

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury
Regular Meeting
Wevertown Community Center
2370 State Route 28
July 16, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Tuesday July 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Wevertown Community Center 2370 State Route 28

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

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

ABSENT: Peter Olesheski, Jr -- Councilman

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting June 18, 2019

RESOLUTION #132-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

New Business:

- **Recognition of Vincent Nevins**

RESOLUTION #133-19

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

IN MEMORIAM -Vincent D. Nevins

WHEREAS, recognizing Vincent D. Nevins, departed this life on May 18, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Vincent D. Nevins had dutifully served the Town of Johnsbury Highway for 35 consecutive years from 1960 until 1995; during the winter of 1968-1969 he combined two pieces of equipment, not previously used together, making some of the local roads passable again during the winter months

WHEREAS, Vincent D. Nevins had served the United States Army, proudly serving his country in the Korean Conflict until his honorable discharge in 1955;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Town of Johnsbury Town Board, State of New York, does hereby recognize and commend Vincent D. Nevins for his meritorious and conscientious service to the Town of Johnsbury and its residents, and for his dedication to the mission of protecting life and property within The Town of Johnsbury and Country.

- **Ratify Supervisor signature on agreement with ORDA for July 6th celebrations**

The Town celebrated Independence Day July 6th, at which time ORDA provided a misting tower and a climbing wall in Ski Bowl Park. In order to have that happen, Supervisor Hogan had to sign a contract with ORDA.

RESOLUTION #134-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to ratify Ms. Hogan's signing a contract with ORDA for the July 6th Independence Day celebration. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter)
Nays- 0

- **Approve contract with Liquid Engineering for tank inspection and repair.**

The south water tank has a leak, and both north and south tanks are due for inspection. The Board previously authorized Liquid Engineering for inspection. Now the Town has a new contract to fix the leak and do the inspections. The report on the condition of the tanks will be put into the grant application to the State for Water District repairs.

RESOLUTION #135-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve a contract with Liquid Engineering for

water tank inspections and repair of the south tank, not to exceed \$5000. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Historian request to travel to APHNYS event in September**

Town Historian, Deana Wood, would like to attend the Association of Public Historians of NYS conference September 9 – 11.

RESOLUTION #136-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve registration, room, food and mileage for the Historian to attend the APHNYS conference, up to \$440.00. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Ratify Supervisor signature on contract with Camoin Assoc.**

The County has applied on behalf of Town of Johnsbury for a huge grant for Main Street paving, sidewalks, a bike lane and streetscaping. In order to make that happen, the Town had to do a cost-benefit analysis. The county paid for it, but the Town has to sign the contract.

RESOLUTION #137-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to ratify Ms. Hogan signing a contract with Camoin Assoc. for a cost-benefit analysis required for a grant submitted by Warren County on behalf of the Town of Johnsbury. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Authorize Intermunicipal Agreement with Warren County for solid waste and recycling.**

The Town goes together with other Towns and Warren County on a contract for waste and recycling disposal.

RESOLUTION #138-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve Ms. Hogan signing a contract for waste and recycling disposal through Warren County. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter)
Nays- 0

- Discussion of budget priorities for 2020 and beyond

In the discussion of budget priorities for 2020 and beyond, the suggestion was made to budget for reserve funds for buildings (especially Scout Hall), landscaping, sand mine reclamation and cemeteries.

Old Business:

- **Hiring for swim program**

There are 40 kids in the swim program, so there is a need for an additional swim instructor.

RESOLUTION #139-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve hiring an additional swim instructor at minimum wage for the swim program. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter)
Nays- 0

- **Assessor**

The Board has been discussing changing the model of the Assessor's Office from 32-hour full-time Assessor to a part-time Assessor, part-time Clerk, and a data collector. The Assessor would be 20 hours, the Clerk 19 or 20 hours, and the data collector paid by the number of properties visited.

RESOLUTION #140-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to change the model for the Assessor's Office to a part-time Assessor, part-time Clerk, and a data collector. With 4 members voting in

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

RESOLUTION #141-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to advertise for the positions of part-time Assessor, part-time Clerk, and a data collector. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Committee Reports:

- Buildings

The Committee is looking for quotes for painting Tannery Pond Community Center and for the replacement of doors on Tannery Pond and the Senior Center.

ORDA is submitting a grant to build a lodge in Ski Bowl Park to replace the one that burned and for some trail work.

RESOLUTION #142-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to have Ms. Hogan write a letter of support for ORDA for the grant to build a lodge in Ski Bowl Park to replace the one that burned and for some trail work. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- Economic Development

Warren County is entering into negotiations with another company interested in the rail line. They will be at Beck's Wednesday, July 17th at 1 pm to discuss their plans with the public.

Animal control monthly report, ZEO Monthly report, Historian's bi-monthly report

All three reports are in the Board packets.

Supervisor's monthly report

The Supervisor's monthly report is in the Board packets.

RESOLUTION #143-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the Supervisor's monthly report. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$65,350.08)

Highway Fund (Total \$26,884.96)

Water District (Total \$6,463.47)

Public Library Fund (Total \$1,230.05)

Total all warrants \$99,928.56

RESOLUTION #144-19

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

Privilege of the Floor

Regarding a question raised about cleaning up certain properties, Ms. Hogan said that the ZEO sent out letters to certain homeowners in the beginning of the year addressing the problem. Danae (ZEO) is aware of the situation and is working on it on a case by case basis.

Motion to adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stevens seconded by Ms. Arnheiter, at 7:52 p.m. With 4 in favor the motion is carried. (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays – 0

Next meeting Tuesday, August 20, 2018 at Tannery Pond Community Center

Prepared by:

Kathleen C. Lorah, Town Clerk