

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg
Public Hearing – Fire District Contracts and Regular Meeting
Tannery Pond Community Center
228 Main Street, North Creek
December 17, 2019 7:00PM**

Supervisor Hogan called the public hearing to order at 7:13 p.m.

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

Ms. Hogan stated that the 2020 fire district contracts remained at the same level as the 2019 contracts.

John Donohue spoke about the difficulty getting volunteers and the expense of training new people.

Bob Nettle referred to a NY State program that allows firemen to contribute to the NYS Retirement system. He then suggested that the fire tax rates in the Town could be raised to help defray some costs of training.

Mr. Donohue asked that there be more meetings between the fire companies and the Board to hash out some of the above issues.

Ms. Hogan added that there are some motions in the NYS Assembly which could help incentivize volunteerism.

The public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m. and the regular meeting was called to order. The pledge to the flag was led by Peter Olesheski.

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting December 3, 2019

RESOLUTION #219-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2019

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

New Business:

- **Contract for EMS**

Ms. Hogan said the only real change in the 2020 EMS contract is a two percent increase in the payment amounts, doled out quarterly.

RESOLUTION #220-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to approve the 2020 EMS contract. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Contracts for Fire Districts**

Ms. Hogan said the 2020 Fire contract is the same as 2019.

RESOLUTION #221-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to approve the 2020 Fire district contracts. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Contract for Senior Transportation**

The Town has had a contract with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging for Senior transportation. For 2020, however, a local entity has expressed interest in providing Senior transportation.

RESOLUTION #222-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve putting out an RFP for providing the Town's Senior transportation. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Intermunicipal agreement with Chestertown for bookkeeper**

RESOLUTION #223-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve an intermunicipal agreement with Chestertown for bookkeeper services with the only change from 2019 being a 50-cent hourly increase. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Contract with Glens Falls Animal Hospital**

The contract from Glens Falls Animal Hospital has not been received, so this discussion is postponed.

- **Ratify the Clerk's actions in posting public hearing for fire districts**

RESOLUTION #224-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to ratify the Clerk's posting of the public hearing for fire district contracts. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Ratify Supervisor signing voucher for towing**

A highway truck broke down on Monday and has to be towed for repair. Ms. Hogan signed the voucher for \$1200 for towing.

RESOLUTION #225-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to ratify the Supervisor's signing of the voucher for \$1200 for towing a highway truck for repair. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Authorization for attendance to Newly Elected Officials School**

Fred Comstock and Justin Gonyo are interested in attending the Newly Elected Officials School.

RESOLUTION #226-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to approve expenses for Fred Comstock and Justin Gonyo to attend the Newly Elected Officials School, which will be about \$750. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **SEQR for sewer district**

Ms. Hogan reviewed the SEQR for the sewer district prepared by Cedarwood and said this is the next step toward finalizing the map and plan.

RESOLUTION #227-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve Part 1 of the SEQR for the sewer district prepared by Cedarwood. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

RESOLUTION #228-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to authorize the Town Board to act as lead agency for the Town of Johnsbury sewer project. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- Landlord authorization form for Tannery Pond Center

Tannery Pond Center has requested the Board's permission to apply to the NYS Liquor Authority for a permit to sell alcohol at an event on January 18, 2020. Daphne Taylor stated that there would be a security plan, insurance coverage, and that the seats would be retracted, so would not be damaged.

RESOLUTION #229-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to allow Tannery Pond Center to apply to the NYS Liquor Authority for a permit to sell alcohol at an event on January 18, 2020. With 3 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 3 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter) Nays-2 – (Stevens, Olesheski)

Bob Nettle said he has strong feelings against serving alcohol in a Town building, agreeing with Mr. Stevens 'nay' vote.

Old Business:

- **Scrap Metal bid**

One bid was received for the 2020 scrap metal contract, from Dave Olden for \$30 per net ton.

RESOLUTION #230-19

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the bid from Dave Olden for \$30 per net ton for scrap metal for 2020. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays-0

Committee Reports:

- Water

Ms. Hogan announced that the Town has been awarded a three-million-dollar WIIA grant for water district repairs.

- Solid waste

Discussed above.

- Highway

Truck towed to Plattsburg as discussed above. Still in talks for Highway contracts.

- Marketing and Economic Development

CDC meeting tomorrow with AEDC to talk about aiding small businesses.

- Personnel

There are some larger than normal pay increases due to moving toward a \$15 per hour minimum wage.

MOUs are prepared, Ms. Hogan and Mr. Stevens have reviewed.

Joann Morehouse will be confidential secretary to Ms. Hogan, Deputy Town Clerk, and aide to ZEO and Assessor.

- Planning and Zoning

Ms. Arnheiter and Danae Tucker are trying to set a date for a meeting.

- Buildings, Parks and Recreation

None

- Fire and EMS –

Covered above

Supervisor's Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #231-19

Mr. Arsenault presented a resolution accepting the Supervisor's monthly report with a second from Mr. Stevens and 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 \$46,560.48)
Highway Fund (Total \$10,379.20)
Water District (Total \$4,099.96)
Public Library Fund (Total \$1,183.85)
Trust & Agency Fund (\$27.96)
Total all warrants \$62,251.45

RESOLUTION #232-19

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

ZEO and Animal Control monthly reports

ZEO and Animal Control reports are in the Board packets.

Privilege of the Floor

Kelly Nettle thanked Peter Olesheski for his years of service on the Town Board.

Bob Nettle expressed disapproval of selling alcohol at Tannery Pond. Ms. Hogan stated that this was for one event only.

Daphne Taylor said there is a blood drive on Friday at Tannery Pond from 12:30 to 5:30 pm.

Motion to enter Executive Session

RESOLUTION #233-19

At 8:03 pm Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to enter executive session. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Motion to leave Executive Session and reenter regular meeting

RESOLUTION #234-19

At 9:14 pm Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to leave executive session and reenter the regular meeting. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #235-19

At 9:14 pm Mr. Olesheski 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, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Next meeting Tuesday, January 7th, 7:00 pm
at Wevertown Community Center

Prepared by:

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