

6. Resolution to Approve Water Application and Regulations – Supervisor Bean - after a discussion with Mr. Hughes and with Mr. Williams and Mr. Heid, we feel this is confusing and convoluted; Ms. Bowers -we spoke earlier, as a whole new Board we need to all sit down with the Engineer and all together and with the public, maybe a workshop can be set up. Mr. Heid- this is a challenging time in general, not just with new Board Members; Mr. Stevens – can we do a workshop at 6:30PM at the next Board Meeting? Supervisor Bean – I will check with the Engineer; Supervisor Bean – while sending out an e-mail to all Board Members is easier than one at a time, I spoke with the Town Attorney and this would be considered a Quorum. Mr. Williams I make a Motion to table this.

RESOLUTION # 32 – 24

Mr. Williams made a Motion to table the Water Application and Regulations and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

7. Resolution to Pay \$400 to SPCA for Boarding of Dog – Supervisor Bean – the Ag & Markets law needs to be followed; AB/PH; Mr. Williams – we pay \$5,200 for an animal control officer; now we’re paying the guys bill; this doesn’t sit well with me; we need to correct some things; Mr. Heid – I see this a problem with our Animal Control Officer – this has been a problem for a long time; Mr. Fallon – why are we in the dog business? Ms. Wood – send a letter to the owner and get the money; the animal control officer may not always be available; Ernie Dunkely – 911 call re: a dog, dispatch will try to reach the dog warden in that specific Town; Mr. Heid – advisable to get him a phone; Mr. Thissell – check back multiple years to see about dog warden. Supervisor Bean – can I get a Motion to approve payment to the SPCA.

RESOLUTION # 33 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve payment to the SPCA and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 4 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid); Nays – 1 (Williams).

8. Resolution to Approve the Agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board – Supervisor Bean - even though they don’t have a vote, they can help with the ins and outs; Mr. Williams – I did some research on this organization and they act on the town’s behalf with the APA; I met with the Director, I felt very comfortable after the conversation.

RESOLUTION # 34 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

9. Resolution to Approve the Salt Building for the Highway Department – Mr. Comstock – previous resolution was rescinded; less money, better quality, right snow load; Mr. Stevens – what is the material? Mr. Comstock – fabric 42x40 with concrete walls with a 25 year warranty; Mr. Konis – is the concrete chloride resistant? Mr. Williams – where are we on the permitting process? Mr. Comstock – would need approval from the Town first and a permit from the County; Mr. Williams – how do we know what the County wants, can we make sure it meets County approval prior to approving this; Mr. Stevens – are you saying to table this? I’m just saying we want to have County approval prior to purchase.

RESOLUTION # 35 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the Purchase of the Salt Shed and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

10. Resolution to Approve the 284 Agreement – Supervisor Bean – this is an outline of what is being done over the next 10 months with the Highway Department; Mr. Williams – can you read what’s on slate? Supervisor Bean – read list; Mr. Hughes – how much will all that cost? Mr. Comstock – its CHIPS money; Mr. Hughes – we need the money figures prior to signing the document. Mr. Comstock – met with Peckhams and went over the roads that will need paving; Mr. Williams – can you explain what CHIPS money is from? Mr. Comstock - re: paving; \$340,000 CHIPS, \$100,000 Pave New York, Winter Recovery – 2023 – roll over money; Mr. Comstock – equipment and/or materials have to last 10 year to be covered with CHIPS money. Mr. Ashline – can you roll it over; Fred yes you can, but if you don’t spend it they’ll cut your funds; Mr. Stevens – is this list a priority list? Would we run out of CHIPS funds? I don’t think we’d run out of CHIPS funds, Mr. Konis – so you’re trying to be pro-active; Mr. Hughes – CHIPS money is a small part of the Highway Budget; Supervisor Bean – Fred if you could get some dollar figures for these projects that would be great; Mr. Comstock – I’ll get some numbers for you; Supervisor Bean – our infrastructure is in horrible shape, not just here in Johnsburg, but all over this area.

RESOLUTION # 36 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the 284 Agreement List with the understanding that dollar figures will be assigned to the projects and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

11. Resolution to Appoint Peter Olesheski as Liaison for Warren County Youth Bureau – Supervisor Bean read the Resolution and asked if there was any discussion.

RESOLUTION # 37 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Olesheski as the Liaison for the Warren County Youth Bureau and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

12. Resolution for Budget Line Transfer Resolution for Assessor Computer – Supervisor Bean - it's an 11 or 12 year old laptop and I do know this because it had Windows 8 on it. Supervisor Bean – any questions or discussion?

RESOLUTION # 38 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Assessor's Office and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

13. Resolution to Establish Sub Accounts – Supervisor Bean – we're going to do a better job of tracking buildings (heat, maintenance, etc.); Wevertown Community Center - \$5,000 moved from regular building account; \$5,000 for water; PH/AB; Mr. Williams – so we'll track both Wevertown and water repairs specific to Main Street; not new money, just transferring from one account to another; Supervisor Bean there were three water breaks on Main Street recently and we need to know where and why. Any further discussion or comments?

RESOLUTION # 39 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve establishing the sub-accounts to track costs and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

14. Resolution to Repay Money Loaned to EMS Fund – Supervisor Bean – my understanding from the Bookkeeper is that this is done yearly; this is billing revenue from 2023. Any discussion or comments?

RESOLUTION # 40 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the repayment of money loaned to EMS and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

15. Committee Reports

Ms. Bowers:

- Zoning and Planning – nothing new to report.
- Still researching Child Care; may meet with Old Forge to see what they are doing; Ms. Sabattis – how many need child care, are there any numbers? Ms. Bowers – a lot for in-home care; ARPA money available; Southern Adirondack Child Care is a great resource as well; Ms. Sabattis – Small Tales just opened in Chestertown; Ms. Bowers – Chestertown has underwritten this business.
- Occ Tax – good meeting last night – Dave Putman doing a great job.
- Marketing & Economic Committee– meeting in two weeks; Kevin Bean and I are co-chairs, Members are: Julie Wolfe, Amy Sabattis, Matt Byrne, Laurie Arnheiter and Julia Johnson the representative from Gore Mountain.

- Community Development – good meeting a couple of weeks ago; virtual meeting coming up; Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30PM; invitation is coming; can we share on Town website?

Mr. Heid:

- Spent time at Highway Garage – clean and well taken care of; no worries with safety/equipment.
- Parks – accident in Parks 2 years ago, 18 months after the incident the Labor Board is involved, we're contesting; equipment taken out of service due to safety issues; been in contact with Pete Olesheski; Pete will get it done or keep it out of service.
- Solid Waste – met with the folks at the Indian Lake Transfer Station, Mr. Eldridge from Hamilton County Solid Waste; they are Town and County run; smooth system, one Town person, one County person there; scales; no papers out and about; it is a smooth process and we could definitely take some lessons from their process.

Mr. Williams:

- Submission of Plans to DEC, they had some questions, the Engineer responded, only to find out our contact is out until April and we have a new person; 2nd round of answers to new questions; let them know the importance of the project; Sewer meeting last night, Engineers will be drafting up responses to those 14 points; were hoping is what out to bid at this point, still waiting for DEC. It's progressing.
- Park – sewer breach at Joe Minder Lodge; calls were made to Supervisor Bean; reps from ORDA and Front Street were there quickly troubleshooting started; Hometown came and pumped it out; got through the weekend with no interruption to Gore over the weekend; Front Street on site on Monday; there were issues with the pump, issues solved and back up and running.

Mr. Stevens:

- Water rates are an on-going discussion.
- Ski Bowl Water Mitigation Project – can't do anything much right now until water gets flowing; we'll review the specifications of the project; can ascertain what some of the other issues are as the thaw occurs.

16. Warrants

Supervisor Bean – any questions or concerns?

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 101,758.56
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 48,600.01
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:	\$ 333,175.57
SEWER DISTRICT PROJECT:	\$ 9,541.10
SKI BOWL MITIGATION PROJECT:	\$ 110.00
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:	\$ 7,237.82
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 2,494.17
FIRE PROJECTION DISTRICT:	\$ 283,815.00
EMS	\$ 198,765.75
WATER DISTRICT:	\$ 16,468.34
TRUST AND AGENCY:	\$ 177,799.26
TOTAL	\$ 1,179,765.58

RESOLUTION # 41 - 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve and accept the Warrants and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. . With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0

17. Privilege of the Floor

- Ms. Nettle – pleased to hear department/committee reports; this hasn’t happened in a very long time; this is good. Our website needs to be updated – changes made lacks clarity, punctuation and it’s outdated; should be for residents as well as visitors; let’s use some Occ Tax monies to get a good web designer to get it done; Ms. Bowers I have had a discussion with Matt Byrne – he’s offered to volunteer to “scrape” the website so that all info would be available to the one updating it; Mr. Heid – the Occ Tax money is a good idea.
- Ms. Konis – since the Water Audit was done what has the Town done? Mr. Stevens – discussion on water rates is continuing; Ms. Konis – nothing else has been done? Town Clerk explained the new software process and updating properties, etc. with the help of the Assessor and Mr. Rawson.
- Ms. Thomas – what is being done with water bills/rates now? I’m paying the same amount as the restaurant next to me and I’m the only one in the building 4 days a week. Supervisor Bean – we’re going to meet with the Engineer, it’s very confusing with the rates that have been presented.
- Ms. Wood – Occ Tax information has disappeared from the web site just need to get that back on for upcoming applications. Don’t forget on February 22, 2024 the 10th Mountain Division presentation; it’s free admission, but donations are appreciated.
- Mr. Hughes – EMS/Fire Department vouchers? Ms. Bowers – could you give us a page number so we’re looking at the same thing? Mr. Hughes – it’s in the Budget; Supervisor Bean – we don’t have the Budget with us right now; can you meet up with me to discuss? Mr. Hughes – so you’ll be getting figures for the 284 Agreement? Supervisor Bean – yes.

18. Motion to Adjourn –

Supervisor Bean – anyone else? Can I get a Motion to adjourn?

RESOLUTION # 42 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:27PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

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**NEXT REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING IS MARCH 5, 2024 AT 7:00PM
AT TANNERY POND AND VIRTUAL.**