

**Town of Johnsbury Organizational and
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Zoom Meeting
January 5, 2021 7:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2172603617>

Meeting ID: 217 260 3617

888 788 0099 US Toll-free

877 853 5247 US Toll-free

PRESENT: Andrea Hogan – Supervisor
Eugene Arsenault – Councilman
Arnold Stevens – Councilman
Laurie Arnheiter – Councilwoman
Justin Gonyo – Councilman
Kate Lorah - Town Clerk

Supervisor Hogan called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:00 and the pledge to the flag was led by Arnold Stevens.

Correspondence:

- Danae Tucker – Letter of interest for appointment to ZEO
- William Mosher – Letter of interest for appointment to
Animal Control officer
- Brett Moulton - Letter of interest for appointment to Animal Control
officer
- New York State Unified Court System–Annual court records review.

Appointments

RESOLUTION #1-21

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve the following appointments which will be a one-year term:

- Zoning Enforcement Officer - Danae Tucker
- Animal Control Officers - William Mosher and Brett Moulton
- Legal Counsel to the Town – Miller, Mannix, Schachner and Hafner
- Legal Counsel to the Planning and Zoning Boards – Miller, Mannix, Schachner, Hafner
- Health Officer – Dr. Ruge

- Safety Officer - Fred Comstock

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #2-21

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the following appointments by the Town Clerk which will be for a period of one year:

- Deputy Town Clerk – Joann Morehouse
- Second Deputy Town Clerk - Thersa Dunkley
- Deputy Registrar – Joann Morehouse

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Standing committee appointments for 2021

Solid waste – Arsenault/Gonyo

Highway – Gonyo/Stevens

Planning/Zoning – Arnheiter/Arsenault

Fire/EMS – Stevens/Gonyo

Personnel – Stevens/Arnheiter

Buildings, Parks and Rec – Arsenault/Arnheiter

Marketing and Economic Development – Arsenault/Arnheiter

Water – Gonyo/Stevens

Designations

RESOLUTION #3-21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the following designations:

- Designated dates, times and locations for Regular Town Board Meetings:

(All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM and will be virtual only until it is safe to resume in- person meetings. Once the technology is in place, and the board deems it possible, in-person meetings will be held at Tannery Pond Community Center. Please check the town website for updates.)

Tuesday, January 19
Tuesday, February 2
Tuesday, February 16
Tuesday, March 2
Tuesday, March 16
Tuesday, April 6
Tuesday, April 20
Tuesday, May 18
Tuesday, June 15.
Tuesday, July 20 - Regular meeting and budget
workshop Tuesday, August 17
Tuesday, September 7
Tuesday, September 21
Tuesday, October 5
Tuesday, October 19
Thursday, November 4 - Thursday
Tuesday, November 16
Tuesday, December 7
Tuesday, December 21

- Polling places in the Town of Johnsbury - District # 1 (Wevertown) for all districts.
- Official Newspapers for the Town of Johnsbury, 2021- Sun Community News and Post Star.
- Banks as official depositories for 2021 – Community Bank and Glens Falls National
- Designate Andrea Hogan as delegate and Kate Lorah as alternate to the Association of Towns annual meeting to be held virtually February 14 – 17 and approve expenses for all attendees (\$100/ per person)
- Designate Andrea Hogan as delegate to Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #4-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the following projects for 2021 which were submitted by Highway Superintendent Comstock for agreement of the board: (commonly labeled 284 Agreements)

- 1.1 mile of road paving Goodman Rd.
- 500 ft of road paving Durkin Rd - Rte 28 end.
- Culvert replacements, unspecified.

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #5-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve setting mileage compensation for town business for 2021 to match IRS rate of 56 cents per mile.

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #6-21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve scheduling the 2022 Organizational Meeting Tuesday, Jan 4, 2022 at Wevertown Community Center or virtually at 7:00 pm.

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #7-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the following Bonding and Authorizations:

- Adoption of town officers bond for 2021
- Authorization for payments in advance of audits of claims for postage and public utility services.
- Authorize supervisor to extend unexpended balances in their respective accounts for encumbering monies.
- Authorize town officers to purchase necessary supplies to carry on official duties in amounts not to exceed the budget.
- Authorize the Town Clerk to publish, in two issues, a summary of 2020 annual report of Supervisor.
- Authorize Standard Work day and Reporting for 2021
- Authorize use of Supervisor's Annual Report in lieu of Accounting to the State Comptroller.
- Authorize Supervisor to direct legal work on behalf of the town. To be reviewed and re- authorized annually.
- Authorize Supervisor to place town monies in interest-bearing accounts when this can be done without interfering with operation of Town Government.
- Authorize the Supervisor to enter into the following contracts :
 - Dues, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages- \$550
 - Dues, New York Association of Towns - \$1100
 - Dues, NYS Assoc. of Town Superintendents of Highways - \$200
 - Dues, Local Government Review Board - \$300
 - Dues APHNYS for Town Historian - \$50.00
 - Dues, New York State Assessor's Association 2021 membership -\$150
 - Dues, Warren County Assessor's Association 2021 -\$25.00
 - Business Automation Services
 - \$2500.00 for Town Clerk software support/ maintenance
 - \$1500.00 for Zoning Enforcement Officer software support/ maintenance.
 - \$55,987.46 New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) for 2021 property and liability policy.

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5

(Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #8-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to Review and Adopt Town Procurement Policies. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #9-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept annual review of court records and dockets. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #10-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to adjourn organizational meeting. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes December 15, 2020 meeting

RESOLUTION #11-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting.

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5
(Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Correspondence:

Letter of interest for Summer Recreation Program Director

New Business:

- Erika Patton and Mark Carpenter - Carpenter Insurance, discussion about town policy

Erika Patton and Mark Carpenter spoke about shopping for insurance coverage and found it would be in the Town's best interest to stay with NYMIR. They pointed out a change in policy from 2020 which is coverage for heavy equipment went from 10 years to 20 years, so suggest insuring for replacement cost.

- Senior and Disabled exemptions

To avoid in-person conversations, the Assessor's office will be using 2020 figures to move forward with Senior and Disabled exemptions.

- **Authorize the Supervisor to sign intermunicipal agreement with Warren County for Solid Waste and Recyclable Processing.**

RESOLUTION #12-21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to authorize the Supervisor to sign intermunicipal agreement with Warren County for Solid Waste and Recyclable Processing. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Ratify Supervisor hiring of Town Bookkeeper starting date Dec. 28, 2020 at \$19/ hr rate of pay, 30 hours per week.**

RESOLUTION #13-21

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to ratify Supervisor hiring of Town Bookkeeper starting date Dec. 28, 2020 at \$19/ hr. rate of pay, 30 hours per week. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Easement request from National Grid / Dr. Landenberger

RESOLUTION #14-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to allow the Easement request from National Grid / Dr. Landenberger. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Contract with Countryside Animal Hospital to provide animal control services.**

RESOLUTION #15-21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to contract with Countryside Animal Hospital to provide animal control services. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Old Business:

- Report of Activities of Johnsbury Youth Committee

Kelly Nettle spoke about activity plans for the JYC, such as karate, soap carving, “Johnsbury Jaunts” hiking, Christmas ornament hunt, and ski instruction – all of which are outdoors. She also said the JYC received \$1000 from Barton.

- **Authorization to place ads for Summer Swim Director and staff including lifeguards for swim program and beach.**

RESOLUTION #16-21

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to authorize the placing of ads for Summer Swim Director and staff including lifeguards for swim program and beach. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Re-appointment of Summer Recreation Program Director**

RESOLUTION #17-21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to re-appointment Ann Dingman as Summer Recreation Program Director. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Resolution to apply for grant for Tannery Pond**

Resolution #18 - 21

Motion By: Justin Gonyo

Seconded By: Gene Arsenault

Resolution by the Town of Johnsbury approving and endorsing Warren County in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the Main St. Anchor program.

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnsbury supports Warren County's application to apply for financial assistance through the 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the Main St.

Anchor program; and acknowledges a local match of 25% which is anticipated to be approximately \$50,000.

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown "main street" buildings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury approves and endorses the 2021 Main St. Anchor program for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Warren County.

Passed by the following vote of all Town of Johnsbury Town Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Town of Johnsbury Members: Affirmative: 5 Negative: 0 Abstain:

0

Committee Reports:

Mr. Gonyo said he is continuing research on municipally supported daycare and whether this might be possible for the Town.

Ms. Hogan said this is the first month of the three-month trial period for non-weekly Senior transport and that she will report to the Board the results.

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$22,907.51)
Highway Fund (Total \$67,257.78)
Library Fund (\$512.67)
Water District (\$9059.87)
Total all warrants \$99,737.83

RESOLUTION #19-21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the warrants. With 4 members voting in

favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Gonyo)
(Mr. Gonyo explained he had not had time to read the warrants)

Privilege of the Floor

Bob Nessel brought up the subject of protection of the Mosaic Wall and plans for future repair if it becomes necessary.

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #20-21

At 8:28 Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to adjourn. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays- 0

Next meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7 pm
Online Zoom Meeting

Prepared by:

Kathleen C. Lorah