

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg  
Public Hearing - Fire Protection Funding 2016  
Public Hearing - Preliminary Budget 2016  
Regular Meeting  
Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY  
November 5, 2015**

Minutes of the Public Hearing - Fire Protection Funding 2016 and Public Hearing - Preliminary Budget 2016 and Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Thursday November 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown 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 - Entered at 7:05 pm  
Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman  
Jo A Smith -- Town Clerk

ABSENT:

**Public Hearing - Fire Protection Funding 2016**

Supervisor Vanselow opened the public hearing on the Fire Protection Funding for 2016.

Supervisor Vanselow asked Mr. Aldrich if he had anything.

Mr. Aldrich stated he did not.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that he had met with the Chief's last week and agreed to meet this summer to start working on next year's fire budget and tentatively set aside July 5, 2016 at Wevertown Community Center for that meeting it will take the form of a workshop meeting because Supervisor Vanselow hopes by then we are doing one regular meeting a month. Supervisor Vanselow stated so if there was no public comment on the fire protection budget Supervisor Vanselow is closing the public hearing.

**Public Hearing - Preliminary Budget 2016**

Supervisor Vanselow opened the public hearing on the preliminary budget for 2016.

Ms. Nessel stated last year you offered the youth committee 4 - 5 -6 thousand dollars extra and she wasn't ready to accept it because she didn't know if they could allocate it but this year she is ready and they could use \$3,500 this year.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that combined the two programs are at \$33,035.

Ms. Nessel, then can you make it \$37,000.

Supervisor Vanselow stated then you want to make it \$37,000.

Ms. Nessel, yes if possible.

Mr. Olesheski said that this is what they had discussed before that instead taking the balance out of the fund balance.

Supervisor Vanselow stated it was up to the board but they would be having a budget discussion at the public hearing so if the idea is you want to do it know we can do it know or

Mr. Olesheski said we can wait and discuss it later.

Supervisor Vanselow went on to state that this is summer expenditures and if you want to wait until later in the year to see if any of this changes

Mr. Olesheski, it sounds like this year they have exceeded the budget that they have given them and we have to make up the difference at the end. Mr. Olesheski is suggesting instead of doing a budget amendment now go with what Supervisor Vanselow has proposed and then if there is a short fall take it out of fund balance.

Supervisor Vanselow said ok.

Supervisor Vanselow asked if there were any more questions?

Mr. Holt stated that we have talked for a few years about the funding for Hudson Headwaters which he believes is \$28,000. Mr. Holt continued stating that the CEO makes over 4 hundred thousand and paying executive board over 2 million dollars and he doesn't see why we need to be giving them any money. We don't support the Nursing Home. Why shouldn't we support them.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that this subject does come up every year in one form or another and we have had some lengthy discussion about it and we get a lot of public input supportive of keeping that funding stream intact. Supervisor Vanselow asked if Mr. Arsenault had any input on this.

Mr. Arsenault stated he sits on their board and we have talked about it in previous times and he thinks part of their charter agreement and their being able to access federal and state grants that

it's a requirement of the community that they serve in turn participate in it and all of the towns do it in different ways, some provide buildings, some provide cash that sort of things in return ours is very modest. As a community once we lost Dr. Grunblatt who was our doctor and was here 24 - 7 he shudders to think what it would cost us as a community to provide medical person here for the benefit for the people here instead of having to travel to another town. Frankly to him the 28 thousand is a pretty modest cost, he believes in Newcomb where they have their own, they pay upwards of a hundred thousand dollars and Long Lake is the same way. When he looks at it in context for himself he believes it is very reasonable to have that type of facility. All the time we are talking with them and trying to get them to provide more services that people can access here.

Ms. Nessel asked if there has been any kind of economic studies of benefits of having the Health Center which include the jobs, and services.

Mr. Arsenault stated that he can talk with Tripp Shannon who does community outreach and he is sure that he would come up and talk with the board and community about that.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that they service a pretty huge geographical area, it's not just the Town of Johnsburg.

Supervisor Vanselow asked if there wasn't any more concern or discussion on the public budget then he is closing the public budget for the Town of Johnsburg for 2016 at 7:10 pm and move into the regular meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2015**

Supervisor Vanselow stated about putting the recordings on the web site. The Clerk looked into conversion of the file from wave to mp3 to be able to use it on the web site. We purchased a program to convert the files and post them to the site. At this time the clerk has most of the 2015 recordings on the web site.

### ***RESOLUTION #117-15***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the minutes of the October 20, 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:**

#### **Letter from Ann Deppe Dated October 28, 2015 - Re: Planning Board**

I am interested in the position available on the Town of Johnsburg Planning Board. I believe with my past experience, I would be a positive addition to the Town and Planning

Board.

**Letter from Joseph Grimaldi at New York State Parks and Rec regarding Ski Bowl Park - Federal Grant 36-01217 -** As you know, the town received a grant under the federal Land and Water Conservation fund for improvements to the park. As a result, the park is subject to Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965: No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.: Provided , That wetland areas and interests therein as identified in the wetlands provisions of the comprehensive plan and proposed to be acquired as suitable replacement property within that same State that is otherwise acceptable to the Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, shall be considered to be of reasonably equivalent usefulness with the property proposed for conversion.

We recently went through that process to allow an exchange of land for the town to convert park of the park in order to take title to land for the ski lift that provides the interconnect to Gore Mountain. As part of getting that approval, you submitted a map showing the revised boundaries of the park.

On September 25, I conducted a site visit to verify the park boundaries and ensure appropriate uses. Unfortunately, I found three issues that must be addressed: The transfer station is within the park boundaries. The town garage is within the park boundaries. The town is mining gravel from within the park boundaries.

I will need to know from the town, at your earliest convenience, how these conversions of park use will be addressed. As stated in 6(f), failure to correct these situations immediately will require the town to provide substitute parkland of equal monetary value and recreational usefulness.

In addition, the change of use will require an act of the legislature to allow a change of use. These bills usually require the municipality to provide substitute property, regardless of whether the park received State or Federal funding.

**Letter from Smith & Simon Attorneys at Law - Dated October 20, 2015 Re: Master Agreement Dated November 3, 2005** - In the Front Street letter of August 28, 2015, it was noted that all of the conditions necessary for the completion of the transfers contemplated by section 1 of the Master Agreement have been fulfilled. We committed to work with you and Town counsel to complete the transfers in a timely fashion. We have been ready to complete the transfers required of us since August 28, 2015.

Despite the fact that the Master Agreement requires the Parties to complete the transfers within twenty days and our offer to immediately make the transfers, required of us, we have received no indication from the Town about when it intends to fulfill its part of the bargain. In light of the twenty day timetable for action agreed by the Parties, the Town's failure to act is in breach of its obligations under the Master Agreement.

We respectfully request that the Town cure this breach by acting swiftly to complete the actions required of it under our contract.

**Letter from Cedarwood Engineering Services - Re: Town Bridge Infrastructure - Sub: Structure Review and Recommendations** - will be discussed under New Business

**Letter from Superintendent of Highways - Re: replacement of truck** - The Highway Dept. would like to replace out 1980's Era Dodge Utility Truck that is no longer dependable. A new F350 under state contract is \$27,332.19 (Cab & Chassis - Gas Engine - Dual Rear Wheel - 4 X 4). We would like a utility Body with a small crane that will lift truck wings, when the cables break. Arrowhead is the only company we have found that has this type of equipment. We have found that his this type of equipment \$19,495.00. We have contacted 5 companies. Total Price \$46,827.19. This truck would have a life span of 30 years.

Supervisor Vanselow stated he would like to start with the truck purchase. Supervisor Vanselow asked Mr. Hitchcock if he still had enough funds in his equipment line for the purchase. Mr. Hitchcock stated he did.

**RESOLUTION # 118-15**

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to approve and accept the purchase of a F350 Truck for \$27,332.19, with a utility body with a small crane for \$19,495.00 for a total purchase price of \$46,827.19.

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

**Letter from Joseph Grimaldi at New York State Parks and Rec regarding Ski Bowl Park - Federal Grant 36-01217** - Supervisor Vanselow stated regarding the Grimaldi letter that he would be in touch with Mr. Grimaldi the following day to see what he suggests are remedies for this. Supervisor Vanselow went on to state that the transfer station and highway garage have been there for 50 years or longer and he guesses the state just noticed it even though the state made us close the land fill 20 years ago.

Ms. Nessle stated that she believes is started back in 2003 when Mr. Goodspeed was Supervisor and the where working on getting a grant for the park. The grant required a map and she walked

in on Mr. Goodspeed making park boundary lines and him stating that he hoped it worked. In 2008 a gentlemen told Ms. Nessel that something had to be done with the alienation of the park. Ms. Nessel stated she didn't know anything about it.

Supervisor Vanselow stated it's probably because of that parcel being one big parcel.

Mr. Arsenault asked if we should have our attorney involved.

Supervisor Vanselow stated we may, he would like to see what Mr. Grimaldi has to say first.

**Letter from Ann Deppe Dated October 28, 2015 - Re: Planning Board** - Supervisor Vanselow stated he would like to address Ms. Ann Deppe's letter, expressing an interest being on the Planning Board. Supervisor Vanselow asked the board if they would like to put her through the interview process.

### **RESOLUTION # 119-15**

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve and accept Ms. Ann Deppe to the vacant set on the Planning Board which will expire in 2020.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Stevens reported that the Personnel Committee has met on a few different occasions and they are recommending a few changes to the budget. The changes would reflect the current wage of the Town Bookkeeper, the Town Clerk and the Town Highway Superintendent that their wages would be increased \$1,000.00 for 2016.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **BUDGET**

Supervisor Vanselow stated he was moving right into the budget do they want to discuss other budget amendments. The Park has already been discussed.

Mr. Arsenault asked Supervisor Vanselow to go over the budget because it has not been discussed at all, like the increase and such.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that not much has changed, so items like property income is an estimate, the cap this year is only .73% unlike last year's which was 2%. Did increase the EMS budget by the .73% because of the increase in workers' comp.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that because of the way the office in the Town Hall is structured now the Secretary is covering 3 departments, which is several thousand dollars savings.

Supervisor Vanselow went on to state that the Town Justice's wife has become ill and she was the one that did his clerk work and he would like to make a line for the Court Clerk with a very modest salary. Mr. David Cavanagh who is the Court Officer was asked by the Judge to help him out with the Clerk portion also.

Mr. Olesheski asked why would we need someone in that position we have never had anybody there before.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that we have they just didn't get paid and he would like to make a line for that position now. Supervisor Vanselow stated that almost every town has a Court Clerk.

Mr. Olesheski just doesn't understand how the Judges wife could do that for free.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that he wasn't sure but he was quite sure that the Judge had checked into it before doing so.

Mr. Olesheski asked what Supervisor Vanselow meant when he stated a modest budget line.

Supervisor Vanselow stated his estimate would be \$5000 to \$7500 for the year.

Mr. Olesheski asked what the Clerk and Highway's salary would be then.

Supervisor Vanselow stated the Clerk/Collector will be \$28,604 and Highway Superintendent will be \$52,000 for the 2016 year.

Mr. Olesheski asked about the Highway's Bridge Line.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that there was \$40,000 in that line and they will be setting up a reserve account for Bridges and another for Equipment.

Mr. Hitchcock stated that he thought this year it was supposed to be at \$60,000 instead of \$40,000.

Mr. Olesheski stated that he knows they will be discussing the repairs that are in the letter from Cedarwood and the funding that is in that account is just not going to do it.

Supervisor Vanselow stated no it isn't enough.

Superintendent of Highways Mr. Hitchcock stated that he has the Garnet Lake Road bridge down to one lane and he is looking for a temp bridge for there to rent to be able to remove the old bridge. He went on to state that the property owners on both sides of the bridge would need to

be contacted because trees would have to come down to put in the temp bridge. Mr. Hitchcock also stated that the \$60,000 was what he had planned to go for Harvey Road and he isn't sure where the other funding for the other projects will be coming from.

Mr. Olesheski stated we might have to borrow the money for the repairs. On the low end it will be \$775,000 to replace two bridges and to fix to others.

Mr. Aresenault asked about Capital Reserve Fund, he sees that is down to \$34,000.

Supervisor Vanselow stated he wasn't sure, he would have to check with the bookkeeper.

Mr. Arsenault asked if the money for the reval was still in there.

Supervisor Vanselow stated yes he thought it was \$25,000.

Mr. Holt stated that \$25,000 will cover the first year for the reval then for the second year additional money will need to be put in that account.

Mr. Arsenault asked about the fire budget and the increase for that this year.

Supervisor Vanselow stated it went up 2%.

Mr. Olesheski stated then it looks like the only item we are changing tonight would be the salaries as discussed before.

**Amend the 2016 Budget to reflect changes in the Bookkeeper's, Clerk & Highway Superintendent's salaries**

***RESOLUTION # 120-15***

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept and approve the following Budget Amendments for the Town of Johnsburg Budget for 2016; Town Bookkeeper, Town Clerk & Highway Superintendent each will receive a \$1,000 raise for 2016.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Stevens, Olesheski, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays- 1 (Arsenault)

**Town Budget for 2016 for Town of Johnsburg**

***RESOLUTION # 121-15***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the Town Budget for 2016 for the Town of Johnsburg.

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

**2016 Clean-up Card**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the Clerk had put together a revised clean-up card for 2016.

***RESOLUTION # 122-15***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the 2016 Resident Clean Up Card for 2016.

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

**E-Waste** - Supervisor Vanselow stated that a lot of Towns at this time are having a problem getting rid of e-waste. Supervisor Vanselow told the Board that at this time he would like to stop accepting e-waste because the container is full and they are now piling it up outside.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Ms. Danae Tucker's report for October 2015 was 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 October 2015 was not available yet.

**2016 Johnsbury Fire Protection Budget**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the Clerk would like a resolution for the Fire Protection District Budget 2016 which is included in the Town's Budget for 2016.

***RESOLUTION # 123-15***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the 2016 Fire Protection District Budget.

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

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Supervisor Vanselow asked the board for their approval for him to sign the CDCHP Health Insurance contract for next year.

***RESOLUTION # 124-15***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to approve and accept Supervisor Vanselow to sign the CDCHP Health Insurance contract for the year of 2016.

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

**SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSPORTATIONS BID FOR 2016**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that we need to go out for bid on the Senior Citizens Transportation for 2016.

***RESOLUTION # 125-15***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve and accept the Clerk to run an ad in "The Sun" News Enterprise for Senior Citizens Transportation for 2016 with a bid opening date of Tuesday December 15, 2015.

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

**SCRAP METAL BID FOR 2016**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that we need to go out for bid on the Scrap Metal Bid for 2016.

***RESOLUTION # 126-15***

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to approve and accept the Clerk to run an ad in "The Sun" News Enterprise for Scrap Metal Bid for 2016 with a bid opening date of Tuesday December 15, 2015.

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

**RESCINDING JUDICIAL AGREEMENT WITH CHESTERTOWN**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that years ago we had an agreement with Chestertown for transferring of Justice Court cases.

***RESOLUTION # 127-15***

**RESCIND AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNS OF JOHNSBURG AND CHESTER FOR TRANSFER OF JUSTICE COURT CASES.**

Introduced by Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Mr. Olesheski, to rescind agreement between Towns of Johnsborg and Chester for transfer of Justice Court cases.

WHEREAS, the Towns of Johnsborg and Chester entered into an Agreement providing for transfer of Town Justice Court cases in which the local Judges were unable to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is not aware of any cases having been transferred pursuant to the Agreement in many years; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was adopted pursuant to provisions of the Uniform Justice Court Act which have been amended and revised;and

WHEREAS, there are existing procedures available for transfer and/or reassignment of Justice Court cases in which a local Justice is unable to participate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

RESOLVED that the Town Board Resolution approving the Agreement with the Town of Chester is rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement between the Towns of Johnsborg and Chester for transfer of Justice Court cases is hereby revoked;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the

Chester Town Supervisor and the Office of Court Administration, Fourth Judicial District.

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

**Letter from Cedarwood Engineering Services - Re: Town Bridge Infrastructure - Sub: Structure Review and Recommendations** - As requested, we have conducted a site review of various bridges and culvert structures located throughout the Town. Below we have briefly discussed our review and provided a recommendation with a probable repair and associated cost.

**Harvey Road Bridge**-Currently a clear span bridge structure with concrete abutments. Evident by its construction, it appears as though it was heavily modified a one point to increase the road elevation. That is, two deck systems are present, one below the other. The current deck utilizes steel beams with a timber deck. Water levels were high during the day of our review, and as such, the footing condition and possible footing scour could not be viewed. What was overly visible, was the delamination of the exterior portion of the concrete abutments. Extensive cracking, spalling and lateral offset of the concrete is evident over the entire surface of the structure, all indications that additional delamination and failure are likely. We believe continued failure of the concrete surface will worsen if repairs are not made. Ultimately, continued failure will expose new surfaces to the elements and will cause additional more substantive failure (internal structural deterioration). We recommend at a minimum repairing the surface of the existing abutments, removing the existing spalling delaminating materials and making the necessary surface repairs (e.g., shotcrete or equal) to mitigate possible future failures. We believe a repair of this magnitude should cost 20k-30k depending upon the extent of damage and involvement of the Town.

**Glenn Creek Road** - The current structure consists of a metal squash pipe with cast-in-place concrete headwalls on either side. The overall condition of the existing headwalls are very good. The obvious failure appears to be the bottom of the pipe which is severely corroded with large holes present. Through our discussions onsite, we were both agreement that a concrete invert would provide a 5-8year fix, but is not an approvable option with the APA. As such, we believe the only possible option would be to replace the existing structure with a new clear span open bottom bridge-as required by all of the regulatory agencies. An open bottom structure (bridge) would consist of concrete abutments - due to concerns with bedrock - and would utilize either a steel superstructure (deck) or precast concrete plank. Construction costs for structures of this type typically run around 350k to have completed by an outside contract (public bid). The overall longevity of this structure is really unknown. The extensive corrosion currently present in the pipe will continue to create settlement and will ultimately collapse entirely creating a chokepoint and possibly a washout during a high flow event.

**Garnet Lake Road Bridge** - A steelbeam bridge with a concrete deck has signs of significant deterioration and initial signs of failure. Signs of ultimate collapse (i.e., beam failure, extensive corrosion, holes, etc.) are present. Proceedings and plans to close and/or replace the structure should be in-place. We believe the bridge in its current condition is a substantial hazard to motorists utilizing the roadway. The superstructure's current steel beams have failed and are beginning to deflect (bend) downwards towards the water, an indication of impending collapse. With winter months upon us, and soon- to-be continuous heavy truck traffic (i.e., snowremoval equipment), further collapse and ultimate failure will likely occur sooner than later. The overall condition of the bridge superstructure and abutments is poor. Lateral displacement of the concrete exists throughout the abutment system, an indication that internal failures are present. A new replacement structure (abutments and superstructure with guiderail) would likely cost around 350k to have completed entirely by outside contract (public bid).

**Claude Street Bridge** - Similar with the other structures reviewed, this too has indications of failure, specifically the western abutment which is beginning to collapse towards the water. At a minimum, this structure should have the failing abutment replaced. Our records indicate that we provided a previous estimate of approximately 45k to replace the failing abutment using a combination of Town and contract work forces.

Based upon our brief inspection and subsequent analyses of the four bridge/culvert sites reviewed, the following conclusions were generated:

1. Repairs to the Harvey Road Bridge should be made during the next 12-month period and the footings and possible scour reviewed more closely when water levels are lower.
2. The Glenn Creek structure is hydraulically inadequate and has signs of future impending failure. That is, we do not specifically know the future of this structure due to the hidden failure points (i.e., corrosion on bottom, possible soil displacement/loss, etc.). Temporary repairs such as concrete infilling or lining of the existing pipe -likely not possible due to regulatory restrictions – should be made to prevent failure and choking of the pipe (collapse). Repairs should be made to this structure within the next 18-months.
3. The Garnet Lake Bridge should be closed and temporary by-pass provisions made. This structure has significant signs of failure and will likely fail very soon.
4. Claude Street has signs of failure and plans to make repairs should be made. Repairs should be made within the next 18-months.

Superintendent Hitchcock stated that he would like a reserve account set up for Bridges and one for Equipment.

Ms. Nightingale stated she thought that was a great idea and asked if there was other accounts that a fund balance is needed.

Superintendent Hitchcock stated just one for the Bridges and one for Equipment and he believes there was a one page resolution in the information that he had e-mailed out to the board.

Supervisor Vanselow stated it looks like about eight hundred thousand on the four projects.

Mr. Olesheski stated that the board needs to make a decision as to where the other funds are coming from.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that we could bond it.

Mr. Arsenault stated that they need to get together with Mr. Hitchcock and figure out what they can do.

Superintendent Hitchcock stated regarding the seasonal road issues, that he put a plow on his new truck so he can plow and maybe taking a parks worker for the winter season to help out. Superintendent Hitchcock went on to state that they have been working on these roads also to be able to get the one ton and a pickup in there to plow them this winter.

Mr. Olesheski stated that it sounds like we are making good progress.

### **MOTION TO PAY WARRANTS**

Supervisor Vanselow asked for a motion to pay the warrants.

### ***RESOLUTION # 128-15***

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

***November 3, 2015***

***General Fund*** (Total \$18,201.29) - Claims # 15-945 to 15-959; 15-968 to 15-973; 15-978

***Highway Fund*** (Total \$28,415.43) - Claims #15-939; 15-959 to 15-966

***Water District Fund*** (Total \$6,501.00) Claims # 15-967; 15-974 to 15-976

***Johnsbury Emergency Squad*** (Total \$80,000.00) Claims #15-977

**Total all warrants \$ 133,117.72**

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. Stevens and second by Mr. Olesheski the board went into executive session regarding Property Purchase at 8:36 pm.

On motion of Mr. Stevens and second by Mr. Olesheski the board came out of executive session at 9:10 pm. No action taken.

On motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Olesheski the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 17, 2015 at Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, New York.

Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk

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