

**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2023**  
**Budget Workshop/Town Board Meeting**

In Attendance:            Mark Smith – Supervisor            Justin Gonyo – Councilman  
                                 Arnold Stevens – Councilman       Pete Hoskins – Councilman  
                                 Gene Arsenault – Councilman (via Zoom)  
                                 Jean Comstock – Town Clerk (via Zoom)

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Cheryl Gillespie
2. Budget Workshop – Supervisor Smith gave an overview of what goes into the budget, the budget lines, what the “fund” lines are for and the Budget process. Keeping JEMS in the Town and provide that service has impacted the budget, along with inflation, gas prices, etc. Please view the Recording for more specifics. Close the Budget Workshop at 8:06PM.
3. Regular Town Board Meeting Called to Order at 8:06PM.
4. Approval of October 3, 2023 Town Board Minutes

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 194**

Mr. Hoskins made a Motion to approve and accept the Boad Minutes from the October 3, 2023 Board Meeting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Gonyo. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

5. Resolution to Loan funds to the EMS Fund – Supervisor Smith – JEMS receives their money in November.

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 195**

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the loan to the EMS Fund and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

6. Resolution for Supplemental Appropriations for October 2023 – Supervisor Smith noted that these are leftover funds from summer and insurance money for new dug outs.

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 196**

Mr. Hoskins made a Motion to approve the Appropriations and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

7. Resolution for Authorization to Proceed with the purchase of winter tires for 3 vehicles in the Highway Department. Supervisor Smith – this was anticipated in the Budget and is State Contract pricing.

**RESOLUTION # 23 -197**

Mr. Gonyo made a Motion to approve the Authorization to Procced to purchase tires for 3 vehicles at the Highway Department and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

8. Resolution to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #3-2023 re: the Tax Cap – Supervisor Smith noted that after explaining the Budget process, the Board will go back and look at the numbers, but believes there is no way around breaking the Tax Cap and would like a Motion to set this Public Hearing for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00PM prior to the Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 198**

Mr. Hoskins made a Motion to approve the Public Hearing for Local Law #3-2023 re: the Tax Cap for November 9, 2023 at 7:00PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

9. Resolution to set a Public Hearing for the Preliminary 2024 Budget – Supervisor Smith noted changes will be made to the Tentative Budget to then present the Preliminary Budget to the Town Clerk and is asking for a Motion to set this Public Hearing for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00PM.

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 199**

Mr. Hoskins made a Motion to set the Preliminary 2024 Budget Public Hearing for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

10. Supervisor Smith is requesting a Floor Resolution to pay J&K Trucking’s next payment prior to the November 9, 2023 Town Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 200**

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the pre-payment for J&K Trucking and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

11. Resolution to approve and accept the TPCC Lease Agreement. Supervisor Smith indicated that with the amendments made and that it is budgeted for next year, increasing the chances of success. Mr. Gonyo – the schedule of repairs will be needed for several years; we will work on safety-related repairs first. Mr. Hoskins – thank you to all, this is a great opportunity for the Town and TPCC.

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 201**

Mr. Gonyo made a Motion to approve the Lease between Tannery Pond and the Town of Johnsbury with the changes/amendments made and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

12. Committee Reports – none at this time.

13. Warrants – Supervisor Smith – I have reviewed and believe them to be true and accurate. Are there any questions?

**RESOLUTION # 23 -202**

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve and accept the Warrants and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 57,404.30
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 20,515.91
WATER IMPROVE. PROJECT:	\$ 30,372.50
LIBRARY FUND:	\$ 122.90
EMS:	\$ 153,765.75
WATER DISTRICT:	\$ 6,352.75
TRUST & AGENCY:	<u>\$ 420.96</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 268,955.07</b>

14. Privilege of the Floor

Ms. Nettle – thank you for the Budget presentation, it was very helpful.

15. Motion to Adjourn

**RESOLUTION # 23 – 203**

Mr. Gonyo made a Motion to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 8:27PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Stevens, Arsenault, Hoskins); Nays – 0.

Prepared by:

*Jean M. Comstock*

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**THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 AT 7:00PM  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW # 3-2032 RE: TAX CAP  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET  
ALL AT TANNERY POND AND VIA ZOOM**