

**Town of Johnsburg
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Zoom Meeting
August 18, 2020 7:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 217 260 3617

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

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

Approval of minutes July 21, 2020

RESOLUTION #121-20

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

Presentation by Kasselmann Solar

Mark Bomba talked about establishing a community solar opportunity with Gravity Renewables as the investor. He said that larger consumers are of

particular interest. Ms. Hogan asked for documentation so the Board can become familiar with the project and Mr. Bomba will provide.

Correspondence:

Letters of interest for Planning Board

Letter of interest for after school youth programs director – Youth Board

Letter from Business Alliance regarding occ tax funding

Old Business:

- **Hudson St. Bridge engineering proposal**

Engineering services for the Hudson Street Bridge project were required and JMT Engineering provided a proposal to do the work for \$8900.

RESOLUTION #122-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to ratify the signed contract with JMT Engineering to do the work on the Hudson Street Bridge project for \$8900. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Review of court records**

Because of Covid, the Court has been closed – reopening on August 12th. Due to this, there are no records to review and won't be records for the 3rd quarter.

RESOLUTION #123-20

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to suspend review of Court records until December. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Sprung structure for Ski Bowl**

Ms. Arnheiter, Mr. Gonyo, Kelly Nettle, and David Crikelair met with Bone Bayse to discuss the proposed sprung structure at the Ski Bowl. Ms. Arnheiter reported from that meeting that New York State (therefore ORDA) is likely to be financially constricted for some time. The sprung structure is already budgeted for, but it seems unlikely another lodge being built is in the near future. The takeaway is that although the structure is not ideal, it is probably the only choice. Members of the Board pointed out dislike of the looks of the building, potential parking issues, and the fact that Gore can provide neither a timeline for the building, the addition of Summer activities nor any additional incentives to be added to the park to draw more visitors.

RESOLUTION #124-20

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to accept the conceptual sprung structure Gore is presenting to be placed at the Ski Bowl, with the condition that the Board needs more information on the project. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - 4 (Hogan, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo)
Nays – 1 (Arsenault)

- Update on town operations

Beginning the week of August 24th, Town Hall will be open on Tuesdays, so the week will be Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm.

Greg Tomb, a glassblower, is Artist-in-Residence at the Kellogg Building.

The trail sign that Sally Heidrich worked for is to be installed behind Tannery Pond this week.

New Business:

- **Health Insurance Proposals for 2021**

RESOLUTION #125-20

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to accept the CDCHP health coverage for 2021 with an increase of 2.4% and drop the MVP offering. Blue Shield will be available as well. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

• Tentative Budget

Ms. Hogan described the budget process this year as ‘taking a small step backward as we prepare to go forward’. She explained that the goal is to be conservative – austere – to stay under the tax cap with low projections for sales tax receipts. She discussed various funds, then asked the Board to consider incurring debt in the form of a bond, as interest rates are very low.

The Board agreed on the Tentative Budget and it will move to preliminary.

• Planning Board appointment

This item is moved to the September 1st meeting.

ZEO, Assessor, and Animal Control reports

In Board packets

Supervisors Monthly report***RESOLUTION #126-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve 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 \$45,751.39)
Highway Fund (Total \$55,047.70)
Water District (Total \$17,787.99)
Public Library Fund (Total \$3246.16)
Trust and Agency (\$2247.28)
EMS (\$144,059.00)

Total all warrants \$268,139.52

RESOLUTION #127-20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the warrants. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Gonyo)
 Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Arnheiter)

Privilege of the floor:

Regarding the letter from the Business Alliance, Ms. Hogan asked for input from Joel Beaudin, who was not able to be heard. Ms. Hogan suggested the Occ Tax committee weigh in on the letter at the September 1st meeting.

Kelly Nettle discussed the progress of the 2017 Smart Growth Grant which includes the Ski Bowl, beach, and Long Trail.

Bob Nettle spoke about ORDA investing in Gore with new chairs and increased snowmaking capability.

Ms. Hogan brought up the FEMA paperwork being voluminous and asked to hire Katie Nightingale at \$13 per hour to help her.

RESOLUTION #128-20

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve Ms. Hogan hiring Katie Nightingale at \$13 per hour to help her with FEMA paperwork. With 5 members voting in favor the

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

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #129-20

At 9:05 Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter 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, September 1, 2020 7 pm
Online Zoom Meeting

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