the Town of Johnsbury need to be reprogrammed and also, there may be the need to purchase radios to replace those which do not have the capacity to be reprogrammed to the narrow band which will be used by Warren County. Supervisor Vanselow said that he is looking into quotes for the reprogramming and/or new radios. Supervisor Vanselow said that this was informational at the moment and that he would keep the Town Board informed as to the progress on this issue.

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that the Tannery Pond Community Center Association had requested that the Town of Johnsbury hire a carpet cleaning service to clean the entrances. Supervisor Vanselow said that the carpets near the entrances are quite bad with stains. The quote received was \$584.00 with an additional charge of \$125.00 possible if the carpets required a second treatment. Mr. Olesheski asked who the quote was from; Supervisor Vanselow replied that it was from North Country Janitorial.

Mr. David Bulmer said that Wayne Hutchins did the carpets in The Exchange at a reasonable price and did a very good job. Secretary Cherie Ferguson said that the cost had originally been sought by the Town of Johnsbury Library and that the library had apparently decided not to pursue the cleaning at this time. Supervisor Vanselow said that they would keep looking.

Supervisor Vanselow explained that he has received the annual insurance policy for the youth sports programs insurance from Merriam Agency. The cost is approximately \$235.00 annually. Mr. Olesheski asked if the cost has come down; Secretary Cherie Ferguson said that this used to be covered by several adders and the single policy

RESOLUTION NO. 230

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, to authorize and direct that the Town Supervisor execute the binder for the youth sports program insurance policy from Merriam Insurance and to accept that the cost for this insurance policy is \$235.00 annually. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 231

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund (Total 22,652.04) - Claims #2012-826 through #2012-844; Highway Fund (Total \$13,104.80)- Claims #2012-840 and #2012-841 and #2012-843 through #2012-852 and #2012-865; North Creek Water Dist.(Total \$6898.73)- Claim #2012-826 and #2012-859 through #2012-863; Library Fund (Total \$980.41) - Claims #2012-853 through #2012-856; and Capital Projects Funds (Total \$2179.79) Claims #2012-838 and #2012-843 and #2012-857 and #2012-858 and #2012-867; Trust and Agency (Total \$57,468.87) Claim #2012-864; Johnsbury Fire Protection District (Total \$1607.56) Claim #2012-842; Total all warrants \$104,892.14. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. Kelly Nettle gave the Town Board an update on the Ski Bowl Park grant activities. Mrs. Nettle said that the plant order being facilitated by Volt Landscaping is being reviewed; it is getting late for many plants and so not much may be accomplished this season. The climbing rock is scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

Mrs. Nettle wanted to thank the following individuals and organizations have been very helpful in the recent improvements in the Ski Bowl Park: ORDA employees removed the fencing, Leon and Chris Morin moved and set a number of large rocks, Carol Lawrence and Jim Dwyer donated about 140 cubic yards of good dirt, Highway Superintendent Dan Hitchcock and the Highway Department employees moved the dirt, Barry and Virginia French donated

composted manure, Nettle Meadow Farm donated composted manure, Jim Magee came in with a price for concrete that was substantially lower than anyone else, Rob Wing of Volt Landscaping has offered to purchase plants at cost and to offer the assistance of his landscape designer at no charge, the Rozell family has offered a very good price on the crane to move the climbing rock when it arrives, Lee Keeler, Lewis Falzerano, Joe Connelly and Robert Nessel have volunteered hours on the project. Mr. Olesheski said that the Town should draft a resolution to thank the volunteers for their work and especially with Mr. Robert Nessel's work on the right of way property acquisition. Mr. Olesheski said that the Town should make a noticed resolution of thanks for the volunteers as this has been a deficiency previously. Supervisor Vanselow agreed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Arsenault with a second from Mr. Stevens at 8:26pm. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on November 8, 2012 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk