

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**November 18, 2014**  
**Tannery Pond Community Center**  
**North Creek, New York**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, New York.

Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

PRESENT: Ronald Vanselow -- Supervisor  
 Eugene Arsenault -- Councilman  
 Arnold Stevens -- Councilman  
 Jo A Smith -- Town Clerk

ABSENT: Peter Olesheski, Jr -- Councilman  
 Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman

Guests: On attached list

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

***RESOLUTION # 175-14***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2014 Public Hearing for the Fire Protection, Town Budget and the Regular Board Meeting which was held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York as written.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays – 0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. ***Bob Pacca, Assistant Scout Master - Paoli 1 Boy Scouts of America*** - requesting the use of the Scout Hall from 2/13/2015 to 2/16/2015 for a camp in and to ski at Gore

2. ***Honorable Vincent D. Schiavone*** - received a grant from the Office of Court Administration for courtroom improvements. These funds were expended as follows: Judge's bench, witness box, 2 counsel tables \$6,400.00; chairs for courtroom and court office (3) \$481.43; Court seal for bench and court office signs \$127.10; Total expended \$7,008.53 - balance of \$191.47 available and intend to use to purchase a chair for the witness box.

***RESOLUTION # 176-14 RATIFY RESOLUTION FOR R & B CONSTRUCTION SEE BELOW***

**E-MAIL FROM BOB PACCA, ASSISTANT SCOUT MASTER - PAOLI 1 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Ms. Ferguson stated that attached to their e-mail was their insurance information and last year they did a \$25.00 deposit.

***RESOLUTION # 177-14***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to allow the Boy Scouts of America Troop Paoli 1 supervised by Bob Pacca Assistant Scout Master to use the Scout Hall from 2/13/2015 to 2/16/2015 for a camp in and skiing at Gore Mountain with a \$25.00 deposit.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays – 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Supervisor Vanselow asked if there were any committee reports - Ms. Ferguson stated that in the Boards Packet was the list of Occupancy Tax Requests for 2015 funding.

Supervisor Vanselow stated the Occupancy Tax at the County Level has proposed changes in the regulations, because they want to get away from having the county review dozens of minor requests and just keep the large requests. The county would allow the Town's to do their own small requests. If this passes we would get the same as we usually get, which is \$30,000 in the Fall and then an additional \$6,000 to \$9,000 in the spring. The new arrangement would give us an additional \$10,000. They are also hoping to get the full amount out to the Towns in January. Supervisor Vanselow isn't certain if this will pass or not at the County.

Mr. Arsenault asked how much money do they give out. Supervisor Vanselow stated last year they distributed \$350,000 after the Towns got their shares.

Mr. Arsenault asked how much money do they receive a year. Supervisor Vanselow stated over 1 million a year. Mr. Arsenault asked what did they do with the balance. Supervisor Vanselow stated they put it away and that is the other part of the discussion is that they have around 1 million in that account which is supposed to be spent.

Mr. Arsenault thinks it is a good idea for the Towns because they know what and who is in need of the funding.

**OLD BUSINESS****WINTER PARKING ON MAIN STREET, NORTH CREEK**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the current Winter Parking on Main Street is ineffective. A polling from the Business Alliance is to have NO overnight parking from December 1st to April 1st on the east side of Main Street at all. Supervisor Vanselow went on to state that we could do an amendment to the Local Law #1 of 1999.

Mr. Arsenault asked about the west side of the street. Supervisor Vanselow stated that most business on the west side have off street parking. Mr. Arsenault asked what Supervisor Vanselow opinion was. Supervisor Vanselow stated that it was worth a try. Mr. Arsenault stated it was worth a try for what we have now isn't effective. Supervisor Vanselow stated he would work on the wordage and will bring it back to the December 2nd meeting. Mr. Stevens stated that sounds a lot simpler than what is in place now.

**RESOLUTION # 176-14 RATIFY RESOLUTION FOR R & B CONSTRUCTION**

Supervisor Vanselow stated he would like to have Resolution #176-14 ratified for R & B Construction who was awarded the bid for doing the sidewalks and curb from the Train Station up to about where the Christmas Tree is on the Monday Property. Supervisor Vanselow stated that Mr. LaMothe believes they could do twice as much as that because of their bid coming in so low. Mr. Stevens was wondering why their bid came in so low compared to all of the others. Supervisor Vanselow stated that Mr. LaMothe went over everything with the company and they are happy with it the way it is. Supervisor Vanselow went on to stated that he has doubled check with Mr. LaMothe that in the specs are the holes for the flag poles.

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to ratify the following resolution #176-14.

**RESOLUTION # 176-14**

Supervisor Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the bid in the amount of \$40,496.00 from R & B Construction of 1094 Bull Head Rd. Amsterdam, NY 12010 for REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS AND CURBS, in the TOWN OF JOHNSBURG, NEW YORK and authorizes the town Supervisor to sign all necessary documents, including a contract, with the low bidder.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0 Abstained 1 - Nightingale

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - 3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Supervisor monthly report was in the boards packets.

#### **RESOLUTION # 178-14**

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the Supervisor's monthly report for the month of October 2014.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

#### **SENIOR TRANSPORTATION AND SCRAP METAL BID'S**

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that the annual contract for Senior Citizens Transportation and Scrap Metal will need to be bid for 2015 and asked that the Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the bid's for one week in the North Creek News-Enterprise and to set the date and time for the bid opening on December 16, 2014 meeting at 7:00pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center with the closing for the bid acceptance to be 12:00pm December 16, 2014.

#### **RESOLUTION # 179-14**

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the 2015 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 16, 2014 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 16, 2014.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

#### **TOWN OF JOHNSBURG FAMILY FUN DAYS**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the Board has the proposed dates for the tubing passes for the 2014-2015 for free tubing at the Ski Bowl Park. The dates are as follows:

January 2, 2015 - Friday

January 10, 2015 - Saturday

January 24, 2015 - Saturday

February 1, 2015 - Sunday

February 22, 2015 - Sunday

March 8, 2015 - Sunday

The passes allow Johnsbury Central School District residents to use the tubing hill or the Village chair lift for a two hour period during the hours of operation on those days. Ms. Ferguson stated that she has been corresponding via e-mail with Ms. Stanton at ORDA and has suggested that maybe residents could pick their own six dates or at least two dates, that would be convenient for them. At this time Ms. Ferguson has not had a response from Ms. Stanton.

### **JOHNSBURG YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Ms. Kelly Nettle presented the Town Board with the following:

#### JYC Mission Statement

November 18, 2014

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The Johnsbury Youth Committee provides recreational, cultural, educational, and social opportunities for youth.

#### Execution of Mission

##### a. Administrative

- Oversee programming for all age levels throughout year
- Create job descriptions, work with town board to hire, set guidelines, and work with program coordinators
- Establish and maintain annual budget within the Town's annual allocation
- Fundraise to supplement programming
- Establish safety guidelines to be followed
- Establish goals and evaluate effectiveness of program and providers
- Collaborate with other regional youth committees, organizations, activity centers

##### b. Execution of Programming

- Summer Youth Program Sports Director
- Winter Ski Lesson Coordinator
- 10-Month School Year Coordinator
- Individuals from community (Ms. Nettle stated that Mr. Gereau and Mr. Tomb take children to the dome for different activities)

#### Relationship with Town Board

##### a. Advisory

- Budget needs (Ms. Nettle this is the first time of doing a budget)
- Programming scheduled (insurance)
- Liaise with Board member
- Recommendations re-hiring

## b. Report

- Monthly at town board meeting
- Minutes published on Town website or our own

Ms. Nessel stated that this was the first time a budget had ever been done and she went over it and explained it.

### JYC Budget FY 2014

#### Current Status

##### 2014 BUDGET ALLOTMENT from TOJ

- Personnel 24000
  - Program 7000
- 31000

##### 2014 Expenditures to date

- Personnel
  - Summer/Winter YP 19861
- Balance of personnel 4139

##### 2014 Program monies expended

- Summer Field Trip Subsidies 500
- Busses for YP 2923
- Sub Bus driver contract 282
- Ski lessons subsidies 720
- Library program sponsorship 340
- Library Salary 300
- YP Program expenses 193
- Summer HS Soccer Dome 300
- Summer Nordic fitness 85
- Fall Nordic fitness 100
- British Soccer Camp 780
- Fall soccer - 1 team A2 Dome 400
- 1 fall trip Adk Extreme 415
- ATLAS leadership fee 1100
- **TOTAL 8438**

2014 Program Balance (-\$1438)

2014 Personnel Balance \$4139

Request that we have Sherry amend the program and personnel categories, leaving \$2701 in personnel (deduct 1438)

Use \$2500 to pay a committee member to investigate after school activities. This would leave a balance of \$201 to cover any odds and ends that might surface.

Ms. Nettle stated if they could have a committee member investigate after school activities that Ms. Kate Hartley is very interested in doing so and her resume was attached to the packet presented to the board.

Supervisor Vanselow thanked Ms. Nettle for putting all the information together for the board and that there are a few things that they need to discuss at a later time.

### **WARRANTS**

Supervisor Vanselow asked about paying the warrants

### ***RESOLUTION # 180-14***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid:

**General Fund** - \$59,414.39 - Claim #14-975 to 14-1007; 14-1029

**Highway Fund** - \$16,718.58 - Claim #14-1008 to 14-1017; 14-1028 to 14-1029

**Capital Projects Fund** - **\$1,949.74** - Claim #14-993; 14-1025 to 14-1027

**North Creek Water District** - \$10,546.52 Claim #14-980; 14-1022 to 14-1025

**Library Fund** - \$1,659.32 Claim #14-1018 to 14-1021

**Total all warrants - \$90,288.55**

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays – 0

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Supervisor Vanselow opened privilege of the floor

Mr. Nettle asked about what was going on down at the Railroad. Supervisor Vanselow stated that they are cleaning out around the brook and they just paved the parking lot to use some of the Grant money before the end of the year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Arsenault with a second from Mr. Stevens at 8:05 p.m.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays – 0

The Town Board regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 2, 2014, at Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY.

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Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk



## MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2014

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LOCATION: Tannery Pond Community Center

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Please PRINT name and address clearly to assure the correct spelling in the minutes of this meeting.

1	Cherie Ferguson	North Creek
2	Kelly Messeri	Johnsburg
3	Robert Newle	"
4	Hilary Bell	N. Creek
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