

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg Organizational Meeting January 3, 2008
Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Thursday January 3, 2008 at 7:00PM at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY Supervisor Goodspeed called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Arnold Stevens.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. Sterling T. Goodspeed; Town Councilmen/Arnold Stevens, and Frank E. Morehouse, Jr.; Town Clerk/ William Rawson. Members Absent: Eugene Arsenault

Guests: On attached list

Supv. Goodspeed announced that the oaths of office for the newly elected officials would be administered at this time; the Town Clerk administered the oaths of office to the following recently elected officers: Highway Supt. Curtis Richards, Justice James French, Supervisor Sterling Goodspeed and Councilman Frank Morehouse, Jr.

Supv. Goodspeed explained that as there was a vacancy on the Town Board as a result of his resignation to accept the position of supervisor that he would move the appointment of Mr. Ronald G. Vanselow at this time. The Town Clerk read Mr. Vanselow's letter of resignation from the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town of Johnsburg Town Board accepts the resignation of Mr. Ronald G. Vanselow from the Town of Johnsburg Planning Board and also appoints Mr. Vanselow as a Town Councilman filling the vacancy created by the December 31, 2007 resignation of Mr. Sterling T. Goodspeed. With 3 members voting in favor and none opposed the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Morehouse, Stevens, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

The Town Clerk administered Mr. Vanselow the oath of office and he assumed his seat on the Town Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2007 regular Town Board Meeting as written. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed explained that this is the organizational meeting for the year of 2008 there were several annual resolutions and appointments which would be done at this time.

Supv. Thomas made the following appointments:

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| 1. Budget Officer: | Supervisor Sterling T. Goodspeed |
| 2. Deputy Supervisor: | Eugene Arsenault |
| 3. Secretary to the Supervisor: | Cherie Ferguson |
| 4. Town Historian: | Doris Patton |
| 5. Registrar of Vital Statistics | William E. Rawson |
| 6. Deputy Registrar | Norma Rawson |

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse that the Town of Johnsburg Zoning Enforcement Officer will be Edward Tuttle for the year of 2008, and further, that the Town of Johnsburg Animal Control Officer will be William H. Mosher for the year of 2008, and further, that the Attorney for the Town of Johnsburg will be J. Anthony Jordan for the year of 2008. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed explained that as a result of a change in Town Law in 2007 that the Town Clerk may appoint the 1st Deputy Town Clerk; Town Clerk William Rawson notifies the Town Board that he appoints Norma N. Rawson as 1st Deputy Town Clerk for the year of 2008.

Supv. Goodspeed recognized Supv. Goodspeed Highway Supt. Curtis Richards for the purpose of appointing Raymond M. Sprague as Town of Johnsburg Deputy Highway Superintendent for 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to designate the following polling places in the Town of Johnsburg for the year of 2008, all of which are handicapped accessible:

District # 1: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 2: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 3: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to designate the North Creek News-Enterprise as the official newspaper for the Town of Johnsburg for the year of 2008. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to designate the following banks as official depositories for

the Town of Johnsborg for the year of 2006:

Citizens Bank, North Creek, NY
 Evergreen National Bank, Warrensburg, NY
 Glens Falls National Bank, Warrensburg, NY

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to adopt the salaries of elected and appointed officials as per the final adopted budget for 2008. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that the Warren County mileage compensation was for 2008 was over 50 cents per mile and that the Town of Johnsborg compensation rate was 35 cents per mile. Mr. Morehouse asked if the town could use the county gas facility; Supv. Goodspeed answered that the town has adopted a voucher system and thus cannot use the county facility. It was determined that this is a relatively minor expense involving mostly the assessor and the zoning enforcement officer..

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to set the compensation for mileage for Town Business at 45 cents per mile for the year of 2008. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse and voted on collectively:

- A. Adoption of the Town Officers Bond for the year of 2008;
- B. Authorization of payment in advance of audit of claim for Public Utility Services and Postage;
- C. Authorization of the Supervisor to extend the unexpended balances in their respective accounts for the purpose of encumbering monies;
- D. Authorization of Town Officers to purchase necessary supplies to carry on official duties, in amounts not to exceed the budget;
- E. Authorize the Supervisor to pay the annual dues of the N.Y.S. Association of Towns and the Adirondack association of Towns and Villages, when due;
- F. Authorize the Town Clerk to publish, in two issues, a summary of the 2007 Annual Report of the Supervisor of the Town of Johnsborg.

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to authorize the placing of Town monies in interest bearing accounts when this can be done without interfering with the operation of Town government. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to schedule two regular Town Board meetings per month in 2008 as follows:

Town Board Meeting Dates for 2008

All meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

January 3, 2008 (Thursday @ Wevertown)
January 15, 2008 – Library

February 5, 2008 – Wevertown
February 21, 2008 (Thursday @ the Library)

March 4, 2008 – Wevertown
March 18, 2008 – Library

April 1, 2008 – Wevertown
April 22, 2008 (4th Tuesday @ the Library)

May 6, 2008 – Wevertown
May 20, 2008 – Library

June 3, 2008 – Wevertown
June 17, 2008 – Library

July 1, 2008 – Wevertown
July 15, 2008 – Library

August 5, 2008 – Wevertown
August 19, 2008 - Library

September 4, 2008 (Thursday @ Wevertown)
September 16, 2008 – Library

October 7, 2008 – Wevertown
October 21, 2008 - Library

November 6, 2008 (Thursday @ Wevertown)
November 18, 2008 – Library

December 2, 2008 – Wevertown
December 16, 2008 – Library

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed handed out a list of appointments to Standing Committees for the year of 2008. Supv. Goodspeed asked that any board members desiring a change in committee assignment contact him as soon as possible so that any change requests can be finalized by the January 18, 2008 meeting.

**2008 STANDING COMMITTEE
JOHNSBURG TOWN BOARD**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Highway	Gene Arsenault Arnold Stevens
Solid Waste Management	Gene Arsenault Arnold Stevens
Fire	Gene Arsenault Frank Morehouse
Water	Frank Morehouse Ron Vanselow
Planning & Zoning	Gene Arsenault Ron Vanselow
Buildings, Parks & Recreation	Arnold Stevens Ron Vanselow
Cemeteries	Frank Morehouse Arnold Stevens
Library	Frank Morehouse Arnold Stevens
Chester Coordination	Ron Vanselow Arnold Stevens
Energy & Lighting	Ron Vanselow Frank Morehouse
Johnsburg Pride Coordination	Frank Morehouse Gene Arsenault

Cable TV

Ron Vanselow
Arnold Stevens

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Supv. Goodspeed explained to the Town Board that currently Occupancy Tax requests currently out weigh the available funding by over a two to one ratio.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that he would request that the Town Board rescind Town Board resolution numbers 335 and 336 of 2007 in order to make minor changes in each of them regarding their amounts and their objectives. Mr. Mark Bergman requested that the Town Board increase the amount for resolution number 335 to \$47,000.00 from \$25,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse that the Town Board will rescind resolution number 335 of 2007 and replace it with the following:

Authorizing Submission of Grant Application

Whereas, The Department of Environmental Conservation is soliciting grant applications for the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program from Municipalities located wholly or partially within the Adirondack Park and,

Whereas, This Resolution authorizes the signing and submission of a grant application in connection with the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program and,

Whereas, The Town of Johnsburg is a community wholly within the Adirondack Park with the desire to conduct an analysis of the town's economic strengths and weaknesses through the use of the Northeastern University "Economic Development Partnership" program for the purpose of attracting economic development to the Town of Johnsburg and,

Now therefore it be resolved, That the Supervisor of the Town of Johnsburg or such person's successor in office, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grants Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in an amount not to exceed \$47,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to Town of Johnsburg for evaluation of the town's economic strengths and weaknesses through the use of the Northeastern University "Economic Development Partnership" program.

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed requested that the Town Board add an analysis of the impacts of growth to the language of resolution number 336 of 2007 as well as to change the amount of the grant to an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow that the Town Board will rescind resolution number 336 of 2007 and replace it with the following:

Authorizing Submission of Grant Application

Whereas, The Department of Environmental Conservation is soliciting grant applications for the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program from Municipalities located wholly or partially within the Adirondack Park and,

Whereas, this resolution authorizes the signing and submission of a grant application in connection with the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program; and

Whereas, the Town of Johnsbury is facing significant challenges associated with affordable housing in light of growth and development in the Adirondacks; and

Whereas, The Town of Johnsbury is a community wholly within the Adirondack Park with the desire to hire a land use planning professional to re-examine the Adirondack Park Agency approved Town of Johnsbury Local Land Use Plan for the purpose of examining the possibility of adding inclusionary zoning to the aforesaid plan and,

Whereas, a compelling need exists for the analysis of growth impacts on hamlets in the Town of Johnsbury in terms of infrastructure, economics and environment and,

Now therefore it be resolved, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Johnsbury or such other persons succeeding in this office is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program of the NY DEC in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to be used to coordinate, draft and implement inclusionary zoning, affordable housing provisions and other amendments to the Town of Johnsbury Adirondack Park Agency approved zoning ordinance and undertake an analysis of growth impact in regards of hamlets of the town

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

NEW BUSINESS

Supv. Goodspeed requested that the Town Board authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the Comptroller in lieu of accounting by January 18th as had been done in previous years.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the New York State Comptroller in lieu of accounting by January 18th. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the monthly report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Mr. Edward Tuttle, for the month of December 2007, to the members of the Town of Johnsburg Town Board. Mr. Tuttle noted that he had reviewed several projects and issued zoning compliance forms and mailed a number of letters notifying their recipients of violations. Mr. Robert Nettle asked that the monthly Zoning Enforcement Officer be placed on the town web site for easier review by the public; Supv. Goodspeed thought that this would be a good idea and could be easily done.

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the Supervisor's Monthly Report, for the month of December 2007, to the members of the Town of Johnsburg Town Board.

Supv. Goodspeed noted that he was working on trying to establish a newsletter with additional specifics from the town offices; he wants to publish on the town web site. To create room he plans to consolidate some items; he also would like the permission of the Town Board to place the newsletter in the Johnsburg Central School "Jaguar Jottings". There is no cost to the town to add the newsletter to the website and the cost to the town for the "Jaguar Jottings" inclusion is \$1100.00 annually; Supv. Goodspeed noted that he had worked with Candace Lomax, accounts clerk to find money in the budget to pay for the cost and requested permission from the Town Board to include the newsletter in the "Jaguar Jottings". With the permission from the Town Board the inclusion could begin by the February 15th deadline.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to authorize the town supervisor to begin inclusion of the Town of Johnsburg newsletter in the "Jaguar Jottings" at an annual cost of \$1100.00. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that he will attempt to post the agenda for the next meeting on the town web site by the Wednesday preceding the Town Board meeting; he added that emergency additions may occur.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that on December 23, 2007 the town was presented with the insurance policy for 2008, by January 2, 2008 there were e-mails arriving that threatened a lapse of coverage if the policy was not signed and returned by

today (January 3rd). Supv. Goodspeed noted that he had sent a strongly worded letter expressing his dissatisfaction with the lateness of the notification and requested that the Town Board grant him an authorization to sign the policy renewal as of today; he added that he was not sure that the lapse in coverage notice was accurate as a 30 day grace period usually exists in such policies. Mr. Vanselow asked how difficult it would be to modify the policy; Supv. Goodspeed did not feel that it would be too difficult to change carriers. Mr. Morehouse suggested bidding the insurance policy; Supv. Goodspeed said that he wished to conduct an aggressive search for the best policy and had no reservations about bidding the insurance service.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to authorize the town supervisor to sign the annual 2008 town insurance policy renewal as of January 3, 2008 in order to continue the town's coverage without interruption with the intention to revisit the issue in the future. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Warrant #1G/Claims #1-4; Highway Fund- Warrant #1H/Claims #1-5; North Creek Water Dist.- Warrant #1W/Claim#1. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Robert Nettle asked if bulk ice control was road salt; Highway Supt. Richards answered that it was and the Town Clerk added that this was the description on the invoice.

Mr. Joel Beaudin noted that he was pleased that the town newsletter was to be added to the school newsletter and asked that any trash scheduling changes be noted to avoid future problems; he also was happy with the appointment of Ron Vanselow to fill the vacant seat on the Town Board.

Mr. Arnold Stevens asked about the agenda item regarding the N.Y. S. Association of Towns meeting in New York City during February; Supv. Goodspeed answered that the Town had not sent a member to the meeting for the past two years due to budget constraints, however, he was open to discussion if someone felt a compelling need to attend.

Mr. Vanselow presented a motion and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse that the Town Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue at 8:07pm. With 4 members voting in favor the motion is carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, Thomas) Nays - 0

Mr. Stevens presented a motion and moved its passage with a second from Mr.

Vanselow that the Town Board adjourn the executive session on Personnel issues at 8:44. With 4 members voting in favor the motion is carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, Thomas) Nays - 0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Stevens with a second from Mr. Morehouse at 8:45pm. With 4 members voting in favor the motion is carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, Thomas) Nays - 0

The next regular (Organizational) Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on January 18, 2008 at the Town Hall (Library), North Creek, NY.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk