

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg
Regular Meeting
Wevertown Community Center
2370 State Route 28
April 2, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday April 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Wevertown Community Center, 2370 State Route 28, Wevertown, NY

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

PRESENT: Andrea Hogan -- Supervisor
Eugene Arsenault – Councilman
Arnold Stevens – Councilman
Peter Olesheski, Jr -- Councilman
Laurie Arnheiter -- Councilwoman
Kate Lorah -- Town Clerk

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting March 19, 2019

RESOLUTION #65-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Correspondence:

Ms. Lorah listed the letters received:

- Letter from Our Town Theater Group requesting display
- Email from Adirondack Foundation re: Seniors Grant:

“Congratulations! The Board of Trustees of Adirondack Foundation is pleased to approve a \$1500 Generous Acts Program grant for Senior Citizen Engagement and Enrichment. A grant check will be mailed to your organization within the next few weeks.”

New Business:

- **Baseball/ Softball dugout**

Mike Sharp and Rob Wing spoke for Baseball/Softball, saying because of drainage issues at Ski Bowl Park, the two dugouts will be portable. They have an estimate for the cost of between \$1600 and \$1700 per dugout, with the hopes that there will be volunteer labor. Ms. Hogan said there is \$6000 put aside intended for a grant match that did not come through that can be used to fund the two dugouts.

RESOLUTION #66-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to approve up to \$3500 for two portable dugouts for the upper baseball/softball field at Ski Bowl Park. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **George M. Cohan Trunk display at TPCC**

Our Town Theater Group and Tannery Pond Community Center have requested permission to display a trunk owned by George M. Cohan which has been donated to them. TPCC insurance will cover the trunk.

RESOLUTION #67-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to support the display of a trunk owned by George M. Cohan which has been donated to Our Town Theater Group and Tannery Pond Community Center. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared

carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Amended:

- **George M. Cohan Trunk display at TPCC**

Our Town Theater Group and Tannery Pond (*Community* omitted) Center have requested permission to display a trunk owned by George M. Cohan which has been donated to *OTTG (not them)*. (*OTTG – not TPCC*) insurance will cover the trunk.

RESOLUTION #67-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to support the display of a trunk owned by George M. Cohan, which has been donated to Our Town Theater Group, at Tannery Pond Center. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **County facility use permit**

Ms. Hogan stated that last year the Town accepted the donation of a milk car from Warren County and that now a facility use permit is required for the storage of the car on county property.

RESOLUTION #68-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to have Ms. Hogan sign the facility use permit required for the storage of the milk car on county property. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Request for land donation county to town**

Ms. Hogan presented a map showing a portion of Riverfront Park that is owned by Warren County. She is requesting the Board's permission to ask the County to donate that portion to the Town in order to avoid a potential problem of access to the park in the future.

Another piece of land owned by the County is Riverside Station and Ms. Hogan asked if the Board is interested in the County donating that to the Town as well. Mr. Olesheski said he is hesitant about the building there because of possible problems with the restrooms.

RESOLUTION #69-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to express interest in a land donation to the Town from Warren County for a portion of Riverfront Park that is owned by Warren County, including the train turntable. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter)
Nays- 0

Ms. Hogan will inquire further at the County about Riverside Station.

- **Smart Growth Grant update and 2019 – Kelly Nessel**

Kelly Nessel spoke about the Adirondack Implementation Smart Growth Grant she has been working on with Steve Ovitt. The suggestion made by Mr. Ovitt is to keep the Connector Trail on Town land, as having a portion on Front Street property is concerning. Ms. Nessel is also looking into a new beach house with showers to improve facilities available to bikers and others.

Ms. Hogan added that the trail system in the Town has potential to make TOJ a "trail town" with the North Country Scenic Trail Association.

There was more discussion about recreation opportunities such as a sliding hill, ice skating rink and community pool.

- **Contract for fireworks**

Last year the Town paid \$6500 for fireworks which was matched by Braley and Noxon. Ms. Hogan said that considering that TOJ fireworks will fall on the same day as two nearby communities' displays, she is asking if the Board would approve \$5000 (matched by Braley and Noxon) rather than the higher figure this year.

RESOLUTION #70-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve spending \$5000 matched by Braley and Noxon for this year's 4th of July fireworks display. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Ad for Planning and Zoning members**

There are positions open on both the Planning and Zoning Boards. Ms. Hogan is suggesting placing an ad for these.

RESOLUTION #71-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski, for the purpose of discussion, to approve placing an ad for positions open on both the Planning and Zoning Boards. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **AGFTC Ski Bowl Access and Circulation Plan**

The Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council has proposed, on behalf of the Town of Johnsbury, seeking to retain a transportation planning and engineering firm to evaluate potential connections between the hamlet of North Creek and Ski Bowl Park. The plan could address speed limits, could coincide with the Park plan and pedestrian access to the Park, and is timely considering the potential for

moving the sand pit. Further, having a plan in place is beneficial in applying for grants to do the work.

RESOLUTION #72-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the offer with a target budget of \$20,000 from Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council seeking to retain a transportation planning and engineering firm to evaluate potential connections between the hamlet of North Creek and Ski Bowl Park. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- Requests from SLIC network

SLIC network has requested space for an equipment shed on Town land. Mr. Stevens suggested they look for placement and return to the Board with specifications. The Board agreed.

Old Business:

- Red Barn demolition update

Ms. Hogan noted that In Style Flooring has gone out of business, but Keitan Millington still plans on taking down the Red Barn as weather and time permit.

- Streetscape update

The Streetscape project is moving forward with bids closing April 11th.

- **Microsoft Contract renewal, Truck inspections via credit card**

Both the renewal of the Microsoft Contract and Truck inspections require payment via credit card. The Town only has a debit card, which can be used as a credit card, but is directly linked to our bank account.

RESOLUTION #73-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to obtain a credit card for use by the Town. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Copier contract**

At the March 5th Town Board meeting, Resolution #48-19 was passed, contracting with Electronic Office Products for copier needs. When Joann Morehouse contacted Seeley Office Products to let them know of the decision, they made a counter offer which came in much lower.

RESOLUTION #74-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to rescind Resolution #48-19 contracting with Electronic Office Products for copier needs. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

RESOLUTION #75-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to renew the contract with Seeley Office Products for copier needs. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Backhoe purchase**

There was confusion about Resolution #14-18 passed at the January 3rd Town Board meeting:

Mr. Stevens motioned to authorize the Highway Superintendent to put out a bid to purchase a new backhoe. The motion was seconded by Mr. Olesheski. The resolution is declared carried with 5 members voting in favor Ayes-5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays-0.

Highway Superintendent Dan Hitchcock purchased the backhoe, reading the above resolution as his permission to do so. The purchase was on a State contract and falls within the procurement guidelines.

RESOLUTION #76-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to ratify the actions of the Highway Superintendent in the purchase of the backhoe on a State contract that falls within the procurement guidelines. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Committee reports:

- Highway –

None

- Buildings, Parks and Recreation –

None

- Solid Waste –

There will be another meeting next week.

- Personnel –

None

- Fire/EMS –

None

- Planning and Zoning –

Several members of the Planning and Zoning Boards will be attending Local Government Days in Lake Placid this week.

- Marketing and Economic Development –

Bids for website management will be discussed with Warren County, as there is potential for shared services.

- Occ tac –

Applications for the Spring allocations are due April 15th and the Committee plans on welcoming presentations by the applicants.

Motion to accept warrants:

General Fund (Total \$29,632.26)

Highway Fund (Total \$15,059.44)

Fire Protection District (\$105.61)

Water District (Total \$1,263.56)

Johnsburg Emergency Squad (\$817.89)

Trust & Agency (\$576.25)

Total all warrants \$47,455.01

RESOLUTION #77-19

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

Privilege of the Floor:

There was discussion about the Town's procurement policy and spending limits as they apply to the Highway Department. It was noted that in many instances parts or pieces of equipment must be purchased quickly to keep operations moving.

RESOLUTION #78-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to set the amount the Highway Superintendent can spend without co-signed approval at \$1000. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Motion to adjourn:

The motion to adjourn was made by Arnold Stevens seconded by Gene Arsenault, at 8:20 p.m. With 5 in favor the motion is carried. (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays – 0

Next meeting Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm at Tannery Pond Community Center

Prepared by:

Kathleen C. Lorah, Town Clerk