

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg
Regular Meeting
November 21, 2017
Tannery Pond Community Center
228 Main Street, North Creek, NY**

Regular Meeting

Councilman Arsenault called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Arsenault.

PRESENT:

Eugene Arsenault -- Councilman
Arnold Stevens -- Councilman
Councilman - Peter Olesheski, Jr
Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman
Jo A Smith -- Town Clerk

Absent: Supervisor - Ronald Vanselow

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

RESOLUTION #183-17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Public Hearing & Regular Town Board Meeting.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Stevens, Nightingale) Olesheski – abstained

BID OPENING: SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION:

Ms. Smith stated that there was only one bid submitted and it was from Community Action Agency / Warren – Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. which is

doing the Senior Transportation at this time. Ms. Smith stated that their bid was in the amount of \$11,985.00 for 2018 and for 2017 it was \$11,475.00.

BID OPENING: SCRAP METAL BID:

Ms. Smith stated that there was only one bid submitted and it was from David Olden in the amount of \$30.00 per net ton which is the same for 2017.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION #184-17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the bid in the amount of \$11,985.00 for 2018 from Warren – Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Nightingale)

SCRAP METAL BID

RESOLUTION #185-17

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the Scrap Metal Bid in the amount of \$30.00 per NET ton from Mr. David Olden for 2018.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Nightingale)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Christian Holt – Town Assessor – Informational Letter to Town Board which Mr. Arsenault asked Ms. Smith to include in the minutes.

13 November 2017 - Board of Education & Town Board:

I have been getting many questions about the all the various checks that NYS has been sending out to our residents/tax payers. Here is a brief synopsis of the different programs:

Property tax freeze credit – This 3-year program, which ended last year, reimbursed qualifying homeowners for increases in local property taxes on their primary residences. The credit applied to increases in municipal taxes, including counties, cities, towns, villages and special districts. Taxing jurisdiction were required to comply with the tax cap and develop a Government Efficiency Plan to reduce costs. More information on this program can be found at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property_tax_freeze.htm

Property tax relief credit - began in 2016, and will be fully phased in by 2019. In 2016, qualifying homeowners were eligible for a \$185 credit. Only the school district is required to abide by the tax cap. In 2017, this program changed and will again change in 2018 & 2019. Attached is an explanation of the program for 2017 with estimated amounts residents can expect. Details on the future changes to this program can be found at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property-tax-relief.htm

STAR Credit – This program replaces the STAR exemption program for new homeowners or new registrants after August 1, 2015. The amount of the credit is the same as the exemption amount. This program is administered by NYS Department of Tax & Finance (DTF) and residents/tax payers must enroll with DTF online or by calling. More information can be found at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm

If any of our residents/tax payers have questions about these programs have them contact me. Although these programs are administered by DTF in Albany, I may be able to provide some assistance in finding answers to their questions.



2017 Property Tax Relief Checks

For Town of Johnsbury Residents

Eligibility Requirements

1. Live in a school district that is complying with the New York State property tax cap,
2. Receive either the Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption or credit,
3. Have an income of \$275,000 or less, and

- 4. have paid school property taxes in 2017.

2017 Relief Check Calculations

BASIC STAR – based Income and Star savings (amounts vary by School District)

2015 Income	Check Percentage
\$0 to \$75,000.	28% of the BASIC STAR savings
\$75,000.01 to \$150,000.	20.5% of the BASIC STAR savings
\$150,000.01 to \$200,000.	13% of the BASIC STAR savings
\$200,000.01 to \$275,000.	5.5% of the BASIC STAR savings
\$275,000.01 and over	NO CHECK

Approximate Check Amount*

School District	28%	20.5%	13%	5.5%
Johnsburg CS	\$97	\$71	\$45	\$19
North Warren CS	\$55	\$40	\$25	\$10
Warrensburg CS	\$118	\$87	\$55	\$23

ENHANCED STAR – ALL will receive 12% of STAR savings (amounts vary by School District)

Approximate Check Amount*

School District	12%
Johnsburg CS	\$91
North Warren CS	\$51
Warrensburg CS	\$111



Checks will start being mailed out November 2017

*Please note there could be exceptions to these amounts and amounts are approximate

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OCCUPANCY TAX

Mr. Olesheski stated that we have 19 application requests for just shy of \$50,000 he thinks is going to get with Sherry after Thanksgiving to see exactly how much is available. The Committee will begin reviewing all of the applications and they are shooting for around December 13th to hold their evening where groups can come and present to them and shooting for the last meeting of the year which will be December 19th for Board approval.

Mr. Stevens asked about the amount

Mr. Olesheski said he thought they had about \$50,000 but out of that amount \$10,000 is for advertising so we are down to \$40,000 and then the town takes 1/3 for fireworks etc. so there will be about 25 to 26 thousand available which is about half of what was requested. A lot of repeats, but a couple of new projects.

EMS

Ms. Nightingale stated to Mr. Connelly, that he is looking at it, e-mails have gone back and forth – Mr. Matt Fuller is looking at it.

SEWER COMMITTEE

Ms. Nightingale stated that the Sewer Committee met last week, and it was a great meeting. Very educational with Tom Suozzo and Matt Fuller. The next step besides looking back is – wants to know when the process started, Ms. Nightingale wasn't on the committee when it started. It was just a couple of people and Wayne

LaMothe got funding to pay for the Map and Plan Report. Ms. Nightingale knows the Board approved that, but it was two or three years ago. So, looking up that resolution that the Board did, Ms. Smith stated that wasn't a problem she could look it up. Ms. Nightingale stated that next step is to do a SEQR. Matt Parobeck with the help of Justin Gonyo and if need herself are going to pull that together including the EAF which is a mapping program. Ms. Nightingale stated that learning we could be the only sewer project in the state that is looking for money that is a non-existing sewer district.

Mr. Arsenault asked if that is positive or negative

Ms. Nightingale stated it was both – positive because we are trying to save our environment – negative being that we could be heavenly scrutinized as we move forward.

Mr. Arsenault questions doing the SEQR before anything is resolved.

Ms. Nightingale stated yes, we must do the SEQR before the District is approved. Then you will probably have to do another SEQR when you construct.

Ms. Nightingale stated that Mr. Tom Suozzo is going to put together a cost if we wanted Cedarwood to do the SEQR – the only reason to do that would be for the language so it doesn't issue a red flag.

Mr. Arsenault asked where the funding was coming from

Ms. Nightingale stated that if Matt Parobeck does the SEQR it would be no cost if Mr. Suozzo does it then the Town would have to pay for it.

Mr. Arsenault asked if Suozzo was the only engineering firm that we are looking at.

Ms. Nightingale stated that they have done the Map and plan Report, so they know everything that is proposed.

Mr. Arsenault stated that Mark did the report and he's not with them anymore he has moved over to his mother's company.

Ms. Nightingale stated that if we go the Engineering route then we would have to get quotes from others.

Mr. Arsenault inquired if anyone mentioned about having another Engineering firm look at it

Ms. Nightingale stated that it didn't come up at the meeting.

ORDA AGREEMENT

Mr. Arsenault stated that Mr. Fuller is working on the ORDA Agreement it's still moving forward there is still questions regarding the Town as far as Insurance and when ORDA's insurance carry looked at it there was two different thoughts / opinions on it. The conversation he had with Mr. Pratt the Attorney's are fine with the wording.

Ms. Nightingale stated his last e-mail today was more about the state and park – language he wants added in regarding that issue

Ms. Nightingale also asked if Mr. Arsenault seen the last e-mail that was forward from the State about getting the garbage off the park and the garage.

Mr. Arsenault stated he though what Mr. Crikelair was doing was with the map was to alienate that part off the map.

RED BARN UPDATE

Mr. Arsenault said that he spoke with Mr. Millington who was going to get drawings for the building and Mr. Arsenault hasn't seen them yet – and the insurance – because he wants it all in hand before he goes to Mr. Fuller with it.

Mr. Olesheski stated that this is going to cause some issues the farther we get into the heating season because they would have to disconnect the fuel barrel.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIGHWAY – PETTY CASH FOR ETHANOL FREE GAS FOR SMALL ENGINES AMOUNT \$100.00

Mr. Arsenault stated that Mr. Hitchcock is looking for a small petty cash of \$100.00 for ethanol free gas for his small engines.

RESOLUTION #186-17

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept and approve \$100.00 petty cash for the Highway Department for Ethanol Free gas for small engines.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Nightingale)

SUPERVISORS REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Mr. Arsenault stated the Supervisors report was in their packet and he believes they have received the 3rd quarter Sales Tax but doesn't believe it's included in this report.

RESOLUTION #187-17

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept and approve the Supervisor Report for October 2017.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Nightingale)

WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 21,2017**RESOLUTION #188-17**

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to pay the following certified bills:

With the removal of Voucher 17-1210 for Fred Pryor Seminars

General Fund (Total \$10,357.76 – \$199.99 for 17-1210 = \$10,158.76) - Claims # 17-1197 to 17-1201; 17-1205; 17-1208 to 17-1209; 17-1213 to 17-1225

Highway Fund (Total \$27,302.14) - Claims #17-1207 to 17-1208; 17-1211 to 17-1212

Water District (Total \$2,003.13) – Claims # 17-1202 to 17-1204; 17-1224

Trust & Agency Fund (Total \$77.47) – Claims #17-1206

Total all warrants \$39,740.50 - \$199.00 = \$39,541.50

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4
(Arsenault, Stevens, Olesheski, Nightingale)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

On Motion of Mr. Olesheski and seconded by Mr. Stevens the Board went into executive session regarding a personnel matter at 7:17 pm.

On Motion of Ms. Nightingale and seconded by Mr. Olesheski the Board closed the executive session regarding a personnel matter at 7:50 pm.

No Action Was Taken.

On Motion of Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Arsenault meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 5, 2017 at Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY.

Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk
