

Town of Johnsborg

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting - February 15, 2022

PRESENT: Andrea Hogan – Supervisor
Eugene Arsenault – Councilman
Arnold Stevens – Councilman
Jean Comstock – Town Clerk
Peter Olesheski – Councilman
Justin Gonyo – Councilman

1. Supervisor Hogan called the Meeting to order at 7:01PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tosha Gadway.
2. Approval of February 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION #22-32- Mr. Arsenault presented the following Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Gonyo – to accept the Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2022.

With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried (Mr. Olesheski abstained as he wasn't present for the 2/1/22 Meeting). Ayes – 4 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo); nays – 0.

3. Correspondence – Town Clerk read two e-mails. 1) requesting the \$2,500 Occupancy Tax funds that were not used for the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association (NCRDPA) in 2021 be carried over for restoration of the historic milk car. 2) requesting clarification of ORDA's use and control of Ski Bowl after the expiration date of 2037.
4. New Business:
 - a. Update from ORDA on the Ski Bowl Project: Mr. Bayse gave a detailed update on the work being done. No further update on interior plans at this time. The Board and public asked some great questions and had some useful feedback re: use of timber being harvested, what will the Yurt be used for after all the construction; parking concerns, food service, etc. Supervisor Hogan noted the great questions and input and thanked Mr. Bayse for all the updates.
 - b. Tosha Gadway asked for support from the Town for a Fishing Derby. Concern was raised that previously when the pond was stocked others came during the night and fished it all, which is why the Derby ended. But all still feel it's a great idea to get it started again. Looking at April 30, 2022, but will check with the stocking of it and confirm a date.
 - c. Mr. Gonyo gave an update on the Sewer Project. Cedarwood is working on revised plans; hoping to have final funding figures from USDA in a couple of weeks. Supervisor Hogan thanked Mr. Gonyo and the Committee for all their hard work.

- d. Cedarwood Contract –
RESOLUTION #22-33 – Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Gonyo – to approve the Cedarwood Contract. With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo, Olesheski); nays – 0.
- e. SEQRA for Ski Bowl Connector Trail – this had been done previously.
- f. Johnsbury EMS Contract – same contract, dates have been changed to this year. Mr. Connelly noted that they were close to forecasted revenue, just \$1,000 short. Also doing well with the Minerva merge. Mr. Connelly indicated they have a great group of paramedics, EMTs, etc. but they need to have benefits. Supervisor Hogan indicated that we’re watching what is happening in Lake George and mentioned the Governor’s proposed monies for EMS. Mr. Connelly indicated that Essex County would be a great model to follow and he has also talked with Warren County. Supervisor Hogan thanked Mr. Connelly for all his work and the Squad does for the area.
RESOLUTION #22-34 - Mr. Olesheski presented the following Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Gonyo – to approve the EMS Contract. With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo, Olesheski); Nays – 0.
- g. Occupancy Tax - there is \$86,000 – we’ll use \$60,000 as the usable amount as there may be some outstanding allocations. Mindy Pruninger did some research and work on a possible Kiosk outside on Main Street. Ms. Bowers gave the Board and Public an update on what it will look like. Maybe have Mindy do a presentation to better explain the process. Mr. Olesheski noted that it’s a good idea and would like to see a presentation and possibly see a working Kiosk in a nearby community. Supervisor Hogan noted that we will move forward with the Occupancy Tax Applications, we’ll leave it open for a month and discuss at the April 5, 2022 Board Meeting.
- h. Town Building Use COVID Policy – we’ll leave the policy as is, all on one form.
- i. Guardrail Project on Waddell Road – Highway Superintendent Comstock read quotes that were received for this work. Some were materials only, one was for materials and labor. Mr. Olesheski asked if this work was necessary as it was not budgeted, is there enough in the budget to complete? Mr. Comstock indicated that the work does need to be done, there is a bank with large boulders at the bottom and there is enough funds to do this project. Supervisor Hogan noted this is a Public Works project with a public hazard and potential liability and we can go with the company that will do all the work.
RESOLUTION #22-35 - Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Olesheski to approve the repairs on Waddell Road guardrail, not to exceed \$9,000. With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo, Olesheski); Nays – 0

- j. Contract for Comprehensive Plan Update – working on meeting the bid process. Mr. Gonyo asked where the guidance for the update was coming from? Supervisor Hogan noted that it was from the Town and planning. Mr. Arsenault asked if Supervisor Hogan was comfortable with the LCLGRP and should there be a meeting with the community to discuss needs? Supervisor Hogan stated that she was comfortable with LCLGRP and they are familiar with our area and needs. Mr. Gonyo asked who did the last plan? Dr. Lamb from Plattsburg. Mrs. Nessel noted that it's fine to have a professional do the plan with initial input from the public. Supervisor Hogan noted that they are local – Glens Falls, Queensbury area, and they do work with Hamilton and Essex County. Mr. Barton stated the LCLGRP is a top-notch organization.

RESOLUTION #22-36 - Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Arsenault to accept the Grant. With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo, Olesheski); Nays – 0

- k. Phone reimbursement – Supervisor Hogan indicated that Colin Mangan, the new ZEO uses his cell phone a lot when in and out of the office. Asking for approval of the \$25.00/month phone allowance for Colin.

RESOLUTION #22-37 - Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Olesheski to approve the \$25.00 monthly phone allowance for the ZEO. With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo, Olesheski); Nays – 0.

- 5. Committee Reports – none to report at this meeting.
- 6. Animal Control and Assessor reports are in packet. Supervisor Hogan ask if there were any concerns or questions? Mr. Arsenault asked if Assessor Williams could give a brief presentation on the process? Supervisor Hogan stated that she would ask Assessor Williams to speak at the next Board Meeting. It was also noted that there is a video on the Town website which is very useful as well.
- 7. Warrants – Supervisor Hogan asked if all Board Members reviewed the Warrants and if there were any questions?

RESOLUTION #22-38 - Mr. Arsenault presented the Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Stevens to approve the Warrants. With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo, Olesheski); Nays – 0.

GENERAL FUND:	\$41,537.81
WATER:	\$ 8,436.92
HIGHWAY:	\$22,825.66
LIBRARY:	\$ 1,032.81
TRUST & AGENCY	<u>\$ 732.44</u>
TOTAL	\$74,565.64

8. Privilege of the Floor – no input from the public.

9. Motion to Adjourn at 8:35PM.

RESOLUTION #22-39 - Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution and moved its passage with a Second Motion by Mr. Olesheski to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. With all Town Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo, Olesheski); Nays – 0

Next Town Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00PM at the
Tannery Pond Center and Zoom – link can be found
on the Town Website at <https://www.johnsburgny.com>

Prepared by:

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Town Clerk