

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg  
Regular Meeting  
Wevertown Community Center  
2370 State Route 28  
September 4, 2018**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday September 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Wevertown Community Center, 2370 State Route 28, Wevertown, NY

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

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

**Absent:** Arnold Stevens -- Councilman

**Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting August 21, 2018**

***RESOLUTION #120-18***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Laurie Arnheiter to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting. With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 3 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter) Nays- 0 Abstain – 1 (Olesheski)

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Janean Sylvester, who is interested in joining the Johnsburg Youth Committee

Letter from Thersa Dunkley, who is interested in joining the Johnsburg Youth Committee

Letter from Ann Dingman Re: 2018 Youth Program Report

Letter from Maria Rinella re: filling a Library Board vacancy

**New Business:**

- Youth Committee

Ms. Hogan addressed the 2018 Youth Program Report from Ann Dingman, stating it had a very successful year. In total, 149 youths participated, and five teen counselors worked for the JYP activities. Ms. Arnheiter suggested starting the search for a swim program coordinator now, to avoid having no swim instruction Summer 2019.

Regarding the two candidates for the Youth Committee, Ms. Hogan pointed out that the committee is now down one person since Kim Smith resigned, and that the committee allows up to seven members.

***RESOLUTION #121-18***

A motion by Ms. Arnheiter and a second by Mr. Arsenault, to appoint Janean Sylvester and Thersa Dunkley to the Johnsbury Youth Committee was carried with three members voting in favor. Ayes-3 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter) Nays- 0 Abstain – 1 (Olesheski)

- Library Board

Maria Rinella's letter stated, "Pending the Town Boards final approval, the Town of Johnsbury Library Board of Trustees would like to submit the name of Robert Eberhard to fulfill the remaining term vacated by resigning member Scott Robertson. Bob's term will expire on 12/31/2019. Bob was unanimously approved by the library board on August 1, 2018."

***RESOLUTION #122-18***

Mr. Arsenault moved to approve the Library Board's choice of Robert Eberhard to fulfill the remaining term vacated by resigning member Scott Robertson. Bob's

term will expire on 12/31/2019. Bob was unanimously approved by the library board on August 1, 2018. The second was made by Ms. Arnheiter, and with three members voting in favor the resolution is passed. Ayes-3 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter) Nays- 0 Abstain – 1 (Olesheski)

- Budget Workshop

Supervisor Hogan presented the idea of having a budget workshop discussion. It was agreed that the subject will be on the agenda for the next board meeting (September 18<sup>th</sup>.)

- Water System Problem

Ms. Hogan said she just received word from Charlie Rawson that there is a problem with the motor starter on well number 6. His estimate for repairs is \$4562.50.

### ***RESOLUTION #123-18***

Mr. Arsenault moved to authorize spending up to \$5000 on repairs on well number 6. The second was made by Ms. Arnheiter, and with three members voting in favor the resolution is passed. Ayes-3 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter) Nays- 0 Abstain – 1 (Olesheski)

### **Old Business:**

- Phone system

The board discussed the voice over internet (VoIP) phone system which was purchased in 2017. Ms. Hogan's concern with having the system installed is that the Highway garage and Wevertown will be dependent on the Town Hall's internet service, meaning that if there is a loss of power, there would be no phone service. Both Ms. Arnheiter and Mr. Arsenault expressed discomfort with the contract providing no recourse if the system doesn't work properly. Mr. Olesheski stated that his position has not changed – that the contract was written with people from Frontier he trusted.

After further discussion, Ms. Hogan asked for a decision whether to install the

system or not.

## ***RESOLUTION #124-18***

Gene Arsenault moved, with a second from Ms. Arnheiter, to delay the phone system installation decision, and to draft a letter to Matt Fuller asking for his input on 1- the legitimacy of Frontier charging a restocking fee if installation does not take place, and 2 – the fact that the contract has no provision for recourse if the system does not work properly. Three members voted in favor and the resolution is carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays- 1 (Hogan)

### **Committee reports:**

- Solid Waste –

Gene Arsenault reported on progress of the sewer committee working on a public information campaign.

The situation with the private waste haulers was also discussed. Ace has not been picking up trash for an extended time. Deana Wood said they are having trouble maintaining their vehicles. She also said that the alternative, Casella, is very dependable.

- Highway –

River Road utility pole placement – The board reviewed a timeline of the events leading to the power pole placement issue on River Road and agreed to have Matt Fuller follow up on an email that Dan Hitchcock sent to National Grid which outlined where he thinks previously placed poles need to be moved.

- Marketing and Economic Development –

Ms. Arnheiter reported on a meeting the Community Development Committee had with Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA). The meeting focused on ANCA's programs which match entrepreneurs with established business owners who would like to retire.

- Personnel –

No report

- Buildings, Parks and Recreation –

Ms. Arnheiter addressed work that has taken place at Tannery Pond, namely the carpets have been cleaned and the retaining wall has been replaced. She also said that Steve Ovitt is looking at some drainage issues as part of his work on the Station Trail. The committee is also attempting to repair an exterior light fixture recently damaged.

Mr. Olesheski spoke about concerns with the upkeep of the ball fields.

Mr. Olesheski and Ms. Arnheiter also questioned why the fountain at the entrance to Ski Bowl Park has not been running. Ms. Hogan explained that the town has been waiting for a local volunteer to complete an improvement to the fountain.

- Planning and Zoning –

Laurie Arnheiter said she attended a Planning Board meeting.

- Fire/EMS – Meetings scheduled

The Fire/EMS Committee will meet with the Fire Chiefs on September 10. A meeting with EMS has yet to be scheduled. Mr. Olesheski stated that he has been left out of communications from Town Hall. Ms. Hogan responded, “I respectfully disagree.”

- Tannery Pond event billing for bands

Bills totaling \$1300 were presented to the Town Board for the Cycle Adirondacks event entertainment.

### ***RESOLUTION #125-18***

Mr. Arsenault moved to authorize spending up to \$1000 from Occ tax, Town Music Day, and \$300 from unawarded Occ tax left from Spring 2018 allocations. The second was made by Ms. Arnheiter, and with three members voting in favor the resolution is passed. Ayes-3 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter) Nays- 0 Abstain – 1

(Olesheski)

There was a question regarding the Pop-Up Park not happening this year, the timeframe for spending their award, and reapplication for Occ tax if the money is not used prior to the deadline.

**Motion to accept warrants:**

***RESOLUTION #126-18***

Mr. Arsenault motioned to accept warrants and Ms. Arnheiter seconded. With three in favor the motion is carried. (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter) Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Olesheski)

**General Fund** (Total \$104,338.80)

**Highway Fund** (Total \$5,903.89)

**Water District** (Total \$6,823.68)

**Public Library Fund** (Total \$1,015.42)

**Trust & Agency Fund** (Total \$910.82)

**Total all warrants \$118,992.61**

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Joel Beaudin asked about the proposed budget discussion. Ms. Hogan said it will occur for the first hour of the next meeting.

Shane Diener asked about Occ tax being available for musical events. Mr. Olesheski said to apply for his event in the next round for Occ tax awards.

**Motion to adjourn:**

The motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Arnheiter seconded by Gene Arsenault, at 8:05 p.m. With 3 in favor the motion is carried. (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter,) Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Olesheski)

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 18, 2018 at Tannery Pond Community Center, 228 Main Street, North Creek.

Prepared by:

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