

**Town of Johnsbury Public Hearing on the Budget and  
Regular Meeting of the Town Board  
Zoom Meeting  
October 20, 2020 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 Public Hearing to order at 7:01 pm.

**Public Hearing on Proposed Town Budget**

Ms. Hogan stated that the budget is spare, focusing on Town employees and the people of the Town. Bob Nettle asked about decreases in revenue, and Ms. Hogan answered that aid to municipalities, Occ tax and CHIPS funding will all be cut. Thom Randall then asked about impacts on the budget and Ms. Hogan listed cuts or freezes for Tannery Pond, elected officials, employee raises, Occ tax, and parks projects.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:14.

Supervisor Hogan called the regular meeting to order at 7:14 and the pledge to the flag was led by Deana Wood.

**Presentation of proposed changes to the North Creek Fire District – Attorney Bob Hafner and members of the North Creek Fire Dist.**

Bob Hafner explained the proposed alteration of the Johnsbury Fire Protection District boundaries and the extension of the North Creek Fire District to include such altered area. The first step, he said, is to pass a resolution setting a Public Hearing concerning the above.

### **Set public hearing for Fire District Change**

#### ***RESOLUTION #158-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to set a Public Hearing on the proposed alteration of the Johnsbury Fire Protection District boundaries and the extension of the North Creek Fire District to include such altered area on November 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm. It will be a hybrid meeting – both in-person at Tannery Pond and Zoom. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

### **Part 2 of Municipal Financial Planning – Bond process – Attorney Bob Hafner**

Bob Hafner gave a presentation on the Bond process for municipalities. SEC rules require the Town Board pass a Bond resolution with four ‘yes’ votes, have a description of the project, maximum estimated cost, plan for financing, a maximum spend and a maximum to borrow.

### **Highway Department truck purchase**

Fred Comstock explained to the Board that the truck he tried to purchase was not available but that he had found one comparable that he could have before needed for snow removal. This truck would come in at the ‘not to exceed \$90,000’ cost approved in resolution 153-20. The Board agreed to this.

### **Fire Protection District proposed change to contracts**

Ms. Hogan will ask the Fire Districts to delay receipt of the Town’s payments to them until the funds are collected in taxes.

### **Approval of Minutes October 6, 2020 meeting**

## ***RESOLUTION #159-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2020 meeting. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

### **Correspondence**

- Letter regarding Transfer Station

Ms. Hogan received a letter from NYS Parks and Recreation with a determination of pre-existing use for the Town's transfer station, thus the site will no longer be considered in non-compliance and can remain as it stands.

- Letters in support of Glass Blowing proposal

The Board received letters in support of Greg Tomb's proposal to return next Summer for glassblowing. The Board will engage an attorney to start a contract proposal for use of the Kellogg Building.

### **Old Business:**

- Streetscape update

The engineer for this project has come up with some estimates and hopes to begin work soon. Ms. Hogan noted that the work may go from Ski Bowl Road just to the area of Poiema.

- Sewer update

Ms. Hogan has a meeting tomorrow to explore funding options.

- **Garnet Lake Cooperation agreement**

## ***RESOLUTION #160-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to accept the Garnet Lake Cooperation agreement. With 5

members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Front St. Connector Trail Lease and Amendment to the Real Estate Agreement**

This Ski Bowl Connector Trail agreement remains the same as last year.

### ***RESOLUTION #161-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to accept the Front St. Connector Trail Lease and Amendment to the Real Estate Agreement. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

### **New Business:**

- **Mountain Medical Contract**

The pricing for the upcoming year remains as 2020.

### ***RESOLUTION #162-20***

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

- **Public Health Emergency Plan**

Ms. Hogan said that she and Joann Morehouse are working on creating a Public Health Emergency Plan.

**ZEO, Assessor, and Animal Control Reports**

In Board packets.

**Supervisors Monthly Report**

***RESOLUTION #163-20***

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

**Approval of Warrants**

**General Fund** (Total \$31,291.93)  
**Highway Fund** (Total \$75,896.31)  
**Library Fund** (Total \$2853.96)  
**Water District** (Total \$7951.19)  
**Trust and Agency** (\$563.24)  
**Total all warrants \$118,556.63**

***RESOLUTION #164-20***

Mr. Stevens 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**

Deana Wood said the historical society is writing a newsletter in which they are recognizing WW2 Veterans.

**Motion to adjourn**

***RESOLUTION #165-20***

At 9:35 Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault 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 5, 2020 7 pm  
Online Zoom Meeting

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