

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg
Regular Meeting
Tannery Pond Community Center
228 Main Street, North Creek
October 15, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday October 15, 2019 7:00 pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center, 228 Main Street, North Creek, NY

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

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

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting October 1, 2019

RESOLUTION #189-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

New Business:

- Budget discussion – **Set date for public hearing on preliminary budget**

There are a couple of changes to the budget presented as Tentative:

There is now \$10,000 allocated to a marketing initiative and \$5000 to website maintenance, both from Occ Tax, and another \$10,000 for a marketing initiative from the budget line “other economic development”.

Beautification will not be dependent on Occ Tax, but now has its own budget line.

RESOLUTION #190-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to set a public hearing on the preliminary budget on Thursday, November 7th at 7 pm at the Wevertown Community Center. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Gore Credit application**

The Town has an agreement with Gore to pay at the end of ski season for those who participated in the JYC Ski Program.

RESOLUTION #191-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to approve Ms. Hogan signing a credit application with Gore for the participants in the JYC Ski Program. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Youth Bureau Contract**

The Town has a contract with Warren County Youth Bureau for reimbursement for youth activities. The reimbursement amount is \$1435.

RESOLUTION #192-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve Ms. Hogan signing the contract with Warren County Youth Bureau for reimbursement for youth activities in the amount of \$1435. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Old Business:

- **Town Employee Insurance deductible reimbursement for 2020**

It is proposed that the insurance deductible for employees in 2020 remain the same as 2019 (\$1500 for an individual and \$3000 for a family.)

RESOLUTION #193-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve the insurance deductible for employees in 2020 remaining the same as 2019 (\$1500 for an individual and \$3000 for a family). With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Former employee benefit payout**

A former employee is requesting the Town pay out unused vacation hours in the amount of \$1967.30. Another request is for the Town to carry insurance for a couple of months. Ms. Hogan checked with the insurance company and was told this is not possible. Another request is for sick time to be paid out, and Ms. Hogan said that has not been the Town's custom.

RESOLUTION #194-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the pay out of unused vacation hours in the amount of \$1967.30 to a former employee. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Committee reports:

- Solid waste

There is a sewer committee meeting at 4pm 10/16 at Beck's. Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Stevens will attend.

- Highway

In the 2019 budget there is \$50,000 for “bridge contractual”, or engineering for bridges. All planned projects for 2019 have not been completed, so there is money left in that line. Ms. Hogan and Mr. Arsenault met with the Garnet Lake Association to discuss the dam which the DEC has said needs attention. The standing agreement is that the Association owns the dam and the Town is responsible for the road, which is on the Town’s inventory. Ms. Hogan is proposing using \$5000 from the reserve mentioned above to help with engineering costs for repair of the dam.

RESOLUTION #195-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski (for the purpose of discussion) to approve using \$5000 from the “bridge contractual” to help with engineering costs for repair of the Garnet Lake dam. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- Marketing and Economic Development

Ms. Arnheiter made a point of praising the Parks personnel for the work they did sprucing up the sign at the entrance to North Creek prior to the influx of visitors for Harvest Fest weekend.

- Personnel

None

- Buildings, Parks and Recreation

Kelly Nettle would like the Board to approve the purchase of a shed for use at Ski Bowl Park both for baseball and the ski program. Ms. Hogan said money could be moved from JYC personnel to Parks, but that two written quotes are required.

RESOLUTION #196-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the allocation of \$4000 for the purchase of a

shed for use at Ski Bowl Park both for baseball and the ski program. The shed will belong to the Town. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- Planning and Zoning

None

- Fire / EMS

Ms. Hogan has a meeting coming up with the County head of Fire/EMS regarding grant-seeking and funding. Two major expenses for fire departments are training and equipment. A possibility being discussed is tax incentives for volunteers.

Supervisor's monthly report

The Supervisor's monthly report is in the Board packets. Ms. Hogan talked about the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census, as so much funding depends on the results. She encouraged everyone to spread the word to have people complete the Census forms.

RESOLUTION #197-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept the Supervisor's monthly report. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

ZEO, Animal Control and Historian monthly reports

ZEO, Animal Control and Historian monthly reports are in the Board packets.

Budget Amendments

1 – Increase Historian's line by \$272 (overspent on training) coming from the Supervisor's training line.

2 – Increase the budget for dog control by \$362 due to expenses at Glens Falls Animal Hospital when dogs had to be removed from a residence. The money can come from traffic control.

3 – Move \$4000 from JYC personnel to Parks for the shed at Ski Bowl Park to be used by both the baseball and ski programs.

RESOLUTION #198-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the following budget amendments:

1 – Increase Historian’s line by \$272 (overspent on training) coming from the Supervisor’s training line.

2 – Increase the budget for dog control by \$362 due to expenses at Glens Falls Animal Hospital when dogs had to be removed from a residence. The money can come from traffic control.

3 – Move \$4000 from JYC personnel to Parks for the shed at Ski Bowl Park to be used by both the baseball and ski programs.

With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$34,165.77)

Highway Fund (Total \$7,148.45)

Water District (Total \$11,549.48)

Public Library Fund (Total \$1,319.48)

Private Purpose Trust Fund (Expendable) TE (1, 939.64)

Total all warrants \$56,122.82

RESOLUTION #199-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve the warrants. With 5 members voting in

favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Privilege of the Floor

Bob Nettle said he was at Harvest Fest with a booth for the Ski Museum and that it was great exposure. Kelly Nettle added that the Ski Museum planning is moving along with 2021 as the goal for beginning the search for funding and having a promotion plan in place.

Deana Wood said there are no more scheduled cemetery cleanings.

Roger Mosher asked how the Smart Growth Grant works. Ms. Hogan said it was written by Kelly Nettle on behalf of the Town. The requested funding was for a trail to the top of the Hudson chair and the beach project. The Town fronts the money, then the bookkeeper sends in for reimbursement, which can happen periodically (not necessary to wait for the entire job to be complete.) After expenditures are finished, the last request for reimbursement is sent. That amount is paid to the Town, with a percentage withheld until inspection of the project takes place.

Mr. Mosher asked why Mr. Ovitt's company was paid \$1300 more than he quoted. Both Ms. Hogan and Ms. Nettle responded that they don't believe that is the case. Ms. Hogan said she will look into this.

Linda Cobb said the dog park is open and the official opening is Sunday, October 20th from noon to 5pm. Mr. Stevens said he has heard many positive comments about the park.

Mr. Mosher asked why the paving was not done on the Flats. Ms. Hogan said he would have to ask the Highway Superintendent. Mr. Mosher asked if the reason was a drainage issue. Ms. Hogan said that Warren County Soil and Water had been contacted about a drainage issue, but that no one had said not to pave the road.

Motion to adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Arsenault seconded by Mr. Olesheski, at 7:58 p.m. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Next meeting **Thursday**, November 7, 2019 at Wevertown Community Center

Prepared by:

Kathleen C. Lorah, Town Clerk