

Town of Johnsbury
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/2172603617>
May 19, 2020 7:00 PM

Supervisor Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Phil Goodman.

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

Approval of minutes April 21, 2020

RESOLUTION #86-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Correspondence:

- Correspondence will be discussed as each subject is on agenda

New Business:

- Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council Presentation of Ski Bowl Traffic Flow Study

Jack Manse presented the North Creek/Ski Bowl Connectivity Study prepared by the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council. He discussed existing conditions, proposed developments, and concept alternatives, then explained

recommendations and next steps.

- **Contract with Glens Falls Animal Hospital**

RESOLUTION #87-20

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

- **Contract with Warren Hamilton Community Action for Senior Transportation**

RESOLUTION #88-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the contract with Warren Hamilton Community Action for Senior Transportation which will run March 2020 – February 2021. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Occupancy tax awards**

The Occ Tax Committee made the following recommendations for awards:

Applicant	Request	Total Budget	Recommendations
Farmer's Market	1500	3000	1125
Cruise Nights-Bus. Alliance	1500	4330	1125
Tannery Pond Concerts	5500	11495	4125
Nightmare on Main St.	3000	5000	2250
J'burg Fine Arts - Kate Hartley -includes plaque	8480	18230	6360

J'burg Hist. Society-Riverwalk Sign	1000	1757	750
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RESOLUTION #89-20

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the recommendations of the Occ Tax Committee for awards. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Animal Control**

Animal Control Officer Bill Mosher only handles dogs and he is recovering from a broken leg. A local landowner is keeping farm animals on a vacant property and there were concerns that there was a lack of adequate shelter and upkeep for the animals. For this reason, a Warren County sheriff deputy, our town ZEO, the Town's health officer and Brett Moulton, the Thurman and Warrensburg Animal Control officer, went onto the property to make an assessment. We will need to pay Brett for his time and for future monitoring. His arrangement with Warrensburg is on an hourly basis (16/hour) with mileage reimbursement.

RESOLUTION #90-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve an agreement with Brett Moulton to pay him (16/hour) with mileage reimbursement for his time and for future monitoring of Animal Control issues other than dogs. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Review and accept Annual Update Document**

RESOLUTION #91-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the Annual Update Document as the annual accounting for the Town. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo)
Nays – 0

- Summer Recreation and Swim programs, Beach opening

A discussion was had on the Summer Recreation and Swim programs and the beach opening. It was decided that the Swim program is out of the question because of social distancing. It was also decided to postpone a decision on the Summer Recreation program until the June 16th Board meeting.

The availability of lifeguards and lack of training facilities open is a concern for the beach opening. In an effort to meet the NYS deadline informing on beach opening, the Board decided to move ahead with a plan for the beach.

RESOLUTION #92-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to plan to reopen the beach June 12th, Friday through Monday, from 11 am to 5 pm. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo)
Nays – 0

- Plan for public access to town facilities, bringing employees back to offices.

On Monday Fred Comstock intends to bring back his whole crew. We're working on written protocols for employees to follow when they come back to work. Town Hall will remain closed until June 8. At that time we will reopen on a limited basis - three days a week. This will allow Thersa Dunkley adequate time to clean thoroughly every day. Matt Olden, Thersa and Joann Morehouse are working on changes to the space that will allow us to enforce social distancing. We're going to request mask use within the building and all departments will be available by appointment only to begin with.

RESOLUTION #93-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve a plan for public access to Town facilities beginning June 8th and bringing employees back to offices. Reopening will be on a limited basis - three days a week. There will be changes to the space that will allow enforcement of social distancing. Mask use will be requested within the building and all departments will be available by appointment only to begin with. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Copier buyout

RESOLUTION #94-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to pay \$350 to buy out the copier contract and own the machine. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Parks – Ms. Arnheiter said that the book box at Ski Bowl Park is empty. Ms. Hogan said she will follow up on the books. Ms. Arnheiter also referred to Minder Lodge – missing roof tiles and the need to replace locks.

ZEO, and Historian reports, Assessor's update

In Board packets

Supervisor's Monthly Report

The new bookkeeping system requires each previous month to be closed before generating reports. This has not happened to date, so in lieu of the report, Supervisor Hogan provided all bank balances for the month.

RESOLUTION #95-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve the bank balances in lieu of the Supervisor's Monthly 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 \$54,752.10)
Highway Fund (Total \$31,543.67)
Water District (Total \$37,469.19)
Public Library Fund (Total \$1273.46)
EMS (144,059.00)
Trust and Agency (\$1915.95)

Total all warrants \$271,013.37

RESOLUTION #96-20

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, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Privilege of the floor:

Linda Cobb gave an update on increased use of the dog park.
 Kelly Nessel wondered about the decision for EMS to work in Minerva – decision should be made May 20th.

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #97-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault 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, June 16, 2020 7 pm
Online Zoom Meeting

Prepared by:

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