

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg Regular Meeting  
October 20, 2015  
Held at the  
Sodom Community Center,  
Johnsburg, NY**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Sodom Community Center, Johnsburg, NY.

Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

PRESENT: Ronald Vanselow      -- Supervisor  
          Arnold Stevens        -- Councilman  
          Eugene Arsenault     -- Councilman  
          Peter Olesheski, Jr   -- Councilman  
          Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman  
          Jo A Smith            -- Town Clerk

ABSENT:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2015**

***RESOLUTION #111-15***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2015 regular Town Board Meeting as written.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EDWARDS HILL ROAD**

A letter from the Town's Zoning Officer addressed to a property owner on

Edwards Hill Road stating that her findings are that a lawful use exists on his premises.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Stevens reported that the Personnel Committee met and will be meeting again next week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NOISE ORDINANCE**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that he has a call into the Supervisor for the Town of Marcy and is awaiting a return call.

**FRONT STREET**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that Attorney Fuller and Attorney Smith met today, along with Mr. Crikelair. Mr. Crikelair stated that Attorney Fuller was filled in on and given copies of the information which is needed to be able to move forward.

**BUDGET - TENTATIVE TO PRELIMINARY**

**RESOLUTION # 112-15**

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to move the Town of Johnsburg's budget for 2016 from Tentative to Preliminary.

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

**HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Superintendent of Highways Daniel Hitchcock discussed with the board various roads and bridges that are in need of repair. The Board requested that Mr. Hitchcock prioritize the bridges and roads that are in need of repair and to get a quote on the worst bridge and start from there. Mr. Hitchcock also stated

that he will need more man power to be able to cover the additional roads this winter season.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**YOUTH PROGRAM - LARAC GRANT**

A request from Ms. Nettle for a resolution in the amount of \$1,600 for the LARAC Grant in which she submits for every year for the after school art club program.

**RESOLUTION # 113-15**

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to authorize the submission of a grant application to LARAC by the Johnsbury Youth Committee, on behalf of the Town of Johnsbury, for the 2016 after school art program in the amount of \$1,600.00, and with the match to be coming from grants, gifts and other non Town funds and further, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute all necessary documents to apply for said grant.

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

**TPCCA - DONNA WELCH PRESIDENT OF TANNERY POND CENTER**

Ms. Welch presented the board with an update on the Tannery Pond Center regarding their Mission & Programs - The Tannery Pond Center, Inc. (TPC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2001. Its mission (stated above) involves promoting the best and fullest use of the facilities provided by the Town of Johnsbury's Tannery Pond Community Center (TPCC) for the benefit of the residents of, and visitors to, this area of the Adirondacks. TPCCA currently supports four programs: The Widlund Art Gallery which is largely self-supporting through the 20% commissions it retains on the sales of regional artists' & crafts-persons' creations; A Teenagers Only! program which is a free, twice-a-month, chaperoned Friday evening program during the school year for local teens consisting of dances, movies, game nights,

reasure hunts, tubing at the Ski Bowl, paint ball & ropes courses, and other recreational and social events. This program has been consistently well supported since its inception in 2002 through grants from the Pearsall Foundation, Stewarts' Foundation, local businesses, and regional foundations; A TPC Events program begun in 2013 by Ms. Bernadette Speech, TPCCA's first Executive Director, which now, given the recent merger of TPCCA with the Upper Hudson Musical Arts organization, includes all those contemporary, jazz and classical musical events that UHMA brought to the Tannery Pond Community Center over the last two decades. Admission fees, grants specific for particular performers, and individual donations have supported these programs, and The Administration Program consists of Executive Director Ms. Speech's remuneration (part-time) and the operational expenses involved in carrying out her efforts on behalf of TPC. These ancillary expenses include office furnishings, office supplies & equipment, telephone & internet, fundraising costs, printing, publication, postage, website maintenance, advertising & promotion, subscriptions & fees, and miscellaneous costs. This program is supported by TPC's own funds, grants from local businesses and foundations, and individual donations.

Ms. Welch went on to explain about their accomplishments and Goals for 2014 - 2015. In 2014 - the second year of the TPCCA programming and management initiatives, with the growing support of the town and the community, we continued to strengthen our relationships with our participating partners - Our Town Theater Group and Upper Hudson Musical Arts. We built new relationships with varied organizations and more than doubled the use of TPCC. In our 2014 season we continued to offer a wide variety of exceptional music programs including classical, rock, Brazilian jazz, world, the American song book, as well as movies. We celebrated our local talent with Open Mic events culminating in *Rising Stars! Tannery Pond Community Center's 12th Anniversary Benefit Gala*. The Town of Johnsbury increased their level of support from Town of Johnsbury Occupancy Tax for our 2014 event series, as well as gained new support from the Lower Adirondack Region Art Council (LARAC). We also received funds from Warren County Occupancy Tax and the Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region. Through the process of

multiple individual board meetings, and meetings of the combined boards, in early March 2015 the boards of Tannery Pond Community Center Association and Upper Hudson Musical Arts agreed to merge into one organization: Tannery Pond Center - for Arts, Education & Community Gatherings. As of July 1st we are operating as one organization. Our new board is constituted with members of each organization. The newly elected officers are: Donna Trautwein Welch - President, Denise Conti - Vice President, Diana Dymond-Byrnes - Secretary, and Sherry Williams -Treasurer. The 2015 season's programming included UHMA's presentations of the piano and percussion *Ricochet Duo*, The *Saratoga Opera-to-Go* "Three Little Pigs", pianist *Teresa Walters*, and the *Saratoga Chamber Players*. TPCCA's productions included *A Weekend with Dan Berggren & Friends* - celebrating Dan's 40 years of Adirondack songs, a *local Talent Night* - with a host and range of performers and genres, *Teens Only Open Mic*, and the international guitar duo *Loren & Mark* with *Allison Carr*. Beginning in July the presentations of the merged organization was introduced with step dancer, singer, fiddler *Jocelyn Pettit* within *The Irish Influence in the Adirondacks* - a weekend festival that brought 1000 attendees to TPCC. The season continues with, interesting, provocative, and enjoyable quality programming. We are proud of Tannery Pond Community Center's rich and vital history, the sizable growth of its use, and the growing acknowledgement of its worth by both residents of the Town of Johnsbury and those who visit our area. During this year we built new relationships with a number of organizations and individuals using the TPCC for the first time: these include The Great South Woods Project - a workshop for residents to bring their information to a central location to update the maps of the Southern Adirondacks, the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Adirondack Land Trust for their annual board meeting, and gatherings for the Town of Johnsbury residents. Going forward the Tannery Pond Center Board members are enthusiastic about the potential this merged organization has to expand arts and educational experiences for the community, improve communications, improve the efficiency and effectiveness of marketing efforts, and attract additional and sustainable grant funding to support our programs.

Ms. Welch also introduced Mr. Wilson and Mr. Green who are employed through the county and they explained a little about what they have learned / do at Tannery Pond.

Mr. Olesheski and Mr. Stevens stated they would like to sit down with the Tannery Pond Center committee to work on formalizing a contract with the Town.

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY - PRESIDENT DELBERT CHAMBERS**

Mr. Chambers explained the upcoming free program which will be held at Tannery Pond Community Center on November 14, 2015 at 5 pm. The Historical Society is presenting that evening World War Two - Veterans' stories - music - memorabilia and newsreels. Mr. Chambers also stated that they will be placing the Brady sign (which was stolen) in the spring in the previous location.

### **ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Ms. Danae Tucker's corrected report for June and Ms. Tucker's reports for July, August, September 2015 are in the Board's Packet.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Animal Control Officer, Mr. Mosher's report for October 2015 was in the Board's Packet.

### **SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Supervisors Monthly report for September 2015 is in the Board's Packet.

### ***RESOLUTION # 114-15***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve and accept the Supervisor monthly report for September 2015.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

***RESOLUTION # 115-15***

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski, to accept and approve the following Budget Amendments October, 2015

1	Personnel CE	A14304	\$1,000.00	
	Contingency	A19904		\$1,000.00

Allocate Contingency Funds to cover excess appropriations

2	Traffic Control CE	A31104	\$700.00	
	Contingency	A19904		\$700.00

Allocate Contingency Funds to cover traffic signs

3	Purchase of Land	A19404	\$10,000.00	
	Unassigned Appropriated Fund Balance	A915		\$10,000.00

Appropriate Fund Balance for Purchase of Moro property/Reso 106-15/Oct 5 Board Meeting

4	Parks CE	A71104	\$15,000.00	
	Unassigned Appropriated Fund Balance	A915		\$15,000.00

Appropriate Fund Balance for DEC Grants

5	Recycling CE	A80904	\$4,000.00	
	Unassigned Appropriated Fund Balance	A19904		\$4,000.00

Allocate Contingency Funds to cover excess appropriate

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

## **MOTION TO PAY WARRANTS**

Supervisor Vanselow asked for a motion to pay the warrants.

### ***RESOLUTION # 116-15***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the following certified bills and to pay the following certified bills, which have been reviewed by the board members:

***October 20, 2015***

***General Fund*** (Total \$57,059.32) - Claims # 15-881 to 15-913; 15-925

***Highway Fund*** (Total \$20,431.48) - Claims #15-913 to 15-928

***Water District Fund*** (Total \$2,961.12) Claims # 15-881; 15-913; 15-929 to 15-931

***Public Library Fund*** (Total \$2,280.09) Claims #15-913; 15-932 to 15-935

***Trust and Agency Fund*** (Total \$33,610.71) Claims #15-913; 15-936

**Total all warrants \$ 116,342.72**

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

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Olesheski and second by Mr. Stevens the board went into executive session regarding the Highway Contract at 8:22 pm.

On motion of Mr. Olesheski and second by Ms. Nightingale the board came out of executive session at 9:03 pm. No action taken.



On motion of Mr. Olesheski and seconded by Mr. Arsenault the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday November 5, 2015 at Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York.

Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk

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