

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury
Regular Meeting
Wevertown Community Center
2370 State Route 28
February 4, 2020 7:00PM**

Supervisor Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was led by Jim Jones.

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

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting January 21, 2020

RESOLUTION #32-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

- **Ratify Highway Superintendent authorization of repair to highway truck in the amount of \$5630.00**

RESOLUTION #33-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to ratify the Highway Superintendent authorization of repair to highway truck in the amount of \$5630.00. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter)
Nays- 0

- **Approve MSHA training for Highway employees – 13 @ \$99/each = \$1287 + mileage ~ \$100**

Highway employees have received Mine Safety and Health Administration training in-house in the past. Mr. Comstock would like to see the 13 people involved go to formal training on March 17.

RESOLUTION #34-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve MSHA training for Highway employees – 13 @ \$99/each = \$1287 + mileage ~ \$100. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter)
Nays- 0

- **Contract for senior transportation \$245/trip x 52 = \$12,740.00 (reimbursed \$4148 from county)**

There has been interest expressed for providing Senior transportation, but in order for the Town to be reimbursed by the County, drivers need to have Workers Compensation plans. Warren-Hamilton Senior Transportation is the service the Town has been using.

RESOLUTION #35-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve the contract with Warren-Hamilton Senior Transportation \$245/trip x 52 = \$12,740.00 (reimbursed \$4148 from county). With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Change date for Board of Assessment Review to Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 4 pm – 8 pm.**

Letitia Williams works in two Towns, therefore has a conflict on the date for Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION #36-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve changing the date for Board of Assessment Review to Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 4 pm – 8 pm. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Cancel February 18, 2020 Board Meeting**

Ms. Hogan and Ms. Lorah will be out of town for the February 18 meeting. Katie Nightingale has agreed to run the meeting, but there is not much for the agenda, so Ms. Hogan is proposing canceling.

RESOLUTION #37-20

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to cancel the February 18, 2020 Board Meeting. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Reschedule March 17, 2020 Board Meeting to March 24, 2020**

To better accommodate the Sewer Committee timeline regarding moving the Map and Plan along, Ms. Hogan proposes moving the March 17th Board meeting to March 24.

RESOLUTION #38-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to move the March 17th Board meeting to March 24. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Set Public Meeting for Sewer Map and Plan Report for March 12, 2020**

RESOLUTION #39-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to set a Public Meeting for Sewer Map and Plan Report for 7 pm on March 12, 2020 at Tannery Pond Community Center. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Old Business:

- Solar usage

Ms. Hogan will provide information on solar usage at a future meeting.

- Census 2020

Ms. Hogan emphasized the importance of everyone answering the census completely, citing some of the programs which are dependent on census data for funding are:

- School lunch programs
- Highway planning and construction money
- CHIPS
- Medicaid
- Medicare part B
- SNAP
- Section 8 housing
- Headstart ... and more.

Committee Reports:

- Highway

Mr. Arsenault said he met with Mr. Comstock and a highway engineer to talk about bridge projects, and is meeting with the Highway Department tomorrow to discuss the Highway contract.

- Fire and EMS Water
- Buildings, Parks and Rec.
- Solid Waste
- Planning and Zoning
- Personnel
- Marketing and Economic Development
- Water

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$10,968.08)
Highway Fund (Total \$586.08)
Water District (Total \$2770.00)
Public Library Fund (Total \$2025.95)
Total all warrants \$17,259.09

RESOLUTION #40-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the warrants. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter)
Nays- 0

Executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed litigation

RESOLUTION #41-20

At 7:12 pm Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation. With 4 members voting in

favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Motion to leave Executive Session and reenter regular meeting

RESOLUTION #42-20

At 9:00 pm Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to leave executive session and reenter the regular meeting. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #43-20

At 9:01 pm Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to adjourn. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Next meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Wevertown Community Center

Prepared by:

Kathleen C. Lorah, Town Clerk