

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg  
Regular Meeting  
Wevertown Community Center,  
2370 State Route 28, Wevertown, NY  
June 21, 2016**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday June 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Wevertown Community Center, 2370 State Route 28, Wevertown, NY.

Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7:00 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

**Approval of Minutes For Regular Meeting May 17, 2016 and Special Meeting June 7, 2016**

**RESOLUTION # 92-16**

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

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

**RESOLUTION # 93-16**

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Special Town Board Meeting.

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

## **Correspondence**

### ***Kate Hartley - Letter of interest for the position of the Johnsburg Youth Committee's after school activities coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year -***

I am writing to express my interest in continuing in my current role of JYC After School Activities Coordinator, for the 2016-2017 school year. I have really enjoyed this part-time position, and have organized a schedule that provided recreation, education and fun for over 200 local children and teens this past year. Several adults and teens found professional outlets through our program, and many more volunteered their services to the youth of our town.

Our activities through my first year with the JYC have ranged from trips to see galaxies (at the Adirondack Public Observatory) to learning how to make treats at Barkeater Chocolates. Gardening, Decorating Ceramics, Hiking and Geocaching, Camping, Art, Zumba and Cooking classes have all been well-attended and enthusiastically received by students and their families. Our Earth Day event involved over 20 adults and teens as volunteers, and served 40 people, from toddlers through adults.

We recently held a fundraiser, in collaboration with Izzy's Market and Deli, at which we raised \$1,600 for future programs, and children helped to auction their ceramic creations. I plan to make this an annual event!

My plans for the fall include karate, fishing and fly-tying classes, a family hiking day, and a "progressive meal" around town for teens, and more!

### ***Ann Dingman - recommended hire for morning summer youth program***

Jamie Bruce has already been hired as a counselor for the morning program at \$9.00/hour.

I would like to hire Jamie as a life guard for \$12.50/hour on the Monday field trips that involve water. Jamie will be performing, required by the DOH, as a life guard on those days. It would be three or four days. The other days she would be paid her counselor rate.

Lloyd Burch as a substitute and occasional second trip bus driver.

Rate of pay will be that of the Johnsburg Central School contract. The new bus

contract is in the process of being negotiated.

FYI in the last contract the trip rate was \$17.50/hour and the route rate was \$14.50/hour.

***Kelly Nettle - recommended hire for additional hires for summer programs -***

The Johnsbury Youth Committee has additional hires to recommend for the summer programs.

Lloyd Burch has agreed to be the second Monday field trip bus driver and substitute bus driver. He will be hired at the JCS union rate which has yet to be finalized.

Also, both the VP and the swim program need to hire Jamie Bruce, a returning lifeguard. VP needs her in the role of a lifeguard when they take a field trip to a venue with water, such as Water Slide World in Lake George to satisfy the Department of Health camp regulations. The swim program needs her as a lifeguard/counselor. As a returning lifeguard, Jamie will be paid \$13/hour.

The swim program had submitted Maddie Brown's name earlier as a sub counselor. We would like to change that to a full-time swim counselor due to current enrollment. Numbers are 45 with at least four on the waiting list.

Gillian Hayden has completed her lifeguard certificate with Lynn Green at Minerva Beach. Her pay rate will be \$12.50/hour. This gives us 4 certified lifeguards for the program and 3 swim instruction counselors under Susanne Hayden, Aquatics Director.

**RESOLUTION #94-16**

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the following additional JYP summer hires: Lloyd Burch - substitute bud driver at the JCS Union rate, Jamie Bruce - returning lifeguard at \$13.00 / hour, Maddie Brown - full-time swim counselor, Gillian Hayden - Lifeguard at \$12.50 / hour.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Occupancy Tax - North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association requesting \$2,000 for the Johnsburg Historical Weekend September 23 and 24, 2016

**RESOLUTION #95-16**

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the Occupancy Tax application from North Creek Railway Depot reservation Association for the Johnsburg Historical Weekend in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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

Mr. Olesheski updated the Board on the Occupancy Tax Usage rules, which now includes using Occupancy Tax for staffing expenses for an event or tourism. Mr. Olesheski went on to state because of this there could be funding for the TPC request.

**RESOLUTION #96-16**

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept and approve the request from TPC for funding a person to schedule events for the TPCC Building in the amount of \$5,000 for 2016 and for \$5,000 for 2017 out of the Occupancy Tax Fund.

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

Mr. Olesheski stated that he and Mr. Arsenault met with Ms. Welch regarding the maintenance / repairs for the TPCC Building. Ms. Welch stated that she would drop off the list to the Supervisor who will send it out to all Board members. It was suggested having Mr. Stafford take a look at the list and that maybe he could get pricing for the repairs.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Nightingale expressed her concerns regarding ORDA and the expansion of

Trails.

### **New Business:**

#### **Supervisor's Monthly Report**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Supervisors Monthly report for May 2016 was in the Boards packets.

#### **RESOLUTION #97-16**

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the Supervisors Monthly Report for May 2016.

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

#### **Animal Control Monthly Report**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Animal Control Officer, Mr. Mosher's May 2016 report was in the Board's Packet.

#### **Zoning Officer Monthly Report**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Zoning Officer, Ms. Tucker's #4 April and #5 May 2016 report was in the Board's Packet.

#### **Cedarwood Engineering Services - re insufficient levels of chlorine - Top Ridge Development**

As you are aware the NYS DOH has noted that insufficient levels of chlorine residual are present at the termination of the water system near the Top Ridge Development. It is our understanding that the Town does not wish to do any further improvement or investigation work to the water line which supplies water to the Top Ridge subdivision located on the Claude Straight Road in the North Creek Water District.

We (Cedarwood Engineering and Cedarwood Environmental) are tasked with the responsibility of operating the North Creek Water District and providing the

customers with safe water. In regard to the Top Ridge subdivision, we have run a survey and have documented statistics showing that at this time we are unable to provide sufficient levels of free chlorine residuals to the residents at the subdivision. Without further modifications to the existing system we do not feel that it is in the Town's best interest to continue supplying these residents with water which does not meet DOH regulations. Although the Town may deny new service connections, any previously approved existing connections must be served by water meeting DOH requirements.

We have provided the Town with options to remedy these problems.

Require Top Ridge to install a chlorine booster station in line at the Top Ridge site to be turned over to the Town once an inspection has been completed and approval has been received from DOH and the Town Engineer.

Upgrade the booster Station located at 69 Main Street to add sufficient chlorine to meet the minimum residual chlorine requirements. As previously noted this option has encountered legal issues with the purchase of land.

Run a pilot program to investigate the possibility of using an automatic flushing hydrant at the end of the line at the Top Ridge subdivision to periodically flush the line and increase residual chlorine levels. We believe this is the simplest and cheapest option to achieve low chlorine residual levels at the Top Ridge Subdivision.

For your records I have attached the most recent Sanitary Survey noting the chlorine residual issues. Please let us know if the Town would like us to pursue one of the above listed options. If the Town would prefer to continue with no action, please note we cannot guarantee that water reaching the Top Ridge Subdivision will meet DOH standards and may present a health concern to the currently connected users.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that he would have Mr. Suozzo come to one of the following meetings to discuss options.

### **MOTION TOPAY WARRANTS**

Supervisor Vanselow asked for a motion to pay the warrants and the following's voucher's were mistakenly posted to account #A7310.4 (Youth

Programs) when they should have been posted to A7110.4 (Parks CE General) Claims #16-527; 16-528; 16-529; 16-530

## **RESOLUTION #98-16**

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to pay the following certified bills, which includes changing the following claims #16-527; 16-528; 16-529; 16-530 from account #A7310.4 to A7110.4, which have been reviewed by the board members:

### **June 2016**

**General Fund** (Total \$50,102.57) - Claims #16-490; 16-492; 16-497 to 16-498; 16-502 to 16-532; 16-16-558; 16-561; 16-568 to 16-594; 16-600 to 16-603

**Highway Fund** (Total \$30,118.35) - Claims #16-532 to 16-554; 16-568; 16-594 to 16-596

**Water District** (Total \$29,435.95) - Claims #16-491; 16-517; 16-555 to 16-563; 16-594; 16-597 to 16-599; 16-604

**Library Fund** (Total \$1,916.15) - Claims #16-564 to 16-567; 16-594

**Trust & Agency Fund** (Total \$3,723.89) - Claims #16-589; 16-594

Total all warrants \$ **115,296.91**

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

### **Privilege of Floor**

Mr. Filkins expressed his concern about ORDA cutting trees on Town Property - he feels that this should be over seen and the Town should sell and or use for firewood etc.

Mr. Nessel expressed his concern about more promotion of the Town.

Mr. Filkins also expressed his concern about the Volunteer Fire Departments and

not having enough volunteers.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the Board would be going into executive session 8:36pm

**Executive Session: Re: Personnel Issue**

On motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Olesheski to enter into executive session at 8:45 pm.

On motion of Mr. Stevens and seconded by Ms. Nightingale to close executive session at 9:45 pm.

No Action Taken

**Motion to adjourn**

On motion of Mr. Stevens and seconded by Ms. Nightingale the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk