

everyone we can think of Senators, Congressman/woman, Assemblyman, the Governor – get letters out if you'd like; Pete Hoskins – specifically what is the Grant request, how will it make a difference? Ms. Schemp – in order to receive the Grant, it is a bridge, we have to provide goals, qualities, many metrics; we've relied a lot on agency nursing to provide care – one of our goals was to reduce Agency nurses; the 100 people we employee are our community people; yes it matters; \$2.5 million grant; Pete Hoskins – how long is the bridge for? Ms. Schemp – the owners have been sustaining us the last two years; we've met our goals in the past and we met and exceeded our goals now; we did reach sustainability, then COVID hit and wiped us out; we need the Grant to get out of the hole we're in; we're not asking for the government to sustain us; what is the time line? How soon can you know? Ms. Schemp – you're feeling like we're feeling; the State hasn't commented on our draft closure plan or our grant. If none of this comes through for us, what is a realistic time frame? Ms. Schemp – discharge a certain amount of people each day, continue until there were no more residents in the building; we'll make sure that their physical and mental health is the main concern; Jetson – as we all sit here we're all feeling the same angst as you all are. What as a community can we do? Ms. Schemp - I think it's important that the advocacy that has already happened has made a significant difference, it speaks volumes; calling and writing to elected officials, signing petitions, letters to the editors; taking the politics out of it and making it an immediate concern; if we close, it will have a trickle affect; we need to advocate for our elders, we're all going to be there some day. Supervisor Bean – what's going on now \$92 million earmarked for VAP grants that hasn't been touched; it's not part of the budget process; the other piece is that other nursing homes have is every dollar spent, they get .70. Amy Sabattis – what are they doing with the money? Supervisor Bean – I don't know. Change the way Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement is done; Ms. Schemp – you are absolutely right, I'm planning my life for lobbying from now on; the fight is not over for our elders, we're looking at current and future. Roger Mosher – will this affect the Health Center? Ms. Schemp – I can't speak for Hudson Headwaters. The owners have made it very clear that they do not want to close the building; it's vital to their organization; Supervisor Bean – I had a very candid conversation with one of the owners and they do want to keep it open; nurse – residents and family members are nervous about what is going on right now; 2-4 Saturday and open house – meet the families and residents and understand why our facility is so important to us; advocacy is important and they make and impact; be a part of that as well; I've been there for 29 years and we need to keep it open for the residents.

RESOLUTION # 77 – 24

Supervisor Bean read the Resolution for the Public. Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the Support of Elderwood 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, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

5. ORDA Presentation – Mr. Bayse Bayse – appreciate the opportunity to provide some slides and information to you all. Please see the presentation on the Town Website. Gave an update on the Ski Bowl Project; history of the project; APA approvals, the Town has graciously helped us with; Board has had a chance to study the plans for the lodge, lift replacements, etc. we'll be open one more weekend; let's talk about the construction site itself; there's been a lot of talk going on; a lot of events coming up; if you take a trip

into the park, there is a fence around the construction site; within a week or two all work will be inside the fence for the remainder of construction; all will be usable; little league can start, other activities can take place; we're trying very hard to be good community partners; we meet with the Town every Wednesday AM and discuss any concerns or problems; keep it a positive event for everyone; we didn't think about the foul balls from little league, but we're working on that; Geoff Konis – when will construction be complete? Mr. Bayse - the lodge itself anticipating cutting the ribbon 9/25; the old lift going to McCauley Mountain in Old Forge; the new lift will start shortly after 5/1/24 and will be open for use in the winter of 24/25; the slide show is not working out like I planned, any questions? Chris Heidrich – zip coaster? Mr. Bayse – no start date yet; Bruce Ashline -completion of the zip line? Mr. Bayse - same time as the lodge. Any mountain bike trails? Mr. Bayse – we're working on it; Geoff Konis – coaster? Mr. Bayse – up through the woods through the Hudson Trail and Moxham Trail – not quite to the top of the mountain; Jim Williams – how wide will the access road be? Mr. Bayse – it only needs to be wide enough to get machinery up there; travel lane – that's designed to go through the trees, they'll be trimmed, some will have to be taken down to accommodate the poles; Jim Williams – parking? Mr. Bayse – 250 cars currently at the Ski Bowl during the winter busy time; parking downtown with shuttle buses; we'll put people on Main Street; Jim Williams – on any of your maps is there any plans to put a parking lot where the little league fields are? Mr. Bayse – absolutely not; Chris Heidrich – approximately 40,000 people? Mr. Bayse – winters have been warmer, rain/freezing can't operate zip line; Geoff Konis – transporting to the Mountain – can you mimic what we had before? Mr. Bayse – if we have enough business we will transport; Chuck Barton – can the Town put the presentation on their website? Jim Williams – 6 passes that residents get – can the 3 summer tickets be used for the zip coaster? Mr. Bayse – yes; Geoff Konis – can season passes be used in the summer as well? Mr. Bayse – students can have summertime access as part of the summer youth program; Paul Sears – with the school merger possible – is that also going to extend to the residents in Minerva? Mr. Bayse – school children? Mr. Bayse – we already do that with combined student sports; if they combine, that's not an issue; Paul Sears – that was a concern should the merger go through; Sterling Goodspeed – after construction, do you have projections for employment? Mr. Bayse – 25 year-round jobs, plus additional seasonal positions; we'll need new electricians, skilled staff, more lift mechanics; Roger Mosher – is there any plans of putting parking at the landfill? Mr. Bayse – it has been mentioned; it is not in our current plans; it has been looked at; I have no future plans to put parking at the landfill, but it's always open for discussion? David LaPell - Is the ORDA funding State funding? Mr. Bayse – yes. How much? Mr. Bayse - \$35-\$38 millions. David LaPell - it's just we're sitting here talking about \$2.5 million for the nursing home and then \$35-\$38 million for ORDA. Roger Smith – is the money proposed for this project in addition to the \$100,000,000. from EFS; Mr. Bayse – this money has been in place for a couple of years; Roger –lift to Town of Webb? Mr. Bayse – through the ORDA Board; Bruce Ashline – cafeteria open in Lodge year-round? Mr. Bayse – that's our intention. Roger Mosher – do you have any information why ORDA broke the contract with the Town? Mr. Bayse – I do not know anything about that, please provide me with some additional information and I'll look at it for you. Community Member - Once things are up and moving with everything – more traffic on Main Street – any donations or help to the Community from any monies received from that? Spread it back out to the community;

Mr. Bayse – we pass money on to EMS and the fire department; Mr. Bayse – agreements are necessary, but sitting down and talking and being neighborly; we sit down 2x a year minimum to see what improvements can be done; when the project is up and running it is time to look at next things and meet with the Town; we’re here for the long haul; we’re here to improve the community and not just take. Mr. Williams – I’ve done a lot of work with ORDA and looked at the Contract; I’d like to clear up some misconceptions; ORDA has the power to negotiate and make contracts directly with the Town; our approval as the Town Board allows them to bypass the Zoning and Planning, but still need to go through the APA and DEC; we need to approve their plans; we’re asking for a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000 to repair any infrastructure in the Town that may be needed; they’ve done all they need to do as a State authority; all up-to-date with insurance certificates and the Town as an additional insured.

RESOLUTION # 78-24 - Resolution for Construction at Ski Bowl

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to Authorize the ORDA Construction at the Ski Bowl 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, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

6. Resolution to Hire MEO – Mr. Comstock - it’s a truck driver position, he does not have a CDL but is willing to get it; he will then be at truck driver pay. Mr. Heid – this is to replace the retiree? Mr. Comstock – yes. Mr. Williams – we approved two MEO’s in January, are they still with you? Mr. Comstock – no, they were temporary positions for winter, we only hired one and he was done 3/31/24. Mr. Williams – is this budgeted? Mr. Comstock – yes.

RESOLUTION # 79 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve hiring an MEO for the Highway Department 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, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

7. Resolution to Appoint MEO-H – Mr. Comstock – we are promoting a current employee due to one retiring; retired individual was a heavy equipment operating.

RESOLUTION # 80 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Appointment for the MEO-H individual within the Highway Department and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Paul Heid. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

8. Resolution to Hire Seasonal Staff at Public Property and Programs –Supervisor Bean – each summer Mr. Olesheski hires school/college students, he’s bringing back previous year’s employees; AS/JW; Mr. Williams- lifeguards will be at the Minerva Beach; this is a great intermunicipal cooperation, 30 kids get to go to the program.

RESOLUTION # 81 – 24

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

9. Resolution to Extend Due Date of Water Rent Payments – Supervisor Bean – we’ll get the bills out, just a little late and the due date will be extended.

RESOLUTION # 82 – 24

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

10. Resolution for Budget Line Transfer for Sick Time Payout for Retiree – Supervisor Bean – I believe it’s a 50% payout to the individuals.

RESOLUTION # 83-24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Budget Line Transfer for Sick Time Payout 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, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

11. Resolution to Accept Proposal for Town Website Redesign – two Board Meetings ago I shared information on MadAddie; clarified the handout; \$1,875 – she can make additions and add on down the road; this delivers what we’re looking for; we’re also working on the .gov that will also save us money; Mr. Williams – this is just for the development and not maintaining, we’re still using Northshore? Ms. Bowers – she can build it out after we’re done with Northshore; Ms. Bowers – she absolutely has the skill set to do that; she has a lot of experience doing municipal websites; Mr. Heid – Minerva’s website is nice; we were talking about using Occ Tax money? Supervisor Bean – we’re actually looking at using ARPA funds.

RESOLUTION # 84-24

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

12. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 3485 State Route 8 in the Town of Johnsbury From Warren County – the property was donated, State did the clean-up, the County is in possession of it, we’ll take possession of it and figure out what we’ll be doing with it; \$9,767 for the property, this has been in the budget for a while; Roger Mosher – if there is any other cleanup needed, who will be paying for it? Supervisor Bean – I’ve had a couple of conversations with our Attorney and Board of Supervisors and they say we will not have any additional cleanup; Bruce Ashline – if there’s doubt why don’t we get DEC to test the land? Roger Smith – do we need it, it doesn’t sound like a great idea; Supervisor Bean – do we want to table it? Mr. Williams – I see the benefit to the property, the garden, the history of it; the risks are a concern to me; if we don’t follow through with the contract, they can come after us for that money; we don’t have a guarantee from the State that the County does; I’m uncomfortable with it; Ms. Bowers – something in writing protects us; Mr. Heid – can we have soil and water test? Supervisor Bean – is the Board in favor of tabling this discussion?

RESOLUTION # 85-24

Mr. Williams made a Motion to table the purchase of 3485 State Route 8 in the Town of Johnsbury 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, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

13. Library Report – in packet.

14. Committee Reports –

Paul Heid – not much; Hoosick Tire – what we’re charging as to what they would charge is very interesting; no roll off or container, the price offset would warrant us to get a container; I’ll get exact numbers to you.

Anna Bowers – next TOJ Comp Plan Public Workshop – 5/9/24.

Jim Williams

- Sewer – called DEC last week; they are in receipt, we’ll call them again next week; we’ll put the pressure on to get it done; working on rules and regulations;
- Parks – working with ORDA on water hook-up; helping them through the process;
- Ski Bowl Mitigation Work – pushed up; piping done; same engineer, two different projects; get complete so it wouldn’t interfere with the little league season; 2040 plan to move tennis courts, courts will not be able to be moved; we’re getting quotes to refurbish the courts;
- Longest Day Race – 24 people looking for some place looking to park their campers; 4 or so people looking for a place to stay; hosting – send me name, email, phone number and accommodations you could provide at williams@johnsburgny.com; Ms. Bowers – has this gone out on FB, Instagram; Mr. Heid – you could put 3-4 campers on my property.

Arnold Stevens

- Work is being done with application and regulations for water; no new meeting set yet;
- Ski Bowl Mitigation – 4/11/24 meeting was pre-empted by another meeting; something will be set up at another time.

15. Supervisor’s Report

RESOLUTION # 86-24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve and accept the Supervisor’s Report 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, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

16. Warrants – Mr. Stevens – page three – voucher #246 – is that for all town buildings? Supervisor Bean – I will look into that for you.

RESOLUTION # 87-24

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

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| GENERAL FUND: | \$ 20,784.40 |
| HIGHWAY FUND: | \$ 17,360.22 |
| SEWER DISTRICT PROJECT: | \$ 1,875.00 |
| SKI BOWL MITIGATION: | \$ 2,000.00 |
| LIBRARY FUND: | \$ 1,735.88 |
| EMS: | \$198,765.75 |
| WATER DISTRICT: | \$ 7,328.00 |
| TRUST & AGENCY: | <u>\$ 849.96</u> |
| TOTAL | \$250,699.21 |

17. Privilege of the Floor

- Amy Sabattis – is our beach open? Mr. Williams – not at this time.
- Roger Mosher – I respectfully request an extra 30 seconds for my time; Jetson thanks for making the water and ice rink and given his pay to recreation – thanks for using some of my ideas; information list re: transfer station moved; ORDA’s reputation precedes them, they cannot be trusted; ORDA is not our friend, they are lying cons; they gave false statements; everything I say I have documents to back them up; I don’t sugar coat things, I speak my mind; now is time to save the Town, the nursing home, the park; APA is being investigated by the IG for corruption; IG will be reviewing the Grant; I’ll answer any questions.
- Arthur Webb – congratulations on the Resolution for Elderwood; brave move; thank you; Mr. Heid – it’s our responsibility to support this; we cannot let this happen. Mr. Webb – the Governor will be making this decision.
- David LaPell – my wife works at Elderwood and is in jeopardy of loosing her job; even if she didn’t work there I’d be in support of Elderwood; if there is media still here, it’s up to you to tell the story you heard hear tonight; the people can only do so much; thank the Board for the Resolution; residents and employees need better than they’re getting from the Governor.
- Mr. Heid – just a public service note - ticks are out bad right now; be cautious, check your animals and yourself.

18. Motion to Adjourn

RESOLUTION # 88 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:37PM 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, Stevens, Bowers, Heid Williams); Nays – 0.

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**THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY
14, 2024 AT 7:00PM AT TANNERY POND AND VIRTUAL**