

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg
Regular Meeting
Tannery Pond Community Center
228 Main Street, North Creek
September 17, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday September 17, 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 Sheridan Millington.

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

ABSENT: Peter Olesheski -- Councilman

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting September 3, 2019

RESOLUTION #169-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2019 meeting. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Correspondence:

- Retirement from Highway Department
- Resignation from Parks Department/request to rehire

Ms. Lorah referenced the above correspondence.

New Business:

- **Recognition of Former Supervisor Jim Meade**

RESOLUTION #170-19

WHEREAS, recognizing James Meade, Born on May 27, 1936 departed this life on August 16, 2019, and

WHEREAS, James Meade had dutifully served the Town of Johnsburg for 9 consecutive years from 1978 until 1987 as a Town Councilman and as Town Supervisor where he was born, and raised his family

WHEREAS, James Meade continued to serve this community through his work for Warren County as Building Superintendent until his retirement
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Town of Johnsburg Town Board, State of New York, does hereby recognize and commend James Meade for his meritorious and conscientious service to the Town of Johnsburg and its residents, and for his dedication to the mission of protecting life and property within The Town of Johnsburg and County.

Mr. Arsenault presented the resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried.
Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Recognition of Town Employee on his retirement**

RESOLUTION #171-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

WHEREAS Ernest Dunkley worked for the Parks Department for 10 years, with 8 of them as Deputy Parks Superintendent, and 3 years at the Highway Department for the Town of Johnsburg and,

WHEREAS his dedication and commitment to the Town of Johnsburg as a loyal, faithful, dependable, committed employee always willing to come out after hours no matter the time of day or night,

It Is Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury formally acknowledges and extends profound appreciation to Ernest Dunkley for his years of service from March 2006 – September 2019.

- **Electrical work to be done at town highway garage**

RESOLUTION #172-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve \$3254.20 for electrical work to be done at the Town Highway Garage and to allow Supervisor to sign contract for same with Panther Mountain Electric and Home Maintenance. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Rehire of employee for Parks Department**

Matt Olden has several projects he could use extra help with this fall.

RESOLUTION #173-19

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve hiring a Parks employee for 32 hours per week from October 3, 2019 to December 31, 2019. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Front Street Water Service area extension**

RESOLUTION #174-19

Ms. Hogan presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the submission of a water supply application to

the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for the expansion of the water service area within the North Creek Water District which will provide water to the Second Water Extension area of the FrontStreet Mountain Development project plan, conditional upon approval by all governing agencies and the Town engineers and payment by FrontStreet of all fees, and further authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute all necessary documents. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Old Business:

- Occupancy Tax/ Marketing

Ms. Arnheiter talked about the meeting of the Economic Development/Marketing Committee and Occ Tax Committee, saying it was very productive. They discussed the need to promote the Town and funding issues, among other topics. Ms. Arnheiter has asked Ms. Hogan to include funding from the general fund in the 2020 budget for marketing on social media, website maintenance, a phone system and event planning. The committees are waiting to see what the budget will allow.

Ms. Arnheiter spoke about the possibility of collaborating with surrounding towns for mutual promotion. She also suggested that in having a central person for marketing, that both the “message” and events would be consistent and coordinated.

- Water rates for 2020

Ms. Hogan said that water rates will probably go up, but the amount of the rate increase is unknown. The divers coming to inspect the water tanks will generate a report, which will determine repair/replacement costs which in turn will determine the increase in rates.

- **North Creek Ski Bowl Connections project (component #4 of NYSDOS contract #C1000976) grant - Acceptance of the Chazen/WPM plan**

Steve Ovitt and Paul Cummings gave a presentation at the September 3, 2019 Town Board meeting on existing and potential future trail systems in the Town to

explain the possibilities for developing a trail infrastructure for back-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country, biking, etc. In developing this trail system, Chazen and Wilderness Property Management would offer a coordinated approach to marketing and signage, making the venture an economic development project.

RESOLUTION #175-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the Chazen/Wilderness Property Management North Creek Ski Bowl Connections project (component #4 of NYSDOS contract #C1000976) grant plan as complete according to the terms of the agreement and satisfying the terms of the Department of State Grant. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

- **Tentative Budget**

Ms. Hogan said she has to file the tentative budget with the Town Clerk by September 30th, so is requesting feedback on budgetary matters.

- **Durkin Rd. repairs**

Mr. Arsenault spoke about talking with Highway Superintendent Dan Hitchcock regarding repairs to the corner of Durkin Road and Route 28. Mr. Hitchcock said he doesn't have the equipment for the repair but can do some of the prep work. The Town received an estimate from the county (\$5021.65) for topcoats and asphalts which Mr. Hitchcock thinks is insufficient for the repair. He received an estimate from Peckham of \$15,460.20 for them doing the entire job to completion. Mr. Hitchcock's recommendation, Mr. Arsenault said, is to go with Peckham.

RESOLUTION #176-19

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve an amount not to exceed \$16,000 (coming from Highway funds) for the repair of Durkin Road at Route 28 intersection and allow Supervisor to execute any agreements related to the repair, subject to attorney, Supervisor and Highway Superintendent approval. With 4 members

voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Ms. Arnheiter mentioned that Stewarts has agreed to put a stop sign at their exit to Durkin Road, thereby addressing the problem of cars exiting too quickly.

- **SLIC easement**

A Slic easement with markups the Town's attorney has not yet seen was received an hour before the Board meeting. The compensation Slic has offered the Town is internet service to Town Hall. Ms. Arnheiter and Mr. Arsenault suggested that Slic should include service to Tannery Pond as well.

RESOLUTION #177-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the easement agreement with SLIC networks and allow the supervisor to sign the contract subject to attorney approval and the inclusion of internet service to Tannery Pond. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Committee reports:

- **Solid waste**

The Town has been informed there will be two fee structures in 2020 for disposal of electronic waste: one if the Town charges customers and another if the Town does not charge to receive electronic waste. In order to have the lowest price on electronic waste recycling, the Town will have to stop charging customers to receive it. The Board agreed to cease charging for electronic waste when the new contract goes into effect.

- **Highway Buildings**

Mr. Arsenault said that in talking to Dan Hitchcock he learned of bridge projects for which concrete bids will have to go out. Because of past experiences when work was to take place, but the contractor failed to show up, Mr. Arsenault

suggests any contract for such work should include a bond of some sort, meaning a commitment for timing of the project.

- Marketing and Economic Development

Ms. Arnheiter spoke with Wayne LaMothe about the flowers and beautification in general. He told her that any beautification is beneficial to a community seeking grants for economic development. Ms. Arnheiter wants to work with Mr. LaMothe to seek funding for beautification next summer.

She also mentioned the work done by Matt Olden and the Parks crew near the ‘Welcome to North Creek’ sign and said they should be commended.

- Personnel

None

- Buildings, Parks and Recreation

There will be a meeting with Tannery Pond Wednesday at 5:30 with Mr. Olesheski and Ms. Arnheiter.

- Planning and Zoning

1st meeting for zoning review Sept. 26th 5pm at Town Hall

- Fire / EMS

None

Budget Amendments

There are two budget amendments which need Board approval.

The first is to increase the budget line 7110.4 temporarily until grant funds which have been applied for are received.

The other is to increase budget line 7110.1 by \$5000 to accommodate the temporary hire through the end of the year.

RESOLUTION #178-19

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

1- to increase 2019 Budget amount of \$125,000 for A7110.4 by \$50,000 from A1620.4

2-To increase 2019 Budget amount of \$92,800 for A7110.1 by \$5000 to accommodate temporary hire through the end of the year from fund balance.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter) Nays- 0

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$35,622.96)

Highway Fund (Total \$31,246.66)

Water District (Total \$24,089.41)

Public Library Fund (Total \$1,388.76)

Total all warrants \$92,347.79

RESOLUTION #179-19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the warrants. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 3 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens) Abstain – 1 (Arnheiter) Nays- 0

ZEO and Animal Control monthly reports

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

Privilege of the Floor

Deana spoke about the success of History weekend and about talking to Thom Randall about work in the cemeteries.

Don Filkins asked about the replacement door on the Senior Center. Ms. Hogan said that quotes are not all in yet.

He then asked about Main Street lights. Ms. Arnheiter is working on this and said there needs to be a lighting plan. Ms. Hogan added that lighting was part of the Street Scape plan, which stopped when the Town applied for the BUILD grant.

Bob Nettle asked about metering in the Water District. Ms. Hogan said that in looking into this, she learned that hooking up the 375 users would cost about \$500,000 and that if an opportunity came up for funding, the Town could pursue the idea.

Kelly Nettle said work at the beach is proceeding and she thanks Mike Quintavalle and Bob Nettle for their work on the beach wall.

Joel Beaudin said he heard the Board had a question about funding for the shuttle. He then gave an update on the status of the shuttles and fundraising efforts. He is asking the Town for 2020 funding to help with operation expenses.

Motion to adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Arsenault seconded by Ms. Arnheiter, at 8:38 p.m. With 4 in favor the motion is carried. (Hogan, Stevens, Olesheski, Arnheiter) Nays – 0

Next meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Scout Hall

Prepared by:

Kathleen C. Lorah, Town Clerk