

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury Regular Board Meeting April 7, 2009
Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 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 Frank Morehouse, Jr.

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

Guests: On attached list

RESOLUTION NO. 79

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens, to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2009 regular Town Board meeting as written. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from Mr. Paul and Mrs. Deborah Heid, expressing to the Town Board their disapproval of the expansion of the Emergency Squad area further into the public area of the Sodom Community Building.
2. A letter from Mrs. Cheri Hayes, expressing to the Town Board her disapproval of the expansion of the Emergency Squad area further into the public area of the Sodom Community Building.
3. A letter from Mrs. Bethanie Baker, expressing to the Town Board expressing to the Town Board her disapproval of the expansion of the Emergency Squad area further into the public area of the Sodom Community Building.
4. A letter from Mrs. Laura J. Bradway expressing to the Town Board her disapproval of the expansion of the Emergency Squad area further into the public area of the Sodom Community Building.
5. A letter from Marc W. Butler, Member of the Assembly, acknowledging receipt of the resolution regarding the proposed rate freeze on forest preserve tax payments and expressing his agreement with the resolution.
6. A letter from Brother James Posluszny, Director of the North Country Ministry, thanking the Town Board for the contribution of \$1000.00 to the Emergency Fund of the North Country Ministry.
7. A letter from the Town of Johnsbury Planning Board requesting that the Town Board enforce the site plan non-compliance certificate issued by Zoning Enforcement Officer, Edward Tuttle, to Mr. Stoddard of the Ski Bowl Café.
8. A letter from the North Creek Rotary Club requesting that the Town Board grant approval to the Rotary Club for the use of the Ski Bowl Park on Thursday, July 9, 2009, for its circus fund raising event.
9. A letter from Mr. Eugene Dunkley resigning from his position at the Town of Johnsbury Highway.

10. A letter from Highway Supt. Daniel Hitchcock requesting approval for funding for his attendance of the NYS Superintendents of Highways school at a cost not expected to exceed five hundred dollars.
11. A letter from Mr. Norman Petty requesting that the Town Board keep his position open through April 17, 2009, while he continues his recovery from a work related injury.

Supv. Goodspeed said that unless the Town Board objected that the Rotary Club would be able to use the Ski Bowl Park on Thursday, July 9, 2009, for its circus fund raising event; no objections were raised.

Supv. Goodspeed noted that in his request that Mr. Eugene Dunkley had requested the payment for his accumulated sick time and this request was being investigated so as to its being handled correctly.

Supv. Goodspeed asked the Town Board members if they wished to authorize the funding for Highway Supt. Daniel Hitchcock to attend the NYS Superintendents of Highways training school in Ithaca, NY at a cost not expected to exceed five hundred dollars

RESOLUTION NO. 80

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to authorize the expenditure of a maximum of five hundred dollars for Highway Supt. Daniel Hitchcock to attend the NYS Superintendents of Highways training school in Ithaca, NY from June 1 through June 3, 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed asked if the Town Board wished to continue to keep the position of Mr. Norman Petty open through April 17, 2009, while he continues his recovery from a work related injury; Supv. Goodspeed noted that, historically, that a position has been held for injury or illness recovery up to one year. Mr. Vanselow asked if there were any additional circumstances; Supv. Goodspeed noted that prior requests had asked for light duty, however, no such light duty exists. Mr. Vanselow noted that there was no suggestion of improvement in the letter from Mr. Petty; Mr. Arsenault said that he had spoken with Mr. Petty about two weeks ago and the discussion revealed no additional information. Mr. Vanselow said that his overriding concern was that Mr. Petty had been injured while performing his duties for the Town. Supv. Goodspeed said that he believes that Mr. Petty is receiving Workers Compensation and that he may receive a settlement from the disability insurance; he added that there seems to be no expectation of a major improvement in the medical condition. Mr. Stevens said that he was hesitatingly in favor of not holding the position any longer based upon information currently available.

RESOLUTION NO. 81

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Supv. Goodspeed that the Town Board will not continue to hold open the position of Mr. Norman Petty past April 7, 2009. With 4 members voting in favor the motion is carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Goodspeed) Nays – 1 (Vanselow)

Supv. Goodspeed explained that, as discussed at the March 17, 2009, the problem with Mr. Stoddard at the Ski Bowl Café is a site plan issue versus a sign law issue; he added that he has asked Town Attorney Jordan for the best way to handle the issue. Mr. Vanselow said that Zoning Enforcement Office Edward Tuttle has informed the Planning Board that the Town

Board must do the enforcement of the ordinance; he added that as he read the ordinance that either can proceed with the enforcement and that the only instance of the Town Board assuming the enforcement role involved a Goodman Road property. Mr. Arsenault asked if the Planning Board and Mr. Stoddard were at an impasse; Mr. Vanselow replied that as of the last Planning Board meeting that Mr. Stoddard had not remedied the situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supv. Goodspeed asked if there was a report from the Highway Committee (Arsenault, Stevens) regarding discussions with Highway Supt. Daniel Hitchcock. Mr. Arsenault said that the Highway Committee and Highway Supt. Daniel Hitchcock had met to discuss the issues and challenges as well as setting up a plan to deal with them. The group also met with Accounts Clerk Candace Lomax to discuss budget issues. Mr. Arsenault said that the Highway Committee had also met with the Highway Department employees to discuss needs and possible improvements and ways to use resources in a more efficient manner. Mr. Arsenault added that Highway Supt. Hitchcock is working very hard to do a good job. Mr. Stevens agreed with Mr. Arsenault's report. Supv. Goodspeed added that the projected Chips funding for 2009 was now \$150,000.00; he added that the funding for 2010 would probably be considerably less. Mr. Arsenault said that Highway Committee and Highway Supt. Hitchcock were trying to create a five year plan for the Highway Department and that this news was a serious problem for long term planning. Supv. Goodspeed said that at the Warren County DPW meeting ten year plans were being adjusted to twenty year plans.

Supv. Goodspeed asked if there was a report from the Solid Waste Committee (Arsenault, Stevens). Mr. Stevens explained that the committee had met and discussed re-bidding or changing the garbage collection in relation to the current contract. The committee has come to the decision that the most cost effective method of dealing with the question is to extend the current contract through its second year. Mr. Stevens said that it appears that direct delivery to the burn plant would not be cost effective as single deliveries to the transfer station do not fill the compactor. Through research of the revenues it appears that there will be a shortfall of \$80,000.00 to be paid from the General Fund for trash removal. Supv. Goodspeed agreed that revenues are clearly not keeping pace with expenses in this area; he added that there seems to be more trash on the roadside. Accounts Clerk Candace Lomax explained that O.R.D.A. stopped using the Town transfer station which lowered both revenues and expenses; she added that in 2008 the town Clerk issued approximately eight hundred Transfer Station Cleanup Cards. Mr. Arsenault suggested that it might be helpful to discuss a weight charge instead of a volume charge. Mr. Stevens added in a related issue that the Town's brush burning permit has been extended through October.

RESOLUTION NO. 82

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to exercise the option of extending the current Trash Collection contract through May 13, 2010. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

OLD BUSINESS:

Supv. Goodspeed reminded the Town Board members that the discussion of the request by the Johnsbury Emergency Squad to be allowed to expand their use of the Sodom Scout Hall (Community Building) approximately twelve feet further into the public portion of the building

was to be continued at this time. Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board members that he expected the Town Board to bring this matter to a resolution at this time. Supv. Goodspeed noted that there was no questioning the fact that the Johnsbury Emergency Squad suffered from a lack of space; however, as the building is used by a large number of residents for large gatherings and the decrease in size would limit its use for those gatherings. Supv. Goodspeed noted that the building had been used two hundred and ten times in four hundred and twenty days. Following the last meeting several email and written letters had been received; these were read earlier in the meeting, and were from Mr. Paul and Mrs. Deborah Heid, Mrs. Cheri Hayes, Mrs. Bethanie Baker and Mrs. Laura J. Bradway. All of the letters and e-mails received were opposed to allowing the expansion. Supv. Goodspeed recognized Mr. Mark Bergman, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Johnsbury Emergency Squad, to present the Johnsbury Emergency Squad request for additional space at the Sodom Scout Hall. Mr. Bergman explained that the Johnsbury Emergency Squad was looking for twelve feet of expansion, but could reduce to either ten or eight feet. He added that he had met with Mr. Charles Wallace from Warren County Code Enforcement and the twelve foot expansion would reduce the occupancy to sixty five. Mr. Bergman said that while volunteers were willing to make some sacrifices, that the members and employees should not be reduced to operating in such confined space and a single sleeping room for both genders. Mr. Bergman added that no other towns allow free use of buildings such as this; he added that it troubled him that the residents seem to feel that a space for parties is more important than the Johnsbury Emergency Squad. Not allowing the expansion request will result in the loss of volunteers and a rise in the number of paid staff which will cost the taxpayers more in the end. Ms. Cherie Ferguson, Mrs. Amy Cleveland, Mrs. Dale Warrington, Mr. Peter Olesheski, Mr. Craig Watson and Mr. Stephen Hayes spoke in opposition to the expansion. Reasons cited for the opposition included building maintenance and utilities supported by taxpayers as opposed to fire companies which own their own buildings and pay for services; space should be an office and short break area not a second home; facility is the only Town building with size for large groups and outdoor play area for children; the length of time the Johnsbury Emergency Squad will remain in the building makes this a very long term request. Ms. Anne Morse and Mr. Randy LaFountain spoke in support of the request; Mr. Robert Nessle read a letter of support from his wife, Mrs. Kelly Nessle. Reasons cited for support included the need to maintain a crew in readiness as the required response time is six minutes; Emergency Squad service is more important than party/gathering space; the Emergency Squad depends heavily on volunteers and needs to accommodate them; the Department of Health license required by the Emergency Squad is more strict than that of the fire companies; the Johnsbury Emergency Squad believes that there is more community support for the expansion than opposition to the project. Mr. Vanselow asked if it took a long time to get a crew to answer calls; Mr. Bergman explained that the paid crews, covering mostly daytime hours, stayed at the building and responded quickly, however, the volunteer crews could take longer to arrive from their homes. Mr. Vanselow noted that a short time ago there had been a complaint about volunteer enrollment dropping and at that time the Town Board was assured that the volunteer enrollment was strong; Mr. Bergman replied that while the volunteer ranks were still increasing, that it was harder to recruit volunteers. Mr. Vanselow noted that at different meetings the time period for the space request seemed to change from two or three years to ten years; Mr. Bergman replied that the request was for two or three years not ten years. Mr. Vanselow noted that in his opinion that the ability of the residents to use buildings without a fee is something to be proud of and not a problem; he added that the gatherings are not necessarily parties, but a celebration of milestones by families. Mr. Arsenault said that some issues seem simple and can grow into

more difficult issues. He agreed that the Johnsbury Emergency Squad needs more space; however, the public is very interested in continuing to have the building available to the public. Mr. Arsenault said that he was surprised to find the Johnsbury Emergency Squad pushing so hard against the community who will be asked to supply the capital funds for a new building; he suggested using the issue as a platform to open discussion on a new building or a different expansion. Mr. Arsenault noted that internal dissention in the squad was evident and damaging. Supv. Goodspeed agreed with Mr. Arsenault that in the eyes of the community this is the wrong move and thanked the public for keeping the discussion of this issue at a calm level.

RESOLUTION NO. 83

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to deny the request originally presented on February 24, 2009, from the Johnsbury Emergency Squad to extend its portion of the Sodom Scout Hall (Community Building) approximately twelve feet further into the public portion of the building. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that Resolution Number 48 regarding the installation and operation of the Interconnect Lift has been delivered to ORDA along with resolutions from many other municipalities in support of Town of Johnsbury Resolution Number 48.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that he had held a discussion with Town Attorney Jordan regarding Waiver Agreement #2 to the Master Agreement between the Town of Johnsbury and Front Street Mountain Development. Waiver Agreement #2 involves the ski trail parcels for the Interconnect. Town Attorney Jordan advises that no action be taken at this time as a de-mapping process must occur prior to action on this document.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that there was a failure of the heating system at the Owens House which is operated by the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association. Supv. Goodspeed said that he has had discussions with Mr. Wayne LaMothe at the Warren County Planning and Community Development Department. Mr. LaMothe has found some funding in an existing grant which can assist in repairing the heating system.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that he has had several meetings regarding the Cell Tower siting and construction. Supv. Goodspeed met with NYS Senator Betty Little and Member of the Assembly Teresa Sayward three weeks ago. As a result of that meeting he was introduced to Independent Tower, L.L.C. and met with representatives from that company last week. The meeting went well and he expects to have a progress report by the first Town Board meeting in May. Independent Tower, L.L.C. has worked with the Adirondack Park Agency and Supv. Goodspeed expects that this group will prove to be easier to work with than the other companies which he has contacted.

As no one was present from the Gore Mountain Region Town of Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and Supv. Goodspeed was unsure of the reason for their request to be on the agenda this item was not discussed.

Supv. Goodspeed explained that the Town Board members had received a report on the Central Trail Scenic Byway Regional Advisory Marketing Team meeting held on February 18,

2009 at the Adirondack Museum and added that the report will be made available to the public by tomorrow at Town Hall.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that the Town needs to move forward with the revaluation of property in the town in order to insure equity in taxation; Michael Swan, Director of the Warren County Real Property Office will process an R.F.P. (Request for Proposal) regarding the Reval. Supv. Goodspeed expects the revaluation process to start in 2011; he added that there is about \$10,200.00 in Capital Project Funds to begin the process.

NEW BUSINESS

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that there had been a report of damage to the fence around the Town baseball field by Mr. Peter Olesheski, Chairman of Johnsbury Youth Athletics. Parks and Buildings Supt. Matt Olden explained that more than one half of the fence had been knocked down and the top rail has been badly damaged. Supt. Olden said that he had worked on the fence to effect temporary repairs; he suggested seeking a grant to replace the fence. Accounts Clerk Candace Lomax asked if this was an insurance liability issue; Supv. Goodspeed said to notify the Town's insurance carrier tomorrow. Mr. Peter Olesheski said that the damage seems to have been done by ORDA and asked if the Town can recover costs from ORDA; Supv. Goodspeed said that he would discuss the issue with ORDA. Supv. Goodspeed said that he was looking into the possibility of using some funds from the Ski Bowl Park grant to work on the fence or possibly Federal Stimulus funding.

In a related issue Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that Johnsbury Youth Athletics had requested improvements in the softball field at the Ski Bowl Park. Mr. Peter Olesheski, Chairman of Johnsbury Youth Athletics, explained that his group as well as the Women's Softball League uses the field and he suggested a quick and relatively inexpensive idea for rehabilitating the field. Mr. Philip Goodman, speaking for the group, suggested using some of the road material from Barton Mines mixed with sand to create a sand type infield. Supv. Goodspeed asked that Highway Supt. Daniel Hitchcock and Parks and Buildings Supt. Matt Olden meet with Mr. Goodman to try to work out the details of rehabilitating the infield for use this season.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board members that there was a response from Town Attorney Jordan on the process for changing from an elected to an appointed Superintendent of Highways. Town Attorney Jordan explained that the Town Board would have to adopt a local law and then hold a referendum within sixty to seventy-five days. Mr. Vanselow and Mr. Arsenaault will look further into this issue.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages survey of Towns and Villages in the Adirondack Park was presented at the Local Government Day. Supv. Goodspeed said that he expected that the report would be available in the near future. The report noted that the average age of residents of the Adirondack Park was forty three; the average age of a citizen of the United States is thirty five. In the Adirondack Park only Plattsburgh and Lake George attract youth. In some areas of the Adirondack Park it is impossible for residents to qualify for a mortgage. Supv. Goodspeed expects that the information in this report will be used for years to promote policy in the area.

Supv. Goodspeed recognized Mr. Vincent Schiavone, Chairman of the Johnsbury Youth Committee, to make a presentation to the Town Board for the Youth Committee. The Youth

committee has received about four thousand dollars in grants for summer programs. New outdoor activities to be offered will be an archery program and a tumbling program both taught by Mr. Paul Loguercio, a fly tying program taught by Mr. Richard Stewart and a criminal justice program taught by Mr. Vincent Schiavone. Mr. Schiavone said that both downhill and cross country skiing had been added to the winter program. The Youth Committee is hoping to improve the swimming portion of the summer program and possibly extend the summer program and add kayaking and camping as well. Mr. Schiavone added that the Youth Committee is looking for another member and new ideas for programs. Supv. Goodspeed thanked the Youth Committee for its hard work.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that Deb Zack, Membership and Development Director of the Adirondack Mountain Club, had requested that the Town Board allow the Adirondack Mountain Club to request a special event alcohol permit for August 16, 2009 in the Ski Bowl Park; this is in connection with the **ididaride!** bicycling event which they are sponsoring. Supv. Goodspeed noted that the Town Board had agreed to this request in the past. Mr. Robert Nettle said that there was no reason to reestablish the idea of drinking at the Ski Bowl Park. Supv. Goodspeed noted that other events in the park allow alcohol use and that ORDA sells alcohol in the park.

RESOLUTION NO. 84

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to allow permission for the Adirondack Mountain Club to request a special event alcohol permit for August 16, 2009 in the Ski Bowl Park; this is in connection with the **“ididaride!”** bicycling event which they are sponsoring; and further, the Town Board requires that the Town of Johnsbury be named as an additional insured and that proof of insurance for the event is delivered to the Supervisor. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays – 1 (Stevens)

Supv. Goodspeed distributed a memo regarding the voluntary dental plan to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board; due to low enrollment the carrier will no longer be offering the plan to the Town of Johnsbury after December 1, 2009. This memo has been distributed to Town employees.

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the Town of Johnsbury Library Board of Trustees meeting agenda for the meeting of April 1, 2009, to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the February 2009 Youth Committee meeting minutes to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board.

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the Tannery Pond Community Center Association Board of Trustees meeting minutes for the meeting of March 9, 2009, to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board.

Supv. Goodspeed distributed copies of the first quarter 2009 subsidiary journals to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board; he noted that the budget is performing well so far. Supv. Goodspeed said that solid waste and fuel costs remain areas of worry.

Supv. Goodspeed noted that the Town Board had received copies of proposed 2009 Budget amendments in their packets; the amendments are to cover the payment of \$1000.00 to the North Country Outreach and to reflect revenue from grants to the Justice Court, Youth Program,

Assessor and Personnel. Also included are deposits in escrow as engineering or legal fees from Front Street Mountain Development. Supv. Goodspeed asked that the Town Board approve these amendments to the 2009 Town Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 85

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury authorizes the following amendments to the 2009 Town Budget:

Budget Amendments 4/21/09
GENERAL FUND
Transfer between accounts

FROM:		TO:	
A 1990.4 Contingent	1000	A8989.4 Outreach	1000
Increase estimated Revenues	A510	Increase Appropriations	A960
Rivendell A2705	500	Youth Program	A7110.4
A2610 Justice	390	Court Justice Grant-flags	A1110.4
A2115.2 Engineering Deposits	1000	FSMD-Plning Brd Fees	A8020.41
A3089 Computer Grant	883.96	Assessor	A1355.4
A3089 from State Senator	12116.04	Personnel	A1430.4
total	14890		
Increase Appropriated Fund Balance	A599	Increase Appropriations	A960
A6410.42 Occupancy Tax	9314.08		
A1110.4 '08 Justice Grant for signage	165.04		

FIRE

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance	SF599	Increase Appropriations	SF960
SF3410.4	130		

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

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the monthly report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Mr. Edward Tuttle, for the month of March 2009, to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board.

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the Supervisor’s Monthly Report, for the month of March 2009, to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Phillip Goodman, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals wanted assurance from the Town Board that it was understood that the Zoning Enforcement Officer needs to look at sites.

Ms. Cherie Ferguson pointed out the new flags in the Wevertown Community Building which were purchased with the help of a Unified Courts Grant. She also wanted to recognize the work

of Mr. Paul Loguercio on the basement floor in the Wevertown Community Building; that project will continue when the water table recedes.

Mr. Philip Goodman noted that the Summer Youth Program needed help in establishing an intermediate swim area.

Mr. Robert Johnston, previous Fire Chief of the Johnsbury Fire Company, asked the Town Board for assistance in determining the legality of that fire company's by-laws. There was some question as to whether the by-laws had been legally adopted. Supv. Goodspeed and Mr. Stevens said that as this issue could impact the fire protection in the Town of Johnsbury that Mr. Johnston should bring copies of the by-laws and any minutes of the meeting where the by-laws were changed to the Town Hall to be sent to the Town Attorney for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 86

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Warrant #7G/Claims #129-160; Highway Fund- Warrant #7H/Claims #53-75; North Creek Water Dist. - Warrant #7W/Claims#25-29; Capital Projects Funds- Warrant# 2CPF/Claim#2; Library Fund-Warrant 4L/Claims#22-25. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Morehouse with a second from Mr. Stevens at 9:50pm. With 5 members voting in favor the motion is carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on April 21, 2009 at the Town Hall (Library), North Creek, NY.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk