

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury
Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/419559111>
March 24, 2020 7:00PM**

Supervisor Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

PRESENT: Andrea Hogan – Supervisor
Eugene Arsenault – Councilman
Arnold Stevens – Councilman
Laurie Arnheiter – Councilwoman
Justin Gonyo – Councilman
Kate Lorah -- Town Clerk

Supervisor Hogan discussed how to protect yourself and others from the Covid-19 virus and what steps the Town of Johnsbury is taking to handle things during this crisis. Supervisor also stated that everyone should check the Town's website and Facebook page for updates.

Approval of minutes March 3, 2020 meeting:

RESOLUTION #57-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays - 0

New Business:

- Landlord authorization form for ADK Ididaride

RESOLUTION #58-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the landlord authorization form for ADK Ididaride. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 1 (Stevens)

- Water billing

Mr. Gonyo from the water committee stated that the committee had decided not to recommend an increase in water rates at this time, but that bills should go out to customers at the normal time April 1st with an extension of time to pay them 90 days instead of the usual 30 days. Candace Lomax asked that if the board decided to approve this could she insert a note in the bills giving the extended time for payment and the board said yes.

RESOLUTION #59-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve extending the payment period for water bills to 90 days. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried.

Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Adopt water supply emergency response plan

Mrs. Hogan stated that the Town needs to adopt a water emergency plan. After some discussion it was decided that this should be tabled.

- Request from Highway Superintendent for new vehicle purchase

Several members of the Board had questions about the vehicle to be purchased and the highway fund so this was tabled until the April 7th meeting.

Old Business:

Mrs. Hogan announced that Ms. Williams' letter of qualification from NYS has been received and that her 6-month probationary period as Acting Assessor is over.

RESOLUTION #60-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to appoint Letitia Williams as the Sole Appointed Assessor for the Town of Johnsbury for the remainder of the 6 year term ending August 31, 2025. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried.

Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Amend resolution #52-20 setting date for public hearing to discuss local law to change the date for Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION #61-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to amend resolution #52-20 and set the date for a public hearing to discuss a change in the date for the Board of Assessment Review to April 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried.

Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays - 0

- Presentation of plan to conduct Reval in-house

Ms. Williams gave a presentation to the Board about the advantages of doing the Reval in-house, explaining that a great deal of money could be saved and that she is very confident that she can get it done by 2022, as Maxwell Appraisal Service had estimated per resolution #21-2020. Ms. Williams is asking for board approval to do the Reval in-house and hire possibly two part-time data collectors (1099 employees) temporarily.

RESOLUTION #62-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to rescind resolution #21-20 to hire Maxwell Appraisal Service to do a Reval for the Town of Johnsburg. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION #63-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to move forward with the in-house Reval led by Letitia Williams and accept the MOU with NYS Tax and Finance and create two part-time data collector positions. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays - 0

- SEQRA parts 2 and 3 for Sewer Map and Plan

Supervisor Hogan said that the Board would wait to do the SEQRA until a later date.

- Sewer Map and Plan Report

RESOLUTION #64-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to accept the Sewer Map and Report Plan for the purpose of satisfying the grant from DOS. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays - 0

Committee Reports:

Water – covered earlier in the meeting

Solid Waste – The Landfill is staying open but instead of taking cash and people having to buy tickets while the Town Hall is closed, the attendants will take names and addresses of people bringing trash and they will be billed later. Matt Olden checked and the hauling companies will continue to pick up waste and recycling as long as they are able.

Fire and EMS – Johnsbury EMS has been busy training the various fire departments on the use of PPE.

Buildings & Parks – Ms. Arnheiter reported on a conversation she had with Gore about the reopening of buildings when restrictions are over.

Personnel – Mr. Stevens said that they will be trying to keep in touch with employees while everyone is working from home or on furlough, trying to give encouragement to them.

Planning & Zoning – Danae Tucker stated that the review committee had meet and had a productive discussion about solar plans, and that the Planning Board and Zoning Boards did not meet during the month of March. She hadn't issued any permits either.

Marketing and Economic Development – Ms. Arnheiter reported that the

Broadband Symposium has been postponed until October. She also talked about the effects lost sales tax revenue could have on the OCC Tax program.

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$31,881.13)
Highway Fund (Total \$5,241.38)
Water District (Total \$11,557.79)
Public Library Fund (Total \$968.01)
Trust and Agency (\$114,937.20)
Total all warrants \$164,585.51

RESOLUTION #65-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the warrants. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Privilege of the floor:

Christine Hayes, Assessor from Horicon and Bolton Landing, stated that she had information that could help with the wording for the legal ad to be placed for moving the date for BAR.

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #66-20

At 8:12 pm Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to adjourn. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays - 0

Next meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2020
Online Zoom Meeting

Prepared by:

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