

**Town of Johnsburg
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Tannery Pond and Zoom Meeting
September 21, 2021 7:00 PM**

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Meeting ID: 217 260 3617

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

Supervisor Hogan called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Justin Gonyo.

Approval of Minutes August 24, 30, and September 7, 2021 meetings

RESOLUTION #167-21

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the minutes from the August 24, 30, and September 7, 2021 meetings. With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0 Absent – 1 (Stevens)

Correspondence:

- Letter of appreciation for road maintenance from Chatiemac Road Association

New Business:

- **Fire Department Contracts**

The Fire Departments have asked for a 6% increase in their 2022 budgets. Ms. Hogan said that the increase would be \$53,000 to each department and is figured into the 2022 budget.

• **Health Insurance Plans and HRA**

The consensus for 2022 Health Insurance Plans and HRA is to stay with the same plan as 2021, which has a nine percent increase.

RESOLUTION #168-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve staying with the same health insurance plan as the 2021 plan (with a nine percent increase). With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 4 (Hogan, Arsenault, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0 Absent – 1 (Stevens)

Old Business:

– **RFP for Mechanical Services for Highway Equipment**

One bid was received for mechanical services for the Highway Department.

RESOLUTION #169-21

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve contracting with Crane Mountain Mechanical for mechanical services for the Highway Department. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

– Highway Department discussion

Fred Comstock gave updates on projects the Highway Department is working on, including sidewalks, 13th Lake Road and Barton Mines Road repairs. He talked about Claude Straight Road and said it is his opinion that replacing the bridge would be a

waste of money. He explained that the embankments are such that storms wash away any repairs done from a previous storm. He suggests abandoning the road. Ms. Hogan said legal advice would be necessary.

RESOLUTION #170-21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the expense of getting legal advice for the abandonment of Claude Straight Road. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Mr. Comstock reported that the tandem ordered should be delivered in January and the mini-excavator this September.

Amy Sabbattis asked about FEMA reimbursements from the 2019 storm. Ms. Hogan said FEMA reimburses 75% of approved claims, the County 12 ½ %, and the Town 12 ½%.

- Budget discussion

Ms. Hogan said the next step in the 2022 budget process is to move to Preliminary and hold a Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #171-21

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to set the date for a Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget for October 5th at 7 pm (prior to the Town Board meeting). With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Update on Senior Meal Site and Meals-on-Wheels

Because the Board is unhappy with the County decision to cut out meals at Senior sites and the Meals-on Wheels program, Ms. Hogan has been working to find alternatives to the suggested meals by mail. There has been an agreement reached with Sysco for supplies for the meal site and staffing for two days per week is in place. Work will proceed toward providing hot meals at the Senior site five days per week.

- Update on Streetscape

The streetlights are hooked up and, as Mr. Comstock previously mentioned, work on sidewalks is planned.

- Update on Tannery Pond Futures Committee

Donna Welsh presented the following update:

REPORT TO TOWN OF JOHNSBURG

TANNERY POND CENTER FUTURES COMMITTEE SEPT 21, 2021

BACKGROUND: The Futures Committee was convened by the Town Supervisor in April 2021 in order to think strategically about the future of the Tannery Pond Center. The group has been meeting monthly since then. The committee includes four members of the current Board of the Tannery Pond Center nonprofit organization ("TPC") as well as other members of the community .

In August 2021, the Town of Johnsburg approved a proposal supported by the Futures Committee and the TPC Board to eventually transfer the existing building to a new nonprofit, most likely TPC and to support the nonprofit with an annual contribution .

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

The Futures Committee met on September 14. We established the following committees:

Committee	Tasks
Building and Grounds	Assess building needs; develop budget for building operations

Legal/Governance	Manage transfer from Town and contract with Town for funding; propose any necessary changes to TPB Bylaws and committee structure
Fundraising/Development	Create list of donors; write case statement for support; develop plans for patrons, perks and sponsorships
Marketing/Communications	Craft the message and how to disseminate the message about what we are doing
Strategic Plan	Develop overall directions and work with strategic planning consultant; function as executive committee once consultant is on board
Finance	Budgeting; expenditure review
Artistic Vision	Develop vision for performances and community-based programming

Community Vision	Develop a vision for community outreach, including working with school, libraries and other community stakeholders
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Each of these committees has a its own short-term and long-term objectives. The goal is to be able to realize the transfer of the building to TPC in 2022 ; to have raised sufficient funds to be able to manage the Center appropriately; and to present a robust calendar of programs that serves the residents of and visitors to the Town of Johnsburg and the region.

Currently, Futures Committee members are seeking additional volunteers who want to work on one or more committees.

The Futures Committee, together with the TPC Board, is also seeking funding to retain a strategic planning consultant to help guide the transition process and to create a long-term plan that is both ambitious and achievable and meets the needs of the community.

The Futures Committee will be meeting every second Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 pm on Zoom.

– Discussion on Johnsburg garage

The DEC has cleaned up around the Johnsburg Garage. The next step is Warren County taking down the building, with the agreement that the Town will then take possession of the property for 1/3 the value, which will be about \$22,000. Ms. Hogan is asking the Board if they want to proceed with the agreement with the County, after checking that there will be no restrictions on what the Town wants to do with the property in the future. The Board agreed to move forward with the County.

Committee Reports:

Parks – Ms. Arnheiter reported that the inside of Minder Lodge has been painted green and the exterior has been repainted the same color brown

throughout the lodge and pavilion.

ZEO, Animal Control, and Assessor reports

In Board packets.

Supervisor's Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #172-21

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

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$37,550.37)
Highway Fund (Total \$9198.70)
Library Fund (Total \$970.92)
Water District (\$2704.39)
Trust and Agency (\$166.11)
Total all warrants \$50,590.49

RESOLUTION #173-21

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

Privilege of the Floor

Kelly Nettle had questions about cemeteries and parks improvements in the budget. Ms. Hogan said the \$2000 in the budget for cemeteries is designated for legal advice on ownership and regulations of cemeteries.

Bob Nettle pointed out that in the warrants, there is a payment to National Grid which is coded General Fund, but should be under the Water District. Ms. Hogan said it will be corrected.

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #174-21

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

Public Hearing on Budget and
Next meeting Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7 pm
Tannery Pond and
Online Zoom Meeting

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