

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury Regular Board Meeting and  
Public Hearing to Override the Tax Levy Limit  
October 7, 2014  
Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, 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  
Peter Olesheski, Jr -- Councilman arrival late 7:05 PM  
Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman  
Jo A Smith -- Town Clerk

Guests: On attached list

**PUBLIC HEARING ON OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR 2015**

Supervisor Vanselow called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Town Clerk Ms. Jo Smith read the Legal Ad dated September 15, 2014 which was in the North Creek Enterprise.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

***RESOLUTION # 142-14***

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2014 regular Town Board Meeting as written.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. *Adirondack Community Outreach* - requesting the town board to increase the allotment that the Adirondack Community Outreach Center receives on a yearly basis.
2. *Gore Mountain Region Chamber of Commerce* - requesting a blanket vendor permit for crafters to set up on Main Street in North Creek during the Harvest Festival Weekend, Oct 11 & 12, 2014.

**GORE MOUNTAIN REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLANKET VENDOR PERMIT*****RESOLUTION # 143-14***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to issue a Blanket Vendor Permit to the Gore Mountain Region Chamber of Commerce for crafters to set up on Main Street in North Creek during the Harvest Festival Weekend, Oct 11 & 12.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Supervisor Vanselow asked if there were any committee reports - Ms. Nightingale stated that the Scales building is down and removed.

**OLD BUSINESS:****QUOTE FOR BOOSTER STATION PUMP**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that 3 quote packages were sent out and we received one quote back on the Booster Station Pump. Rozell General and Mechanical Contracting quoted \$7,990.00, Cedarwood Engineering has looked over the quote and is satisfied with the content and amount.

***RESOLUTION #144-14***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept the quote from Rozell General and Mechanical Contracting in the amount of \$7,990.00 for the installing of the booster pump inside the vault.

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

**QUOTE FOR STABLES BUILDING "FRENCH DRAIN"**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the next quote was for the drainage around the bottom of the Stables Building. One quote from Jim Jones Excavating in the amount of \$3,700.00, a quote from Morin Trucking in the amount of \$6,500.00.

***RESOLUTION #145-14***

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

Olesheski to accept the quote from Jim Jones Excavating in the amount of \$3,700.00 for the "French Drain" at the Stables Building.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that a copy of the Animal Control Officers Monthly Report was in the Boards packet.

#### **ZEO REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that a copy of the ZEO Monthly Report was in the Boards packet.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that Ms. Ferguson has been working on the Health Insurance to get us the best deal. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday night October 9th at the Wevertown Community Center. Supervisor Vanselow stated that the total deductible will be paid by the Town and the employees will now have co-pays to offset the cost of the insurance. Ms. Ferguson explained that the current plan is not available anymore and after comparing what plans are being offered, Ms. Ferguson presented the Board with a comparison chart and recommended the 349 Silver as a base plan. If the employee wishes, they may upgrade their plan with the additional charges out of their pocket. Ms. Ferguson went on to explain, if the Town went with a HRA plan instead of a HSA plan this also would be a savings to the Town in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION # 146-14**

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski that the Town Board accepts the CDPHP health insurance plan Option 1 for the 2015 year, that the Town Contribution to the employee H. R. A. one hundred percent of the deductible for the qualifying employee and one hundred percent for the dependent insured.

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

#### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that they are trying to straighten out work titles for some of the Park's Crew. Under their current job titles they are not able to operate all tools required for their job. Supervisor Vanselow went on to state that Ms. Ferguson has been working with Ms. Nenninger, Personnel Officer for Warren County to come up with an accurate job title

description.

***RESOLUTION #147-14***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to adopt the job description "Building Maintenance Helper". (See Attachment)

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

**WATER DISTRICT OPERATIONS CONTRACT**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that he received a new contract from Delaware Engineering for the Water District and the only item he sees that has changed is the amount. It went from \$1,875.00 a month to \$1,950.00.

***RESOLUTION # 148-14***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale directing Supervisor Vanselow to inspect the contract prior to the acceptance and then sign the contract with Delaware Engineering for the Water District for one year in the amount of \$1,950.00 per month.

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

**SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT**

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

***RESOLUTION # 149-14***

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept the Supervisor's monthly report for the month of September 2014.

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

Supervisor Vanselow stated that he would be closing the public hearing. Mr. Olesheski stated because he was late coming in and wasn't prepared for the public hearing because it wasn't on the agenda, he would like to table it until the next meeting, so if there is anyone that would like to comment on or about the override in the tax levy may do so.

***RESOLUTION # 150-14***

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

Nightingale to table the discussion of the Override tax levy until the next meeting.

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

### **WARRANTS**

#### ***RESOLUTION # 150-14***

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

**General Fund** - \$9,723.96 + \$2,397.89 National Grid = \$12,121.85 - Claim # 14-853 to 14-862

**Highway Fund** - \$39,551.18 - Claim #14-853 to 14-854; 14-863 to 14-867

**North Creek Water District** - \$495.00 - Claim #14-854

**Library Fund** - \$760.63 - Claim #14-853

**Trust & Agency** - \$3,406.75 - Claim # 14-853 to 14-854

**Total all warrants \$53,937.52 + \$2,397.89 (National Grid) = \$56,335.41**

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

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Supervisor Vanselow opened privilege of the floor

Mr. Filkins - The Wevertown Fire House, where are we at and what are we doing? Supervisor Vanselow stated he doesn't know, because it's not ours, it belongs to the Wevertown Fire Inc., which Supervisor Vanselow believes there are still a couple principle officers but other than that he knows nothing at this point. Mr. Filkins asked if they traced the paper trail back to see who had owned it. Supervisor Vanselow stated as far as he knows it's just always been there and he believes that the property has been returned to the Tax Roll.

Mr. Filkins - Johnsbury Garage, what's up with that, at one time there was a guy in there cleaning up and now it just sits there? Supervisor Vanselow stated that there is a lot of back taxes on the property, Warren County doesn't choose to foreclose at this time because they are concerned that there is toxic waste there. They have taken temporary possession of the property which gives them the ability to have it tested to see if there is toxic waste. The building currently is still entitled to Mosher's because the county doesn't want it because they don't want to be stuck with

the cleanup cost.

Mr. Filkins also commented on the burnouts on Main Street and the junk car down at the Train Station and believes the Board should enforce clean up. Mr. Olesheski stated that the Town has Laws and he feels that they already tell people enough as to what they can and can't do, he's not interested in going door to door telling people to clean up their property.

Mr. Filkins asked if the roof at Tannery Pond was going to be addressed. Supervisor Vanselow stated that next year work there and also on the Town Hall will be addressed.

Mr. Nettle asked about ORDA installing a new building out by the lift. Supervisor Vanselow stated that they were putting up a plat form for another yurt. Mr. Nettle stated that they had dug a trench to it and then covered it back up which needs know top soil, raking and seed. Ms. Nightingale stated that it was probable for the electric. Mr. Olesheski stated he's a Town Board Member and on the Park Committee and didn't know about any of this. If Supervisor Vanselow is going to be the liaison then he should have informed the Board about what was going on. Also, ORDA doesn't get the park until Nov 1st so everything should be run by this Board. Mr. Olesheski stated that he receives e-mails about other items so why couldn't he get one about this, he is very upset because he didn't know anything about it.

Mr. Nettle stated that he is installing the power line down to the beach area.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Ms. Nightingale with a second from Mr. Arsenault at 8:28 p.m.

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

The Town Board regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2014, at Scout Hall, Sodom, New York.

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Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk

### MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2014

LOCATION: Wevertown Community Center

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

- 1 Cherie Ferguson N Creek
- 2 Jim & Betty Jones Johnsturg
- 3 ROBERT NESSLE- "
- 4 SANDRA RACICOT WEVERTOWN
- 5 CHRISTIAN HOLT J-Burg.
- 6 DON FILKIE
- 7 Candace & J. Lomax N. Creek
- 8 E. & M. Lipp Johnsturg
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