

**Town of Johnsbury
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Zoom Meeting
November 17, 2020 7:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 217 260 3617

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

Supervisor Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 and the pledge to the flag was led by Kelly Nettle.

Approval of Minutes November 5, 2020 meeting

Mr. Gonyo noted the following change to the November 5 minutes:

Mr. Gonyo discussed with the board the idea of financing a couple of new trucks and getting the highway department back on a replacement schedule, he said that **Fred Comstock** had spoken with North Star Funding.

RESOLUTION #178-20

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

New Business:

- Library Director

Kate Erwin introduced herself as the new Library Director, giving information on her background and looking forward to working on programs in and for the library.

- Presentation on SNAP by Supervisor Ben Driscoll

Ben Driscoll, representing Catholic Charities, wrote a message to the Board because of computer difficulties:

Two weeks ago today I was able to visit Adirondack Outreach Services food pantry and was able to assist five families interested in learning more about the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and possibly applying. Also, the HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) began on November 2nd. Senior citizens may either contact the Department of Social Services or the Warren County Office for the Aging.

He can be reached at 35 Broad Street, Glens Falls 12801, email: bdriscoll@swwcc.org or telephoned at (518) 793-6212 ext. 32 or (518) 424-7525.

- Medicare Insurance Rates for 2021

The 2021 Medicare Insurance Rate is about \$338 per individual for the same benefits program as 2020.

RESOLUTION #179-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the 2021 Medicare Insurance Rate. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Bookkeeper discussion

Ms. Hogan explained that the bookkeeper has requested a medical leave of absence for approximately six months. Mr. Stevens asked if the request was legitimate and Ms. Hogan answered that it is.

RESOLUTION #180-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to grant Diane Shaughnessy a medical leave of absence. Deb Runyan and Maja Scroggins will fill in on a part-time basis at a rate of \$19.75 per hour. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Want Ad posting**

RESOLUTION #181-20

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve placing ads for the highway position, ZEO, Animal Control Officer, and Winter Ski Program Director in the Sun only. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Old Business:

- Budget

RESOLUTION #182-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the 2021 budget as final. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Streetscape update

Ms. Hogan said the Streetscape work is proceeding well, but that there has been a water main break at the southern end of North Creek.

Committee Reports:

- Sewer update

The sewer committee has a meeting tomorrow. Warren County has asked for an update on the study done for the Build Grant to apply that information to the sewer project. This study would help in grant seeking.

ZEO, Assessor, and Animal Control Reports

In Board packets.

Supervisors Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #183-20

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

Ms. Hogan reminded everyone that COVID cases are rising and the holidays will be challenging. She is encouraging everyone to remain vigilant.

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$21,762.04)
Highway Fund (Total \$18,756.76)
Water District (Total \$1328.70)
Trust and Agency (\$563.24)
Total all warrants \$42,410.74

RESOLUTION #184-20

Ms. Arnheiter 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

Ms. Arnheiter spoke about this year's Lights On celebration. Most events will be virtual – processions will be videotaped and broadcast. The caboose will be

available for a walk-through and will be accepting donations of personal products. Ms. Hogan is organizing a holiday decoration contest. On Friday, December 4th, there will be a tree lighting at 5:30 pm. Cheryl Gillespie added that Tannery Pond will have ornament-making and the library will have gingerbread house-making.

Ms. Hogan read Ben Driscoll's message as noted above, and Mr. Driscoll was able to speak to expand on the SNAP program details.

Privilege of the Floor

Kelly Nettle said that a good way to reach out with program information for kids is to work with the school.

Cheryl Gillespie talked about lack of internet service in the North River area. Ms. Hogan said that the Slic rollout map is at Town Hall and that people may consider changing carriers.

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #185-20

At 7:55 Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo 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, December 1, 2020 7 pm
Online Zoom Meeting

Prepared by:

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