

Town of Johnsburg
Minutes of Town Board Meeting – June 21, 2022
7:00 PM at Tannery Pond and Zoom

Present: Andrea Hogan – Supervisor Jean Comstock - Town Clerk
 Pete Olesheski – Councilman Justin Gonyo – Councilman
 Gene Arsenault – Councilman (via Zoom)

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Bruce Dunkley

Supervisor Hogan noted that Governor Hocol extended the Executive Order for State of Emergency through July 14, 2022, but the Public Hearing re: Extension of Videoconferencing will still be addressed.

1. Public Hearing called to order at 7:05PM – Local Law re: Extension of Videoconferencing. Supervisor Hogan asked if there were any questions or comments from the public? From the Town Board. Public Hearing closed at 7:10PM

2. Regular Town Board Meeting called to order at 7:11PM.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 24, 2022 Board Meeting

RESOLUTION # 22-101

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2022 Town Board Meeting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

4. New/Old Business:

- a. EMS – Joe Connelly – doing really well; this was going to be the moment I come to you for your help to support our medics and EMTs – retirement and health benefits; seeing the politics going on right now – my timing is terrible; right now we’re seeing our surrounding squads making substantial moves toward this; with the collapse of the County assistance, it’s become each Town on their own; Lake George has taken this on; Bolton has made similar moves; Queensbury just gave a 25% raise to all their medics; North Warren is going to follow the Lake George example; Warrensburg is going to a tax district; we’re a long way away, no retirement, no 401K, benefit is an HRA, it’s OK, it’s helping us keep the people we have; eventually these differences will be too obvious; moving things around and saving each penny, we gave our medics and EMT’s \$1/hour more; keeping us pretty close to our neighboring Towns; we’ve done a lot – solar panels – this will payout for the next 20 years; asking for a 2% increase from the Town (of the tax); we need this 2%, but be prepared and be thinking about this for next year – we will be having this talk. Supervisor Hogan asked when you came to us with your proposal what was the dollar amount? Justin, I’d ask the same question; Joe – I’ll need to get that to you – possibly a 401K and expanding the HRA. I’ll come in again at the end of the year and update you all with what is happening around us; we need to keep our qualified people here; I will be closer to a number by the end of the year; Supervisor Hogan – are the Bolton people Town employees? Joe – no, they’re just paying better hourly wages and 75/25 health plan; Supervisor Hogan – in the past, you were not interested in your employees being “Town” employees; Justin – how would that work if they were Town employees? I don’t really know; \$23 hour now, State employee/program could be less per hour to get benefits; Arnold – we contract with Minerva, Joe - we provide a service, and they pay us; it’s helped, but I’m as efficient as I can get.

- b. Extension of Videoconferencing – Policy & Local Law; Supervisor Hogan asked if there were any questions or input. Reminding everyone that after the Executive Orders are lifted we can still use videoconferencing, not all the time, and not for more than two (2) Board Members at a time; we do need to be flexible and we have seen a big jump in attendance with remote participation.

RESOLUTION #22 – 102

Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution to adopt the Videoconferencing Policy as discussed and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Arsenault. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

Mr. Nettle – this is a good thing, I love it I think it's a great idea for all who cannot attend in person for whatever reason.

Policy and Procedure Guiding Videoconferencing for Town Board and Committees

This Policy is intended to establish written procedures governing member and public attendance at meetings by videoconferencing consistent with Open Meetings Law (OML) as amended by Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 relating to the New York State budget for the 2022-2023 state fiscal year. N.Y. Pub. Off. Law § 103-a.

Background: The OML sets requirements for the conduct of meetings of a public body that allow for observation of those meetings by the public. Provisions of the OML were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, allowing for conduct of open meetings fully by videoconference. In April 2022, the OML was amended to make permanent (until July 1, 2024) the expanded use of videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct open meetings, under extraordinary circumstances, regardless of a declaration of emergency.

On June 21, 2022, the Town of Johnsbury Town Board adopted a local law authorizing the use of videoconferencing to conduct open meetings of itself and its committees or subcommittees consistent with the provisions of the amended OML.

Use of Videoconference to Conduct Open Meetings: The Town Board and any of its committees or subcommittees may use videoconferencing to conduct open meetings provided that the following criteria are met:

1. A minimum number of members are present to fulfill the quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend;
2. Each member shall be physically present at any such meeting unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances, including but not limited to: disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any factor or event that, in the discretion of the supervisor, qualifies as a significant or unexpected circumstance excusing the member from being physically present at such meeting;

3. Except in the case of executive sessions conducted pursuant to the OML, the members shall be able to be heard, seen, and identified during formal conduct of the meeting, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon;
4. The minutes of the meetings involving videoconferencing shall include which, if any, members participated remotely;
5. If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, where the public can view and/or participate in such meeting, where required documents and records will be posted or available, and identify the physical location for the meeting where the public can attend.
6. Each meeting of the Town Board may be recorded and such recordings are posted or linked on the Town's website along with minutes of the meeting;
7. If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the Town Board shall provide the opportunity for members of the public to view such meeting via video and to participate in public comment at the meeting to the same extent as members of the public attending in person; and
8. The in-person participation requirements above shall not apply during a state disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to section twenty-eight of the executive law, or a local state of emergency proclaimed by the chief executive of a county, city, village or town pursuant to section twenty-four of the executive law, if the Chair determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the Agency to hold an in person meeting.

Legal Effect: Nothing in this public comment policy should be interpreted to affect or alter the requirements of the OML or any other requirements for the conduct of a duly called meeting of the Town Board or any of its committees or subcommittees. This policy is not intended to set forth a fixed general principle to be rigidly applied. Rather, its tenets are to be utilized solely as guidance and will be applied only after taking into account the specific facts and circumstances pertaining to conduct of and attendance by members at any open meeting.

Adoption: The Town Board has reviewed and adopted this policy effective June 21, 2022. This policy shall remain in effect until July 1, 2024, or longer as allowed by subsequent amendments to the OML.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 103

Mr. Arsenaault presented the Resolution to adopt the Local Law for Videoconferencing and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayses – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenaault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0

**Local Law Allowing Members of the Public Bodies of the Town to Participate in Meetings via
Videoconference**

Local Law No. 2 of 2022

A Local Law authorizing the public bodies of the Town to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to give the Town's public bodies as that term is defined in Public Officers Law Section 102 the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the Town's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law Section 103-a.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 103-a which expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a Local Law giving the Town's public bodies the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the Board participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

Section 3. Videoconferencing for Public Meetings

The Town Board hereby authorizes all Members of the Town's public bodies to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law Section 103-a and the Town's videoconferencing policy.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State

- c. Acceptance of Bid for Glen Creek Project - This process started in 2013 – we are able to keep the FEMA money; scope of work changed and they said we can keep the \$7,000. Bid came in at \$159,583, which is close to what JMT calculated; Superintendent Comstock – Rozell is a very good company and would be great to work with; there is a letter of recommendation from JMT as well; they'll do concrete work and coffer damns; they'll need to bring in the crane; I'd like two cranes one at shop one at site; Supervisor Hogan noted that this is all CHIPS eligible.

RESOLUTION #22 - 104

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to accept the bid from Rozell Industries, Inc and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- d. Approval for deposit of \$2,150 and travel expenses (not to exceed \$2,000) to pick up trailer for Highway Department. Superintendent Comstock noted that on April 21, 2022 we ordered two trucks, a trailer, and an excavator; excavator came in, trucks are due in next month; trailer never came in – salesman told me to pursue other options; found another trailer in North Carolina – 18,000 lb capacity; \$3,000 less than the one that was originally ordered; would like to have the chance/funds to go get it; Supervisor Hogan – we already appropriated funds to buy the trailer, Superintendent Comstock is asking for \$2,000 for

travel funds; Pete Olesheski – not sure how I feel about someone going that far alone; Supervisor Hogan noted that we're asking to reconsider going alone.

RESOLUTION #22 – 105

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to approve the deposit (\$2,150) and travel expenses (not to exceed \$2,000) to get trailer (funds previously appropriated) and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Arsenault. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- e. SEQR for Durkin Road Repairs – Supervisor Hogan noted that this will be tabled as the SEQR paperwork wasn't available from JMT Engineering. Supervisor Hogans asked Superintendent Comstock for a brief update on the project -Need an engineering drawing now, and is working with JMT on this; there will be 500 feet of blacktop.
- f. Highway Contract – Mr. Olesheski – this has been a long time coming; we're looking to do a 3 year contract this time around; no changes on longevity section; percentage 4% this year, budget adjustment will need to be made if agreed upon; 3% for 2023 and 3% for 2024; need clarification of the 5 days to 4 days; cleaning up paid holiday wording; multi-year contract will help us work on the longevity issue; Supervisor Hogan – well done; any discussion/questions? Not incentivizing non-use of sick time will need to be addressed as well;

RESOLUTION # 22 -106

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to approve and accept the Highway Contract and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- g. PILOT – Supervisor Hogan noted there are three options – 1st - do nothing, they pay the full taxes; 2nd - renew for 15 years with the proposal presented; 3rd – something in between. Mr. Gonyo – they could re-negotiate? Supervisor Hogan - \$1700 to Town which is quite a bit less than we're getting; Mr. Gonyo – extend for 1 year and re-negotiate at that time; is there a risk? Supervisor Hogan – originally excluded school and County; School would like to see them pay the full amount; Mr. Olesheski – not interested in 1 year or any years to renew contract; I've heard a lot of public input over the last few months – that's the side I'm taking right now; motion to bring to the floor to renew the PILOT proposal – Mr. Gonyo – what terms? Supervisor Hogan – we can table it, and nothing will happen; Mr. Arsenault – if we don't move forward, they'll pay the full amount; Mr. Stevens – what affect would this have on affordable housing? Mr. Olesheski – move to table it and do nothing, Mr. Gonyo, seconded the tabling; Mr. Hafner – no action terminates the agreement; next year would be a different application and way of assessing; Mr. Stevens – table; Mr. Arsenault – if they file under the new standing are we obligated to do the assessment? Mr. Hafner – their value of assessment under a different calculation; we can get more definitive answers after you make decision; Mr. Holt – they will be paying a much bigger bill than prior to reval, even if we voted tonight; we have the upper hand, after 15 years they have done nothing; have they moved forward with anything? Supervisor Hogan – they have not.

- h. Bookkeeper – Supervisor Hogan noted that Danae Tucker, our Bookkeeper, scored really well on the Civil Service Exam; we can now appoint her as the permanent Bookkeeper. I'm really proud of her, it was a tough test and she rocked it. Supervisor Hogan asked to increase her hourly wage from \$20/hour to \$20.50/hour.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 107

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to approve Ms. Tucker as the permanent Bookkeeper with the raise to \$20.50/hour and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- i. Supervisor Hogan also wanted to recognize Wendy Deshetsy – she's a great addition to the Library, toddler story time is up and running again, summer reading programs, different events 2-3 times a week; Supervisor Hogan asked for approval of a raise from \$15/hour to \$15.20/hour.

RESOLUTION # 22-108

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to approve the increase to \$15.20 for Ms. Deshetsy and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Arsenault. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- j. Employee Insurance -Supervisor Hogan noted that there is a 7% increase this year for the same health insurance plans, unfortunately this is what we're being presented with.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 109

Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution to accept the Insurance plan being presented and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Arsenault. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- k. Town Credit Card – Town Clerk gave an overview of the process and indicated it would be a more efficient way to handle hotel reservations and other payments. All paperwork has been given to Community Bank. Back in 2019 there was a Resolution passed to get a Town Credit Card. A policy will be put in place and revisited at the July 19, 2022 Town Board Meeting.

- l. Sewer – total project is approximately \$7 million with monies from grants, USDA, Northern Borders. We will set a Public Hearing on July 19, 2022 at 7:00PM with a brief presentation and more specific numbers and a potential move to form the district. Supervisor Hogan is looking for a motion to hold the Public Hearing and acceptance of the USDA Letter of Eligibility; Mr. Olesheski asked where the money is coming from? Supervisor Hogan indicated that it would come from the Sewer District; Mr. Olesheski noted that no taxpayers outside of the District will be responsible for any money; Supervisor Hogan indicated that this was correct. Supervisor Hogan also noted that Mr. Gonyo and Mr. Stevens are up to speed with this project as well if there are any questions.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 110

Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution to approve the Public Hearing on July 19, 2022 at 7:00PM on the Sewer District and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Gonyo. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

RESOLUTION # 22 - 111

Mr. Arsenault presented the Resolution to accept the USDA Letter of Eligibility and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- m. ZBA Applicant – Supervisor Hogan noted that there was only one applicant for the vacancy on the ZBA – Ms. Allisa Blanchard. Looking for acceptance of appointment of applicant.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 112

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to appoint Ms. Blanchard to the ZBA and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- n. Town Properties – appraisal of the list of Town Properties that we may want to sell. Supervisor Hogan asked the Board if there were any in particular, they would like – Mr. Stevens asked if the Odd Fellows Hall could be taken off that list? Mr. Arsenault noted the Goodman Road (Schiel property), the corner of Garnet Lake & Park Road, and Mr. Gonyo asked if the property at the Glen could be considered. Supervisor Hogan noted that we'll start with these three properties and go from there.
- o. Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation Letter & Committee – sent a letter of participation and need to ratify this and form a Committee. The County does the mitigation. Danae Tucker, Justin Gonyo, Arnold Stevens and Fred Comstock will make up this Committee.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 113

Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution to sign and send letter of participation for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Gonyo. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- p. ZEO Intermunicipal Agreement – Supervisor Hogan noted that at the May 24, 2022 Board Meeting we made a Resolution (#22-88) to work with Minerva for Mr. Mangan's insurance. With Board approval I will be presenting this Intermunicipal Agreement to Supervisor McNally in Minerva.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 114

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to present the Intermunicipal Agreement for Mr. Mangan to Supervisor McNally in Minerva and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- q. Budget Amendments/Transfers – the Bookkeeper is looking for approval for the budget line transfers and budget amendments noted in packet.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 115

Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution to approve the budget line transfers and amendments and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Arsenault. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- r. Occ Tax Re-allocation – NCBA stated they will not be needing the \$10,000 awarded to them from the Occ Tax Committee. It was asked if we could use this money to work on the project where the garage was at Route 8 and Oven Mountain Road; Supervisor Hogan noted that the County still owns this property; the State is coming in to clean up any possible contamination under the footprint. Per the Agreement with the County/State/Town – we are not able to sell this property. Asking for approval to put the \$10,000 Occ Tax money toward this project. Mr. Gonyo noted that before applying funds to something that isn't ours yet are there any other Occ Tax Applications outstanding? Mr. Olesheski noted that we could earmark it for this project and possibly reach out to Rob Wing to work out a plan; Ann & Gene Arsenault might have a vision as well; but sending some of the monies to the South end of Town, outside of North Creek, would be a nice idea.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 116

Mr. Olesheski presented the Resolution to approve the \$10,000 from Occ Tax money for the project at the old garage site and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Arsenault. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays - 0

- s. Occ Tax Agreement with County– Supervisor Hogan is asking for approval to authorize and execute the Town and County Occ Tax Agreement.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 117

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to authorize and execute the Occ Tax Agreement with the County and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

- t. Waynestock – Looking for approval to extend curfew and allow camping for security again this year at the Waynestock event August 5-6, 2022.

RESOLUTION # 22 -118

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to extend the curfew and allow camping for security for Waynestock and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

5. Committee Reports – Mr. Olesheski wanted to mention that the EDC Luncheon he attended (along with Mr. Nettle) was an interesting presentation and had a good turnout (about 150 people). Worker shortage was part of the presentation, and no one has the answer to fix it right now. Mr. Bayse and Mr. Pratt from Gore Mountain also attended and praised the Common Ground Alliance meeting. Mr. Nettle added that climate change is huge for the wildlife and people in the Adirondack Park, no discussion about alternative energy solutions, but it was an interesting meeting. Supervisor Hogan thanked Mr. Olesheski and Mr. Nettle for going and representing the Town.

Ms. Nettle gave an update on the JYC – ready to go for the summer; ages up to 8 going to Ski Bowl, 9-14 to Minerva (no transportation provided). It's been a major endeavor but the program is good to go. Supervisor Hogan thanked Ms. Nettle for all her hard work on this. Anna Bowers gave an overview of the Common Ground Alliance Meeting – it was awesome and inspiring; climate change was a big part of the Meeting, possible coming up with a plan to present to Albany and also work on a local level; day care was another issue; it's a world meant for non-profits. Supervisor Hogan thanked Ms. Bowers for the information and thanked Gore Mountain for the venue and food.

6. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Hogan is asking for acceptance and approval for the Statement of Accounts in lieu of the Supervisor's Report. There were some monies received from the State and there was no indication what line the money goes to. BAR is done with their review and for the first time in at least a century, the Town's equalization rate is at 100%. Supervisor Hogan noted that the Main Street reclamation may not happen until Spring of 2023 – in part our fault with the sewer and in part the County and the engineers, it's going out to bid, we're getting there.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 119

Mr. Stevens presented the Resolution accept the Statement of Accounts in lieu of the Supervisor's Report for this month and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Gonyo. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

7. Warrants – Supervisor Hogan asked if all had a chance to review the Warrants and if there were any questions or concerns? Mr. Gonyo asked about some of the National Grid bills being billed to Water and a warrant for Midwest Tape. All National Grid bills were coded properly, and the Midwest Tape is a Library line item.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 120

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to accept and approve the Warrants and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 76,872.00
HIGHWAY	\$ 163,625.70
LIBRARY:	\$ 3,106.98
WATER DISTRICT:	\$ 2,943.07
TRUST & AGENCY:	<u>\$ 806.40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 247,354.15

8. Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Hogan indicated that there are no deed restrictions on the Town properties we're looking at getting appraised. Supervisor Hogan also noted that NCBA has indicated that they do not need the \$10,000 in Occ Tax money that was approved for them. Question was raised if we could use that money for sidewalk repairs/replacement? Supervisor Hogan noted that some Towns do use the money for this, however the County does not feel it's an appropriate way to spend the Occ Tax monies; Lake Luzerne is steadfast on using the Occ Tax money for sidewalks. If you'd like to see the Occ Tax money used for our sidewalks, please feel free to attend the Budget Workshop on July 19, 2022 at 6:00PM. Ms. Stafford – all should be groaning about sidewalks.

Mr. Nettle indicated that he is totally opposed to the PILOT program and the Town should not extend it, ever; he noted he did substantial research on the organization and he believes they have extended their building substantially and he doubts Federal funding will preclude any public rentals; they've had 15 years, that is more than enough. Mr. Nettle stated he's looking forward to the July 19, 2022 Public Hearing; also we should all vote for the \$4 billion on the ballot in November; Mr. Nettle noted that possibly selling the Town properties is a good idea, but is there any plan for the monies received? He noted that the Public Benefit for the old garage site is a waste of time, sell the property and use the money for sidewalks, we don't need a "park" at that site, maybe a retail shop; Mr. Nettle also stated that he used Millwood Road to get to Town this evening and the road is horrible, one lane, should widen the road, not safe; stated he left a message for Kevin Hajos at the County DPW and never heard back from him; fix the road temporarily or permanently and the County should pay for it; Supervisor Hogan

thanked Mr. Nettle for his input and noted that the agreement with the County/State re: the garage site indicates we cannot sell the property.

Ms. Nettle thanked Supervisor Hogan for all her work on the garage site and also noted that it was imperative that all knew how much work had gone into the Sewer Project by Supervisor Hogan.

Ms. Wood asked if there were monies left in Occ Tax and if she was still able to fill out an application for the Historical Society? Supervisor Hogan noted that there is money available and applications are still being accepted.

Ms. Baker wanted it noted that the sidewalk in front of Walgreen's Pharmacy is definitely a safety hazard, especially for the elderly; Superintendent Comstock noted that he will take a look at it and try to repair until sidewalks are done.

Mr. Jones noted that the County dropped the ball on the So. Johnsbury Road project, fire trucks are not able to get onto Millwood Road and it would be another 9+ miles to go around should there be a fire – no fire departments up here were notified of this work. Mr. Nettle asked if the bridge could hold a fire truck? Superintendent Comstock noted that it was capable of handling a fire truck and it was inspected not too long ago. Supervisor Hogan asked if Johnsbury VFD was coordinating calls with Garnet Lake VFD? Mr. Jones noted that most calls would be mutual aid, but it should all have been addressed prior to the work starting.

Ms. Tucker wanted to thank Supervisor Hogan and the Town Board for their support and the opportunity to take on the Bookkeeper position. Supervisor Hogan stated that we're lucky to have you.

Mr. Nettle asked why his question wasn't answered re: where the monies would go from the sale of Town properties? Supervisor Hogan noted that it's just an appraisal at this time.

9. Motion to Adjourn –

RESOLUTION # 22 – 121

Mr. Gonyo presented the Resolution to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With the following Board Members present voting in favor, the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – 5 – Olesheski, Gonyo, Arsenault, Stevens, Hogan); Nays – 0.

Prepared by:



Jean M. Comstock
Town Clerk

Budget Workshop – July 19, 2022 at 6:00PM at Tannery Pond and via Zoom
Public Hearing re: the Sewer District Project on July 19, 2022 at 7:00PM At Tannery
Pond and via Zoom
Regular Town Board Meeting to follow the Public Hearing At Tannery Pond and via Zoom