

**Town of Johnsburg  
Public Hearing on Local Law to Change date of Board of Assessment Review  
Regular Meeting of the Town Board  
Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/419559111>  
April 7, 2020 7:00PM**

**Public Hearing on Local Law to Change date of Board of Assessment Review**

Supervisor Hogan called the hearing to order at 7:00 pm

The discussion of the public hearing was to change the date of the BAR due to the fact that Letitia Williams is Assessor in both Minerva and Johnsburg, therefore has a conflict. The proposal is to move the date of the BAR in Johnsburg from the fourth Tuesday in May to the Thursday following the fourth Tuesday in May annually, to be in effect as long as the Assessor works for two Towns.

Supervisor Hogan closed the hearing at 7:08 pm.

**Regular Meeting**

Supervisor Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Anita Abrams.

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

**Approval of minutes March 24, 2020 & April 2, 2020**

***RESOLUTION #71-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2020 and April

2, 2020 meetings. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

**New Business:**

- Report from the Outreach Food Pantry

Anita Abrams was present and gave an update on the Food Pantry and how it is meeting the community needs in the current climate with so many unemployed. Mrs. Abrams gave a thank you to Matt Olden for his help picking up food for the Pantry and to the Town for all of it's support.

- **Waive the Court financial review requirement for one quarter**

***RESOLUTION #72-20***

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

- **Bookkeeper**

Supervisor Hogan told the Board that our bookkeeper has turned in her resignation. Supervisor Hogan said that she has spoken with civil service and the Town does not have to advertise the position if they hire from the civil list. Fortunately a local resident Diane Shaughnessy from North River is interested in the position. Mr. Stevens did a phone interview with Mrs. Shaughnessy and was very impressed with her credentials. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Arsenault feel that she would be an excellent addition to our staff. Mr. Stevens recommended hiring Mrs. Shaughnessy at \$19.75 per hour.

***RESOLUTION #73-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to hire Diane Shaughnessy as the bookkeeper for the Town of Johnsburg immediately with a starting pay of \$19.75 per hour. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

**Old Business:**

- Water District Emergency Plan

Supervisor Hogan talked about the Water District Emergency Plan that had been tabled at the March 24, 2020 and asked if any of the Board had looked at it yet. As no one had been able to yet, she said they would table it again for now.

- **Hudson Street Bridge Bid**

Supervisor Hogan stated that a bid opening was done virtually on April 1, 2020. It was reviewed by JMT who issued a recommendation. Fred Comstock, Highway Superintendent, recommended taking the base bid of \$29,400.00 which basically covers the cement work on the bridge.

***RESOLUTION #74-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arenheiter to accept the base bid for the Hudson Street project. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Supervisor Hogan took a moment to give an update on various projects. Town Hall staff is all working from home, and only one person at a time is in the Town Hall. Streetscape is coming along, Cedarwood and the Department of Health are working together on things. The Sewer project is moving forward. Grant deadlines have been pushed back which gives the Town more time to get an application in.

- Highway Truck/Water Tank

Supervisor Hogan has not received all pertinent information on this so it has been tabled until the next board meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

Water –

Solid Waste –

Fire and EMS – Johnsburg EMS call volume has dropped to next to nothing and the Supervisor warned the Board that they may have to address what the Town can

do to help them in the future if this trend continues.

Buildings & Parks –

Highway -

Personnel –

Planning & Zoning –

Marketing and Economic Development – Ms. Arnheiter reported that Victoria Duly from Adirondack Economic Development has offered to do a series of Pods that will help deal with the economic issues going on at this time, for all businesses on how to survive or to start a business in this economic crisis.

Mr. Stevens asked the rest of the Board for their thoughts on putting out an RFP to see what legal services and pricing is available. The Board agreed that it was a good idea.

### ***RESOLUTION #75-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to put out an RFP to see what legal services are available for the Town. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Ms. Arenheiter stated that she has been working with the Assessor because in this financial climate we should consider doing something with some of the properties owned by the Town that have some value. Supervisor Hogan told her that she thought that was a good idea and that she has information on the different properties that she would get to her.

### **Animal Control and ZEO reports**

Supervisor Hogan told the board that the ZEO reports are in Board packets and that there was no monthly activity for an Animal Contral report.

### **Supervisor's report**

### ***RESOLUTION #76-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the Supervisor's report. With 5 members voting

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

**Approval of Warrants**

**General Fund** (Total \$18,528.39)  
**Highway Fund** (Total \$19,115.99)  
**Water District** (Total \$10,705.56)  
**Public Library Fund** (Total \$373.45)  
**Trust and Agency** (**\$1070.58**)

**Total all warrants \$49,793.97**

***RESOLUTION #77-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arenheiter 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:**

Jack McArdle asked if we could put in a request for COVID-19 testing so that we might be able to be one of the first areas to reopen according to the government plans. Supervisor Hogan said she would look into it and see what we could do.

Ellen Schaefer spoke saying that the Historical Society received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Adirondack Foundation to complete the signs Sally Heidrich had been working on.

**Motion to adjourn**

***RESOLUTION #78-20***

Mr. Gonyo 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, April 21, 2020  
Online Zoom Meeting

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