

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg Regular Board Meeting November 19, 2013
Held at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, NY.**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, NY. Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. Ronald Vanselow; Town Councilmen/ Eugene Arsenault, Katharine Nightingale, Arnold Stevens; Deputy Town Clerk/ Jo A Smith. Town Councilman Peter Olesheski, Jr was absent.

Guests: On attached list

Minutes for November 7, 2013 were not yet transcribed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from the State of New York Office of the State Comptroller with a recommendation that the full board does the annual audit and not just two board members or hire a public accountant to audit the books.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow stated that as requested from the Town Board at the last meeting he has checked with other towns as to what they are contributing to the Youth Court. Chestertown has not made a determination, Horicon contributes nothing, Warrensburg gives \$1,000, Lake George give \$2,500, Queensbury nothing yet.

RESOLUTION NO. 177

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault, to give the Youth Court a contribution of \$500. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow stated that it is that time of year to do (HSA) Health Savings Account and he is looking for a pre-approval of payment for that account which is due December 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 178

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that the Town Board pre-authorize the Town Supervisor to make payments to employee's health savings accounts in Glens Falls National Bank, as well as those held "in-house" by the Town. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow stated that we do not have a Domestic Partner Coverage rider in the insurance. The way that state law is structured it is an automatic additional rider. There is some additional documentation that is required that there is a relationship. Mr. Stevens asked if we had a copy of this rider. Supervisor Vanselow said no not in hand. It simply states that you treat Domestic Partnerships they same as you do marriages. Supervisor Vanselow stated that there is one in town now that it would apply to, but in the near future there is a marriage plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 179

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to add the Domestic Partner Coverage rider to the insurance. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow regarding Stipend vs Enrollment. He has talked with Tony Jordan the town attorney regarding this matter and it is legal. Supervisor Vanselow went on to say that other Municipalities have this in place. What it is exactly is if the spouse has insurance that is better so they don't take the Towns insurance then they would be stipend. The suggestion for the stipend was \$1,500 and he believes that a couple of employee's would be interested in this. Ms. Nightingale asked if this amount was yearly. Supervisor Vanselow said yes. Mr. Bob Nessle asked if we would get any information from the other employer so that we would know that this is a valid request. Supervisor Vanselow replied that they would have to provide that they have coverage elsewhere which is part of the new regulations. Mr. Peter Heid asked if it was the employee that came up with the figure of \$1,500? Supervisor Vanselow replied that the number was suggested by an employee. Mr. Arnold Stevens asked if a motion was put together what would it say. Supervisor Vanselow said it would be something like "I hear by authorize the Town to pay a stipend not to exceed \$1,500 to employees to not to choose to take the Town insurance and they would get there insurance elsewhere. " Mr. Arsenault has a problem with this because it was just brought to them and this needs a lot of thought. Ms. Nightingale has a problem with the \$1,500. Supervisor Vanselow replied that they could amend the resolution for say just for 2013. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was not comfortable with this either but it is a legal option. Mrs. Kelly Nessle ask if other business do this? Mr. Arsenault said yes it is out there when he sat on the

school board he encountered it. Also, shouldn't this be a contract discussion because it is a benefit.

Supervisor Vanselow replied that the highway contract doesn't come up until the year after and he didn't quite understand the open enrollment. For some reason that is the only time you can change your insurance. Mr. Steve Hayes asked if they take the stipend and for whatever reason the other loses their insurance can they get back on? Ms. Nightingale responded that they would have to wait until the open enrollment again. Supervisor Vanselow said that they have a motion could they get a second - No response.

Supervisor Vanselow asked Mrs. Kelly Nessel to introduce for the Solar Presentation. Apex Solar located in Queensbury represented by Stan Dobert, Owner and Todd Baxter, Field Engineer. Mr. Dobert explained out that the cost of Solar Panels is coming down from what they used to be. Mr. Dobert also explained that there is funding through investors. Which means the town could get the solar panels all installed free. They would have a contract with the town and they would sell the electric to the town. Taking all of our electric bills for a month for the calculation there would be a savings of 20% a year. Their presentation was an hour long. Supervisor Vanselow asked if the information could be sent up so he and the Board could go over it more.

A Presentation by Jo A Smith regarding Payment of Property Tax by Credit Card. The Board seemed to like this idea and they asked her if it would be for 2014 or 2015. Mrs. Smith decided it would be better to do it for 2015.

Mrs. Smith also Presented the 2014 Transfer Station Clean Up Card for the Town. Mr. Stevens said he thinks it should stay the same.

RESOLUTION NO. 180

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board authorizes the issuance of the 2014 Transfer Station Cleanup Cards with no changes from the 2013 card. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow presented the following Budget Amendments and Corrections

RESOLUTION NO. 181

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that the budget Amendments dated November 2013 and Corrections (submitted for Board Resolution, November 2013) which have been reviewed by the board members;

Budget Amendments
November, 2013

1	Unallocated Insurance	A19104	137.50	
	Insurance Recoveries	A2680		137.50

Apply Insurance Refund to increased Insurance Appropriations

2	Justices CE	A11104	1,000.00	
	Town Clerk PS	A14101	1,500.00	
	Unallocated Insurance	A19104	345.00	
	Dog Control	A35104	1,100.00	
	Parks EQ	A71102	280.00	
	Zoning CE	A80104	1,500.00	
	Planning PS	A80201	1,800.00	
	Cemeteries CE	A88104	463.00	
	Contingency Account	A19004		7,988.00

Allocate Contingency Funds for Unexpected Appropriations

3	Machinery EQ	DA51302	10,204.75	
	Insurance Recoveries	DA2680		10,204.75

Apply Insurance Recovery of Salvage Value of Wrecked Truck to Equipment Appropriation for purchase of new truck.

4	Unemployment Insurance	DA90508	1,858.00	
	General Repairs PS	DA5110.1		1,858.00

Allocate Labor Funds for position unfilled to cover Unemployment Costs

5	Emergency Disaster Work	DA8760.4	45,110.00	
	Federal Aid	DA4960		45,110.00

Allocate anticipated FEMA Payments to Disaster Work Performed

Corrections (submitted for Board Resolution, November 2013)

	Unemployment/General		
1	Fund	A90508	1,866.00
	Unemployment/Highway		
	Fund	DA90508	1,866.00

Correct posting NYS Unemployment Insurance/Oct/Sam Cleveland/P
Goodman
Voucher 13-877/ Check 1732 (Board Meeting
10/15/13)

	Medical Insurance/Highway		
2	Fund	DA90608	2,379.06
	Medical Insurance/General		
	Fund	A90608	2,379.06

Correct posting Blue
Shield/July
Voucher 13-554/Check 1453 (Board Meeting
7/2/13)

	Publicity/Tourism		
3	Promotion	A64104.0.2	26.97
	Beautification	A85104	26.97

Correct posting for reimbursement to D Osterhout for
flowers
Voucher 13-470/Check 1394 (Board Meeting 6/2/13)

	Publicity/Tourism		
4	Promotion	A64104.0.2	1,375.00
	Publicity	A64101	1,375.00

Correct posting for North Country Hardship Fund/Wayne Stock
Voucher 13-658/Check 1541 (Board Meeting
8/6/13)

	Publicity/Tourism		
5	Promotion	A64104.0.2	945.00
	Economic Development	A69894	945.00

Correct a/c coding for Tourism Advertising to Interface

Communications

Voucher 13-750/Check 1614 (Board Meeting 9/3/13)

6	Parks CE	A71104	139.98	
	Parks PS	A71101		139.98

Correct posting Tractor Supply/Aug
 Voucher 13-660/Check 1553 (Board Meeting
 8/6/13)

7	Machinery EQ	DA51302	5,781.52	
	General Repairs CE	DA51104		2,890.76
	Snow Removal CE	DA51424		2,890.76

Correct posting Capital Digitronics/Feb
 Voucher 13-202/Check 1109 (Board Meeting
 2/19/13)

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

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that the annual contract for Senior Citizens Transportation will need to be bid for 2014 and asked that the Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the bid for one week in the North Creek News-Enterprise and to set the date and time for the bid opening; he suggested the December 17, 2013 meeting at 7:00pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center with the closing for the bid acceptance to be 12:00pm December 17, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 182

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the 2014 Senior Citizens Transportation bid for one week in the North Creek News-Enterprise; and further, to set the date and time for the bid opening at 7:00pm at December 17, 2013 meeting at 7:00pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center, Main Street, North Creek; and further, with the closing for the bid acceptance to be 12:00pm December 17, 2013. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 183

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms.

Nightingale that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund (Total \$20,394.98) - Claims #2012-978 through #2013-985 and #2013-998 through #2013-1004; Highway Fund (Total \$10,694.76)- Claims #2013-986 through #2013-989 and #2013-1005 and #2013-1006Capital Projects (Total \$8,464.47) - Claims #2013-982 and #2013-997 and #2013-1008; North Creek Water Dist.(Total \$3,836.51) - Claims #2013-979 and #2013-995 and #2013-996 and #2013-1007; Library Fund (Total \$1,205.96) - Claims #2013-990 through #2013-994; Total all warrants \$44,596.68. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Arsenault with a second from Ms. Nightingale at 9:00pm. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on December 3, 2013 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York.

Prepared by Jo A Smith, Deputy Town Clerk