

**Town of Johnsburg
Regular Meeting of the Town Board
Tannery Pond and Zoom Meeting
October 19, 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 7:00 and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Arnold Stevens.

Approval of Minutes October 5 and October 12, 2021 meetings

RESOLUTION #188-21

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the minutes from the October 5 and October 12, 2021 meetings. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo)
Nays – 0

Correspondence:

- Letter requesting reallocation of Occ tax from Cruise Night to Shuttle Bus – NCBA

New Business:

- Barton presentation at Tannery Pond October 26, 7pm

Chuck Barton explained that Barton Mines has submitted to the APA and DEC for the next 75 years of operation. There will be a Public Meeting regarding this at Tannery Pond October 26th at 7 pm. Registration is required and can be found at www.barton.com/mine-permit-information.

Mr. Arsenault asked if the meeting will be on Zoom. Mr. Barton said it will be recorded and put on their website. The meeting will be repeated at Warren County, and that meeting will be on YouTube.

Mr. Stevens also suggested that the recording be put on the Town's website.

- **Animal Control contract for 2021 – 2022**

Animal Control contract will apply to 2022. There is only one animal hospital in the area that will take strays, and they require a \$250 payment to contract with them. This will be brought forward in December.

- **Occ tax reallocation**

NCBA is requesting reallocation of Occ tax from Cruise Night to Shuttle Bus for the 2021-2022 ski season.

RESOLUTION #189-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve reallocation of Occ tax from Cruise Night to Shuttle Bus for the 2021-2022 ski season. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

Ms. Arnheiter suggested that the Town ask for NCBA financials for future use.

Old Business:

- **Amend Cedarwood contract to include administrative assistance**

The Cedarwood contract amendment has not yet been received by the Town, so this item is tabled.

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

Ms. Hogan is working with the Office of the Aging to create a contingency plan for procurement of food, should the current supplier have a problem delivering needed supplies in the future. It would have to be the Town that purchases the food, as the Office of the Aging is under strict guidelines due to grant funding.

The other goal for Senior meals is to get back to five days per week for meals-on-wheels. The biggest need is for at least four volunteers to make this happen.

- Update on Streetscape

No concrete has been poured for sidewalks because the conduit for the light posts have not been completed. Mr. Gonyo will meet with Cedarwood tomorrow to finalize the plans.

- Budget discussion

The Comptroller's Office sent correspondence informing the Town that, since the Town will no longer have to pay the North Creek Fire District \$7500 per year, the Comptroller's Office will be reducing the Town's tax cap by the same amount. Ms. Hogan's proposed solution is to reduce the Supervisor's salary to cover the difference without breaking the tax cap. She will adjust the budget and bring back to the Board.

Ms. Arnheiter and Mr. Stevens suggested reductions in Board salaries as well.

Ms. Hogan said she will be back in touch with the Comptroller's Office to try to reverse their decision because she feels they overstepped the Town's Home Rule.

Committee Reports:

Highway – Hopefully will have a contract in place by the end of the year.

Future’s Committee – Mr. Arsenault continues to be impressed with the group and their energy.

Mr. Stevens reminded all that Fridays at 8 am Ms. Hogan holds a call-in informational meeting.

Mr. Arnheiter said the Stimulus Committee met again and they are particularly excited about hiring a grant writer for the Town’s not-for-profits.

ZEO, Animal Control, and Assessor reports

In Board packets.

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

There was a snafu with bookkeeping, so there is no Supervisor’s Monthly Report – it will come at the next Board meeting.

Approval of Warrants

General Fund (Total \$34,352.51)
Highway Fund (Total \$88,214.86)
Library Fund (Total \$1175.27)
EMS (Total \$146,940.00)
Water District (\$16,026.60)
Trust and Agency (\$119.84)
Total all warrants \$286,829.08

RESOLUTION #190-21

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault 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

Rachel Seeber, Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors for Warren County, spoke about attending Board meetings of all Towns in Warren County, and thanked the Town of Johnsborg for efforts made at the County level. She talked about Ms. Hogan's and the Board's efforts on revising the Occ tax application, advancing year-round tourism, pushing for Senior meal sites and Meals-on-Wheels, and Ms. Hogan's leadership at the County with ARPA discussions and her position as Economic Chairwoman.

Kelly Nettle brought up the expense of marketing a small community and asked if the County could do something to help. Ms. Seeber answered by saying that she thought Kelly had a good point and that more might be accomplished by small communities working together. She agreed that the County can do a better job with marketing.

Bob Nettle asked what administrative assistance means regarding the amended Cedarwood contract. Ms. Hogan explained that it refers to help coordinating grant paperwork and timing. She added that this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Ms. Hogan read a list of meeting attendees:

- Donna Welsh
- Bob Nettle
- Kelly Nettle
- Jane Peter
- Christian Holt
- Chuck Barton

- Raisha Thissell
- Fred Comstock
- Jean Comstock
- Rachel Seeber

Kelly Nettle referred to the issue of the tax cap being lowered and Ms. Hogan's suggestion that the money will be shifted from the Supervisor's salary to avoid breaking the cap. Ms. Nettle said that if the Supervisor's salary is adjusted down, there should be a plan in place to raise it in the near future. She pointed out that a previous Supervisor had cut the salary drastically, considering the position part-time, and that it has stayed that low for years. Ms. Hogan said she will keep that in mind and hopefully adjust soon.

Motion to adjourn

RESOLUTION #191-21

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

Next meeting – **Thursday**, November 4, 2021 7:00 pm

Prepared by:

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