

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury  
Regular Meeting  
Wevertown Community Center  
2370 State Route 28  
March 3, 2020 7:00PM**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting February 4 and 13**

***RESOLUTION #48-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to accept the minutes of the February 4 and 13, 2020 meetings. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays- 0

**Correspondence:**

None

**New Business:**

- **Landlord Authorization Form for ADK Mountain Club for Ididaride  
July 26, 2020**

This item was tabled because the application does not state who the vendor is.

- **Ratify authorization for Cedarwood Engineering to engage Atlantic Testing Laboratories in the amount of \$22,902 to be reimbursed through EFC grant for water district repairs.**

Cedarwood is the engineering firm working on the WIIA grant with the Town. Part of the work that had to be done in order for engineering to move forward was boring and testing for which Cedarwood engaged Atlantic Testing Laboratories. Ms. Hogan is asking the Board to ratify authorization for Cedarwood Engineering to engage Atlantic Testing Laboratories in the amount of \$22,902 to be reimbursed through EFC grant for water district repairs.

### ***RESOLUTION #49-20***

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to ratify Ms. Hogan’s authorization for Cedarwood Engineering to engage Atlantic Testing Laboratories in the amount of \$22,902 to be reimbursed through EFC grant for water district repairs. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays- 0

- Town Emergency Plan

Supervisor Hogan said the Town Emergency Plan has not been updated in a long time and is asking someone on the Board to step up to take the lead on this project. She estimated it will take four to six months. Mr. Gonyo said he will lead this.

- **Budget Amendments**

**Budget Modification #1** to cover the cost of Williamson Law Book Accounting and Payroll Software:

A9010.8 State Retirement	\$6,000
A1220.4 Supervisor CE	\$6,000

**Budget Modification #2** for Workman's Comp cost Fire Protection Districts:

SF915 Fund Balance	\$10,000
SF9040.8 Workman's Comp	\$10,000

**Budget Modification #3** for Health Insurance and Social Security Town share costs (Water District Fund)

SW8320.4 Source Supply, pwr and pump CE	\$10,000
SW9060.8 Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$9,500
SW9030.8 Social Security (Town Share)	\$ 500

**Budget Modification #4** to cover the cost of 2020 State Retirement (Highway Fund):

DA9061.8 Other Employee Benefits	\$1,550.00
DA9010.8 State Retirement	\$1,550.00

## ***RESOLUTION #50-20***

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

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

## **Old Business:**

- **Tannery Pond Center Landlord Authorization Form for Dance Party (previously signed for February date, changed to April 4)**

The dance event at Tannery Pond scheduled in February was not held due to a snowstorm. It is now scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. Tannery Pond is asking for a Landlord Authorization to serve alcohol at the event. Ms. Hogan stated that the insurance company has expressed unease regarding this, as all other events serving alcohol have an outside vendor with a liquor permit serving.

There was discussion of pros and cons and measures taken by Tannery Pond to ensure the success and safety of the event. Ms. Hogan suggested going back to the insurance company to ask what other steps would be needed to have them be comfortable with the event.

Mr. Stevens restated his objection to serving alcohol on any Town property.

### ***RESOLUTION #51-20***

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve a Landlord Authorization for Tannery Pond Center for a Dance Party scheduled April 4, contingent on approval from the Town's insurance company. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays- 1 - Stevens

- **Set public hearing for local law changing date for BAR**

Because Johnsbury shares the services of Assessor with Minerva, there is a conflict on the day of Board of Assessment Review. In order to change the date for the Town of Johnsbury, a Local Law must be passed. Ms. Hogan proposes a public hearing to discuss this Local Law on March 24<sup>th</sup>, prior to the next Town Board meeting.

### ***RESOLUTION #52-20***

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to set a public hearing to discuss a Local Law to change the date for the Board of Assessment Review on March 24<sup>th</sup>, prior to the next Town Board meeting. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays- 0

- **Red Barn**

The Red Barn won't be taken down by Keitan Millington, so it is necessary to put the removal of it out to bid.

### ***RESOLUTION #53-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to put the removal of the Red Barn out to bid. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays- 0

- Reminder of public meeting for sewer map and plan report – March 12, 2020, Tannery Pond Community Center 7:00 pm
- Census 2020

Ms. Hogan now has literature to distribute regarding the importance of a full census count. She stated that every one percent undercounted will cost Warren County \$20,000,000.00 over ten years. One percent is only 650 people. Ms. Arnheiter suggested a local mailing.

### ***RESOLUTION #54-20***

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to allocate \$400 for a postcard mailing for the census. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays- 0

### **Committee Reports:**

- Highway

Ms. Arnheiter/Mr. Arsenault met with the Highway Department and the contract (same as last year) was agreed upon. It was also agreed that a multi-year contract would be preferable in the future.

- Buildings, Parks and Rec.

Mr. Gonyo said he is waiting for the site plan for Riverfront Park.

Mr. Stevens asked about money allocated to flooring at the Senior Meal Site and doors both there and at Tannery Pond, wondering where these projects stand and if something can be done to speed them up. Ms. Hogan responded that getting quotes has been difficult. Shuffling responsibilities in the Parks Department by making Thresa Dunkley a project manager may help.

- Solid Waste

Ms. Lorah said she has spoken to Tracy Frisch, who is acting as a coordinator for a county-wide composting effort. Ulster County already has this in place and has offered to work with and mentor Warren County. There will be a teleconference with Ulster County within the next couple of weeks.

- Personnel

none

- Water

Mr. Stevens met with Candace Lomax and Charlie Rawson to discuss rate increases for the Water Department. The decision has to be made before April 1<sup>st</sup>, or the increase would not go into effect until October.

Mr. Stevens said that Charlie Rawson has three priorities for the Water Department. One is the tank replacement. Another is the booster station, and the third is in regard to well #6 and rerouting of water in order to reduce the number of places cut off from water in the instance when he needs to turn the water off.

- Planning and Zoning

Mr. Arsenault and Ms. Arnheiter met with a few people for a brain-storming session and spoke about solar power.

- Marketing and Economic Development

Ms. Arnheiter said the Town of Johnsbury Community Development Corp in conjunction with the Economic Development determined that on April 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be access to a facilitator, broadband providers, Elise Stefanic, Betty Little, and Dan Stec. The next Broadband Symposium will potentially be scheduled, then, for Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tannery Pond. Ms. Arnheiter intends to invite Verizon, making it a Broadband and Cellular Symposium.

- Fire and EMS

The expansion of the North Creek Fire District will be on the next Town Board agenda.

**ZEO, Animal Control monthly reports, Historian’s annual and monthly reports**

ZEO, Animal Control monthly reports, Historian’s annual and monthly reports are in the Board packets.

**Approval of Warrants**

**General Fund** (Total \$49,700.65)  
**Highway Fund** (Total \$47,985.71)  
**Water District** (Total \$10,158.88)  
**Trust and Agency** (Total \$737.44)  
**Total all warrants \$108,582.68**

***RESOLUTION #55-20***

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

**Privilege of the Floor**

Ms. Hogan said the County Supervisors authorized Rev Rail to operate from North Creek to Riparius.

**Motion to adjourn**

***RESOLUTION #56-20***

At 8:06 pm 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, March 24, 2020, 7:00 pm at Tannery Pond Community Center

Prepared by:

Kathleen C. Lorah, Town Clerk