

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg  
Regular Meeting  
Scout Hall  
4 Peaceful Valley Road, North Creek  
October 1, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday October 1, 2019 7:00 pm at Scout Hall, 4 Peaceful Valley Road, North Creek, NY

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

**PRESENT:** Andrea Hogan – Supervisor  
Eugene Arsenault – Councilman  
Arnold Stevens – Councilman  
Peter Olesheski -- Councilman  
Laurie Arnheiter -- Councilwoman  
Joann Morehouse -- Deputy Town Clerk

**Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting September 17, 2019**

***RESOLUTION #180-19***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting. With 4 members voting in favor, one abstention, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0, Abstain -1 (Olesheski)

**Correspondence:**

- Thank you from Gem Radio Theater for Occupancy Tax funding
- Resignation from Planning Board

Ms. Hogan referenced the above correspondence.

**New Business:**

- **Advertisement for Planning Board vacancy**

The Town Board will place advertisements for the vacancy on the Planning Board

***RESOLUTION #181-19***

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

- **Youth Program update**

Kelly Nessel presented an update on the Youth Program activities for the year. She outlined a change in the alpine ski lessons that have been offered by Gore on Thursday and Friday nights for the past couple of years and expressed a desire for the Town Board to engage Gore in negotiations.

Kelly further described a program being put together by Trena Riedinger and Anna Bowers in cooperation with the Youth Committee and Johnsburg Central School which would allow kids to attend alpine ski lessons during the school day. They will be starting the program with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. It was agreed that these volunteers should be commended for their efforts.

She requested budgetary consideration for a Teens Only coordinator position. She also defined the need for a storage shed to be shared by multiple youth programs. She will be bringing a more formal proposal to the Board at the next meeting.

- **Assessor Position**

Supervisor Hogan detailed the need for a letter of qualification from the State for Assessor appointees. She has been in touch with the State and it was agreed that appointee Letitia Williams will be issued a letter in 6 months if she works a minimum of 30 hours per week. Discussion followed and the board agreed to change the model of assessing to a 30-hour assessors position which would again include the duties of data collection supported by a part time clerk. For the time being the clerk duties will be assumed by existing town hall staff until budgetary concerns have been considered.

***RESOLUTION #182-19***

Mr. Olesheski presented a resolution to rescind Resolution # 140-19 which changed the model for the assessors office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

***RESOLUTION #183-19***

Mr. Stevens presented a resolution to hire an assessor/data collector for 30 hours per week for 6 months with part time clerical support. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arsenault and with 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays-0.

***RESOLUTION #184-19***

Mr. Arsenault presented a resolution amending Resolution # 168-19 to state that the Board is appointing Letitia Williams as acting assessor for a 6-month period beginning October 1, 2109. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and with 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays-0.

**Old Business:**

- **Budget discussion**

The tentative budget has been filed with the Town Clerk.

- **Historical Society Meeting**

Supervisor Hogan reminded everyone that the meeting to discuss the future of the Town of Johnsburg Historical Society is taking place Wednesday, October 9 at 6:00 pm at Wevertown Community Center.

- **Water district tank inspection and property purchase**

The south tank inspection resulted in an expectation that the tank will have to be replaced. Ms. Hogan reported an incident wherein the north tank was

found to have been tampered with. Water samples were sent out and returned normal. The Department of Health was notified.

The closing took place on the Butler property which will allow for improvements to the water district booster station.

### **Committee reports:**

- Solid waste  
None
- Highway

Ms. Hogan brought forth a voucher for repair of a truck valve. She stated this voucher had been given to her today and that a note stated that it was urgent.

### ***RESOLUTION #185-19***

Mr. Olesheski presented a resolution to approve the expense of repairing the truck valve. With a second from Mr. Arsenault and with 5 members voting in favor the motion is declared carried. Ayes -5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays -0

Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Olesheski reported on the initial contract meeting of the Highway Committee with the bargaining unit of the Highway employees. Future meetings will be scheduled.

- Marketing and Economic Development / Planning and Zoning combined

Ms. Arnheiter reported that there was a successful first meeting of the committee to review and potentially revise the town zoning codes.

She also presented a plan for regulating short term rentals and utilizing the income to market the town. Discussion ranged from concern for over-regulation to the need for inspection of rental units. See attached summary of proposal.

- Personnel

None

- Buildings, Parks and Recreation

Matt Olden has priced out step caps for the front steps on Tannery Pond. The pricing, without shipping is \$4211.22. A second quote is being sought.

### ***RESOLUTION #186-19***

Mr. Olesheski passed a resolution to approve the purchase and installation of the step caps, not to exceed \$5000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and passed with 5 votes. Yea – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter)  
Nay - 0

- Fire / EMS

None

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Deana Wood reported that history weekend 2020 will be September 11,12 and 13.

She also encouraged everyone to check out the Warren County Recreation Mapper.

Ms. Wood also asked if the Town would look into purchasing tables for the Waddell building. Matt Olden will be consulted.

Ms. Hogan was reminded that Revolution Rail company had requested the right to store their bikes in the Kellogg building over the winter. They paid the Town \$500 last year to do so.

### ***RESOLUTION #187-19***

Ms. Arnheiter made a motion to allow Revolution Rail to store their bikes in the Kellogg Building over the winter for and to pay \$500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arsenault and passed with 5 votes. Ayes-5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays -0

Mr. Beaudin commented that Japanese Knotweed is aggressively taking over. He noted that this is an invasive plant and suggested the Town look to invasives experts to help with eradication.

Kelly Nettle reported that the beach work has progressed. Warren County Soil

and Water will be hydroseeding. Thanks to Kevin Fusco and Bob Nettle for their work.

Mr. Olesheski presented a resolution to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arsenault and passed with 5 votes. Aye- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nay -0

### ***RESOLUTION #188-19***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to exit executive session. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

No action was taken in executive session.

### **Motion to adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Arsenault, seconded by Ms. Stevens at 9:05 p.m. With 5 in favor the motion is carried. (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays – 0

Next meeting Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 pm at Tannery Pond Community Center

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