

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg Regular Board Meeting  
September 2, 2014  
Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York.

Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

PRESENT: Ronald Vanselow      -- Supervisor  
          Eugene Arsenault      -- Councilman  
          Arnold Stevens       -- Councilman  
          Peter Olesheski, Jr   -- Councilman  
          Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman  
          Jo A Smith            -- Town Clerk

Guests: On attached list

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR August 19, 2014**

***RESOLUTION # 125-14***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2014 regular Town Board Meeting as written.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*1. Shannon Slater* - resignation effective September 9, 2014 from the Secretarial position for the Planning Board and Zoning Board to take a full time position with a local company.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the position has already been filled by Joann Morehouse. Town Clerk Ms. Jo A Smith stated that Ms. Morehouse has also been appointed to be her Deputy.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Supervisor Vanselow asked if there were any committee reports - No updates at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FIRE CONTRACTS**

Supervisor Vanselow and Mr. Olesheski attended the Chiefs meeting on August 27th at 7 PM at

the Riverside Fire House and discussed with them about using the current contract and about not being prepared to form another district in the Township at this time. Supervisor Vanselow went on to state that most all fire companies were happy with a two year extension on the current contract with a 2% increase per company per year. Supervisor Vanselow stated that we would be holding a hearing in the near future.

### **BREAKING THE TAX CAP**

Supervisor Vanselow stated that in the Boards packet was a model Local Override Law. To exceed the tax cap we would need to hold a public hearing and Supervisor Vanselow recommends to have the hearing on Oct 7, 2014. Mr. Olesheski asked if Supervisor Vanselow would be comfortable stating at that time or before what the % is going to be. Supervisor Vanselow stated yes within the next couple of weeks he would know for sure but it would be probable in the 8, 9 or 10% range. Mr. Arsenault asked about the budget and what will happen with that if this does or doesn't go through. Supervisor Vanselow stated that he is preparing two budgets this year, one with EMS in it and one without and we will hold a public hearing on both of them. Supervisor Vanselow stated that he needed the budget ready to hand to Ms. Smith, Town Clerk on September 30th. Then Ms. Smith has until Oct 5th to present it to the Town Board Members. We don't meet until the 7th of October so we will need to set up a Special Board Meeting around October 3rd. Mr. Arsenault asked if both Budget's go on the ballot? Supervisor Vanselow stated no the only thing that goes on the ballot is the EMS District. Supervisor Vanselow stated that we would need a motion to advertise for a public hearing on Oct 7th to exceed the TAX CAP. Mr. Arsenault asked if a petition is circulating. Supervisor Vanselow stated he doesn't know.

### ***RESOLUTION #126-14***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski - The Board of the Town of Johnsborg, authorizes the Town Clerk, Ms. Jo A Smith to advertise in the North Creek Enterprise for a public hearing on October 7, 2014 at Wevertown Community Center to establish a local law to exceed the TAX CAP.

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

Supervisor Vanselow stated that we also need to set up a Special Board Meeting for Ms. Jo A Smith, Town Clerk to hand out to all board members the purposed 2015 Budget.

### ***RESOLUTION # 127-14***

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that The Board of the Town of Johnsborg, authorizes the Town Clerk, Ms. Jo A smith to advertise in the North Creek Enterprise for a Special Meeting on October 3, 2014 at The Town Hall at 5:00 pm to hand out the purposed 2015

budget.

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

Supervisor Vanselow stated that they would need 38 signatures on the petition for the referendum or the Board can place it on the Ballot either way it needs to be submit to the Board of elections by September 25th. Mr. Olesheski stated the quicker we do this the better.

***RESOLUTION #128-14***

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to put the EMS District on the November Ballot for public referendum, needs to be submitted to the Board of Elections by September 25, 2014.

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

***STREETSCAPE AND RIVER FRONT PARK SEQRA***

Ms. Nightingale explained that they need to do a Short Environmental Assessment Form for the Streetscape and River Front Park. Brief description of proposed action: The Enhancement Plan includes improvements to the Main Street Corridor from Railroad Place South to TPCC and Town Hall and the Riverfront Park including the Mundy Parcel. The plan is a mix of physical and aesthetic improvements to improve overall safety and beauty of the business district and waterfront areas. Goals and improvements include, but are not limited to additional sidewalks where appropriate as well as sidewalk replacement, increased lighting, construction of a pavilion on the upper Mundy property, landscaping and parking improvements, structural improvements to the existing Stable & Grain (Waddell) Buildings, extending public water and installing a septic system at Riverfront Park, etc. The removal of the unstable "scale" building is also included. Ms. Nightingale briefly went over the 7 page form. Mr. Arsenault asked who this SEQRA form goes to. Ms. Nightingale stated to DEC. Ms. Ferguson asked about it going to the APA and possible the county. Ms. Nightingale stated she would have to check the guide lines for the Grant and see.

***RESOLUTION # 129-14***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to accept the Negative Declaration of the SEQRA Form for the Streetscape and River Front Park, which includes improvements to the Main Street Corridor from Railroad Place South to TPCC and Town Hall and the Riverfront Park including the Mundy Parcel.

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

**NEW BUSINESS****ZEO MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the ZEO monthly report was in the boards packets.

**ACO MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the ACO monthly report was in the boards packets.

**SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT**

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Supervisor monthly report was in the boards packets.

**RESOLUTION # 130-14**

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept the Supervisor's monthly report for the month of August 2014.

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

**iTAX ONLINE**

Ms. Jo A Smith, Town Clerk explained that BAS offers a program where customers could pay their taxes on line. The first year would be \$1,880 which is set-up, configuration, hosting and support the second year would be the annual hosting and support fee of \$400. Mr. Arsenault asked what the annual hosting and support fee give us. Ms. Smith stated support and backup. Mr. Arsenault asked if we get a lot of demand for this. Ms. Smith stated that a lot of people ask if they can use a credit card for taxes. Mr. Olesheski stated that it looks like it is a two year commitment, and after two years we could opt out if decided. Ms. Nettle asked if we would still mail the taxes out. Ms. Smith stated she would be, because a lot of people don't have computers. Supervisor Vanselow stated that it's a convenience for the absent landlord and also the amount that they pay would always be correct, near the end of the collect cycle there is that \$2.00 second notice fee that a lot of people forget to include. Mr. Olesheski stated under Schedule B of the contract non-Tax Payments - couldn't the court use this? Ms. Ferguson stated the Court was issued a machine through the state. Supervisor Vanselow stated that there are a lot of possibilities to expand this. Mr. Christian Holt stated that it would be nice to have an updated web site to put this link on, ours at this time is kind of embarrassing. Supervisor Vanselow stated that we would need to look at different Web Advisers. Ms. Ferguson stated to update the Chamber / Town web site as it is now it costs a lot to modify and it is around \$395 for hosting fees a year. To even change a picture in the back ground is a fee. Ms. Ferguson would like something that is more user friendly where photos can be changed or updates are easier to do. Mr. Olesheski asked if they could work on it and put it in the budget for next year. Mr. Arsenault suggested that Ms. Ferguson and Supervisor Vanselow take a look at different advisers and options. Ms. Nettle suggested Dick Carlton who has done the web site for the Treks and

presently working on the EMS site. Mr. Olesheski agrees with Ms. Arsenault that Ms. Fergusson needs one that will be accommodating and works well for all departments.

***RESOLUTION # 131-14***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept the contract from BAS for the Tax Collection System.

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

***RESOLUTION # 132-14***

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski that that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid:

**General Fund** - \$2,603.85 - Claim # 14-759 to 14-761

**Highway Fund** - \$230.07 - Claim #14-762 to 14-764

**Capital Projects Fund** - \$515.06 - Claim #14-766

**North Creek Water District** - \$2,860.00 - Claim #14-765

**Total all warrants \$6,208.98**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Supervisor Vanselow opened privilege of the floor

Mr. Nettle asked Supervisor Vanselow if anyone had mentioned anything to him about the article in the newspaper about the legislature versus Supervisor's. Supervisor Vanselow stated that no one brings it up.

Ms. Nettle stated that she would like to thank the board for passing the resolution to have the EMS District put on the ballot. She also is hoping that if approached that they can answer the questions pertaining to the EMS District. Ms. Nightingale stated she has multiple times. Ms. Nettle stated that she was going to put a little list of talking points together and asked the Board if they would like it e-mailed to them. They all would like that.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Arsenault with a second from Ms.

Town Board Meeting

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Nightingale at 8:00 p.m.

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

The Town Board regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2014, at the Tannery Community Center, North Creek, New York.

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Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk

### MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN

MEETING DATE: September 2, 2014

LOCATION: Wevertown Community Center

Please PRINT name and address clearly to assure the correct spelling in the minutes of this meeting.

1	Kelly Nassle	Johnsburg
2	SANDRA RACICOT	WEVERTOWN
3	ROBERT NISSELE	JOHNSBURG
4	STEVE HAYES	NO. CREEK
5	Bob Austin	Baker Mills
6	Sim Jones	Johnsburg
7	Bruce Dunkley	No. Creek
8	Cheriferson	N. Creek
9	Markham	Johnsburg
10	CHRISTIAN HOLT	J-Burg.
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