

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg
Public Hearing on the 2017 Johnsburg Fire Protection District
Public Hearing on the 2017 Town of Johnsburg Budget
Regular Meeting
Wevertown Community Center
2370 State Route 28
Wevertown, NY
November 1, 2016**

Minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2017 Johnsburg Fire Protection District –
Public Hearing on the 2017 Town of Johnsburg Budget - Regular Meeting of the
Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday November 1, 2016 at 7:00
PM at the Wevertown Community Center, 2370 State Route 28,
Wevertown, NY.

Public Hearing on the 2017 Johnsburg Fire Protection District

Legal Notice
Public Hearing on Fire Protection
Funding for Johnsburg Fire
Protection District

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg,
Warren County, New York, will meet and hold a Public Hearing at the Wevertown
Community Center, Wevertown, NY on Tuesday November 1, 2014, at 7:00 pm,
for considering funding proposed by said Town Board for the five volunteer
companies for furnishing of fire protection in the Johnsburg Fire Protection
District, at which time and place said Town Board will consider such proposed
funding and hear all persons interested in the same.

The following companies are included: North River Vol. Fire Co., Garnet Lake
Vol. Fire Co., Bakers Mills/Sodom Vol. Fire Co., Johnsburg Vol. Fire Co.,
Riverside Vol. Fire Co.

Dated Oct 6, 2016
By Order of the Johnsburg Town Board
Jo A Smith,
Town Clerk

Supervisor Vanselow opened the Public Hearing and stated that the Fire
Companies would be getting a 2.5 percent increase as discussed at their meeting in

July of 2016.

John Donohue – North River Fire Company – stated that their meeting in July was the best meeting and he would like to continue meeting a few times a year with the Board. Mr. Donohue stated that the town needs all the fire departments to cover because of the size of the town, and it takes all the departments working together on big fires. Mr. Donohue also stated he would still like an answer to his question that he asks every year “where are the Funds from Wevertown’s Company going”, he would just like an answer to that question. Mr. Donohue also stated that with the state mandates of inspection of their equipment, they are finding that they can’t afford all of them.

Scott Monthony – Johnsburg Fire Company – stated that they all should sit down with the Board and discuss the fire company’s budgets for the year, so the board knows what they are experiencing.

Mr. Stevens – asked the fire companies to come up with 4 dates, times and places to meet, like a different fire company so that way the board can see them and understand better of their needs.

On motion of Mr. Olesheski and seconded by Mr. Stevens the public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Public Hearing on the 2017 Town of Johnsburg Budget

Legal Notice

Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget
for the Town of Johnsburg,
Warren County, New York
for the Year of 2017.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of Johnsburg, Warren County, NY for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, has been completed and filed in the Town Clerk’s Office in the hamlet of North Creek in said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at 7:00 pm

on Tuesday November 1, 2016 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY and that at such time and place any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled, for or against any item or items therein contained.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, that the following are the proposed yearly salaries of the Town Officers:

Supervisor	\$23,289.00
Justice of the Peace	\$13,500.00
Councilpersons (4)	\$ 4,147.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$30,000.00
Highway Superintendent	\$53,000.00

Dated October 4, 2016
By Order of Town Board
Jo A Smith, Town Clerk
Town of Johnsbury

Supervisor Vanselow opened the Public Hearing and stated that there are a couple of changes – the first one is that the Supervisor’s Salary was raised to \$25,519; second the Councilpersons was raised to \$4,561; and the third is the Highway Superintendent was raised to \$53,040.

Susan Therio – Johnsbury Public Library Treasure – asked why the Library’s fund went down to \$57,078 when it was \$59,406, being that there is going to be a change in the salary with the new state law going into effect Dec 1, 2016. Ms. Therio went on to state that she would like to see the funding restored.

Kelly Nettle – asked if the Town supports the staff at Tannery Pond.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that yes we do, also that Tannery Pond needs a lot of maintenance and he is putting money into a fund for that.

Mr. Olesheski asked Ms. Nettle about the large increase in the Youth Program’s Budget. Ms. Nettle stated that some of it is due to the minimum wage increase. Mr. Olesheski stated eleven thousand dollars? Ms. Nettle responded she would have to check her numbers which are on her home computer.

Christian Holt – Town Assessor – requested to have his budget line at \$6,000

instead of the \$5,000 that is in the budget.

Christian Holt – Town Assessor – asked about the increase in Hudson Headwaters Health Network and why we don't give funding to the Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that he had spoken with another Board member and it was requested to increase Hudson Headwaters Health Network, and he has spoken with Mr. Payne about the Tri-County Nursing Home and how we could help and has never gotten any feedback or request from them.

Mr. Arsenault stated that the Hudson Headwaters needs us and we need them. Mr. Arsenault went on to state that he would have a representative from HHHN come to a meeting and explain where the funding goes.

On motion of Mr. Arsenault and seconded by Ms. Nightingale the public hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Vanselow called the regular meeting to order at 8:25 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 OCTOBER 18, 2016

Ms. Nightingale asked if the long discussion could be summarized about the discussion on the Budget.

Discussion's: a line in the budget for Tannery Pond's maintenance and or any other large maintenance items; raising the Supervisor and Board members pay; the Water Department / collector / water rents; fire budget 2.5 percent increase; BlueShield Gold Standard as the Base plan with a deductible of 600/1200 which

only covers select eastern counties, MVP 1400/2800 national plan, Mr. Arsenault stated that if the Town could fund the deductible of 1500/3000 then offer the upgrade to the MVP with the individual being responsible for the upgrade.

RESOLUTION # 145-16

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2016 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 – October 19, 2016 – Ms. Kelly Nettle

As of November 15, I am officially resigning my appointed position with the Johnsbury Youth Committee after 8 years of service, the last two and a half as Chair. It is time for someone else to take the reins.

The JYC has a clear structure and direction at present offering year-round programming to the children of Johnsbury. The summer Youth Program continues successfully under Ann Dingmans leadership; the newly introduced swim instruction program is in capable hands with Susanne Hayden; the school-year activities coordinator, Kate Hartley, brings creative, interesting things to do throughout the school year; and the winter ski lessons in collaboration with Gore Mt. continue, under Ann Dingmans supervision. Each program director liaises with a committee member for problem solving.

The committee has decided to meet in September, November, February, and May in order to reduce the number of meetings in hopes of keeping and attracting participatory members. We are organized so that the committee members will continue to assist the directors with their programming, look to sponsor an annual major trip, as well as host a winter gear exchange the first weekend in December.

The committee will also be responsible for submitting a budget request to the town in September, following the hiring protocols that were developed this past year, and submitting a tri-monthly report to the Town Board.

Activity sponsorship requests from individuals of the community will be considered, weighing the cost efficiency of each request and available grant monies.

We are able to carry out these activities, **if** we have enough funding. The standard summer/winter program costs account for approximately 88% of the town budget allocation. The newer programs- Swim Instruction and School Year Activities-are partially covered by the town distribution. The remaining costs and therefore, the extent of activity offered, are picked up by grants funding. I will continue to try to raise grant money for the committee.

I am a strong believer **in** the Committee's mission: The Johnsbury Youth Committee provides recreational, cultural, educational, and social opportunities for youth. Helping children get a wider look at the world and all it has to offer, giving them opportunities to explore and learn new skills, help to generate positive, productive, self-confident adults. The town's role **in** this is commendable and worthy of funding to the greatest extent possible.

RESOLUTION # 146-16

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept the resignation with much regret and many thanks for her years of service from Ms. Kelly Nettle from the Johnsbury Youth Committee.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Olesheski stated that the Occupancy Tax deadline is November 15, 2016. Mr. Olesheski also indicated that Ms. Deb Zack has filled the vacancy on that committee.

Ratify for Highway Department Help Wanted

Mr. Olesheski asked for ratification for the help wanted ad for the Highway

Department.

RESOLUTION # 147-16

Mr. Olesheski presented the following ratification resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept the help wanted ad for the Town of Johnsbury Highway Department who is looking for a mechanic. The applicant must have knowledge of gas and diesel engines; possess welding skills and a current CDL.

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

Help Wanted Ad Highway CDL Driver

Mr. Olesheski then asked for a resolution for the Highway Department to place an ad for a CDL Driver.

RESOLUTION # 148-16

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept placement of ad for two weeks for the Town of Johnsbury Highway Department who is looking for a person with a CDL license.

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

Roads for CHIPS funding

Ms. Nightingale stated that the Superintendent of Highways sent an e-mail looking for a resolution for 4 roads for CHIPS funding: Knotty Pine, A. Meade, Little Road, Big Shanty because DOT is telling him that they are not Town roads that they are driveways.

Mr. Stevens made a motion to table this, due to the fact not all Board members were notified for the need of this resolution, a second from Ms. Nightingale. All members in favor.

OLDBUSINESS:

Insurance Deductible

Supervisor Vanselow asked about the insurance deductible and what the boards preference was.

RESOLUTION # 149-16

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept up to \$1,500 for an individual and up to \$3,000 for a family as the deductibles for the Health Insurance, which the Town of Johnsburg will be covering.

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

Budget

Supervisor Vanselow requested in put on the Budget. Several budget lines where discussed and Supervisor Vanselow stated that he would like an e-mail from the Board members as to the changes to the budget so he can put together resolutions for the next board meeting. Supervisor Vanselow also stated that he will be meeting with the Personnel Committee before the next board meeting.

Ms. Nightingale and Mr. Stevens – Personnel Committee – stated that they had discussed a pay raise of 2% across the board. Mr. Olesheski agreed it should be a percentage across the board.

Mr. Arsenault also stated that a flyer or something be available explaining to people why we had to break the Tax Cap.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Citizen Transportation

Supervisor Vanselow asked the Board if they wanted the Town Clerk to do a legal ad for Senior Citizen Transportation for 2017.

RESOLUTION # 150-16

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a

second from Mr. Stevens to approve and accept a legal ad for the “**Senior Citizen Transportation**”, will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, North Creek, NY until 12:00pm, Tuesday, December 6, 2016 and will be opened at a regular meeting of the Town Board at the Wevertown Community Center, 2370 State Route 28, Wevertown, NY at 7:00pm on the same date.

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

Scrap Metal Bids

Supervisor Vanselow asked the Board if they wanted the Town Clerk to do a legal ad for Scrap Metal Bid for 2017. Supervisor Vanselow also stated that he would like to possible do a two year / or renewal instead of bidding every year.

RESOLUTION # 151-16

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to approve and accept a legal ad for the “**Scrap Metal Bids**”, will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, North Creek, NY until 12:00pm, Tuesday, December 6, 2016 and will be opened at a regular meeting of the Town Board at the Wevertown Community Center, 2370 State Route 28, Wevertown, NY at 7:00pm on the same date and that it is a possibility to extend an additional year.

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 October 2016 report was in the Board's Packet.

WARRANTS

Supervisor Vanselow requested for a motion to pay the warrant.

RESOLUTION # 152-16

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a

second from Mr. Olesheski to pay the following certified bills, which have been reviewed by the board members:

General Fund (Total \$20,007.67) - Claims #16-1127 to 16-1129; 16-1131; 16-1135; 16-1137; 16-1141; 16-1143 to 16-1145; 16-1147 to 16-1150

Highway Fund (Total \$11,576.67) - Claims #16-3; 16-1125; 16-1126; 16-11-30; 16-1132 to 16-1134; 16-1138; 16-1140

Water District (Total \$5,767.00) - Claims # 16-5; 16-1142; 16-1146

Total all warrants \$ 37,352.00

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Nessel asked if the gasses are removed from refrigerators before they are left at the Transfer Station. Supervisor Vanselow stated they are supposed to be.

On motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Olesheski to enter an executive session to discuss ORDA at 9:54 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Olesheski and seconded by Mr. Stevens to close the executive session at 10:30 p.m. No Action was Taken.

On motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Olesheski the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 P.M.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 15, 2016 at Tannery Pond Community Center, 228 Main Street, North Creek, NY

Prepared by Jo A. Smith, Town Clerk