

Town Board Meeting
March 5, 2024
7:00PM at Tannery Pond

In Attendance: Kevin Bean – Supervisor Arnold Stevens – Councilman
 Paul Heid – Councilman Jim Williams – Councilman
 Anna Bowers – Councilwoman Jean Comstock – Town Clerk

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by – Rob Thomas
2. Call to Order Regular Meeting – 7:00PM
3. Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2024 Town Board Meeting – Supervisor Bean – any questions or comments?

RESOLUTION # 43 - 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve and accept the February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

4. Approval of Town Clerk Attendance at Conferences –Supervisor Bean – any knowledge and contacts is valuable to the job. Town Clerk explained the two conferences.

RESOLUTION # 44 - 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Town Clerk’s Attendance at both conferences 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

5. Authorization to Proceed with culvert on River Road – Superintendent Comstock – road always washes out, tons of fill. Mr. Williams– cost of delivery? Fred – they will deliver to the shop we will move in pieces to the project site.

RESOLUTION # 45 - 24

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

6. Resolution for the Longest Day Adventure Race – Mr. Williams – call into Town Office to help with this; will start the day with a rafting trip, North River to the Ski Bowl, summit of the Mountain, biking for 25 mile loop; then another hike; end up at Garnet Hill Lodge, bike again on Sunday; want to use our trails, use the Pavilion on Saturday, insurance certificates available; no cost to the Town; sold out with 90 participants; June 29 – 30, 2024; type of event that could grow in the future. Ms. Bowers – how is this being advertised? Mr. Williams – NCBA did a letter of support and scheduling a call with the race promoter; Mr. Heid – spectators would be great too; Ms. Bowers – any fire house/EMS on our end? Mr. Williams – that’s on their end.

RESOLUTION # 46 - 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the use of the Pavilion on Saturday, June 29, 2024 for the Longest Day Adventure Race 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

7. Resolution to Advertise for Seasonal Staff for PPP – lifeguards, counselors, summer counselors, cemetery work, etc; Supervisor Bean – this has been done in the past.

RESOLUTION # 47 - 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the advertising for 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

8. Resolution to Create a part-time position year round at the Transfer Station – Supervisor Bean – it is in the budget; have had conversations with all and Pete Olesheski; Mr. Olesheski – previous Board and I discussed the desire to expand the transfer station hours, which we’ve done and do other work; there are concerns with our recycling program, cross-contamination, scale installation; start part-time in April/May; could work along current attendant to learn; it was budgeted \$15,000 – put it out at \$16/hour 2-3 days a week; it’s something that I think is necessary and see if it would need to be full time depending on upgrades at the transfer station; will meet with the Committee to discuss; this is the first piece of the puzzle; Ms. Bowers – so having the scales installed will help with revenue? Mr. Olesheski – yes, another set of eyes; the Town needs to think about how we engage with our residents, the use of the recycling and regular trash; increase the good recycling, cutting costs; that’s my opinion; Mr. Heid – jumping the gun prior to the scales getting there; the whole transfer station will need to be reorganized; Pete Hoskins – there’s more questions than answers, I’ve gone through a year’s worth of invoices and it should be done; May/June we’d be ready to make changes; Mr. Olesheski – I’m looking to advertise at this point; we may find that \$16/hour is not going to be sufficient; let’s advertise, see what we get; Janet Konis – we’re advertising for a position that we may not fill; Mr. Williams – if we have someone fill in for 6 days a week when the attendant is off; we’re behind in revenue at this point; free garbage is great, but then lets look at the details; as I look at this – if this position is going to have a very clear job description and plan, help educate them, improve our system; need to do a better job with what we have there; Ms. Bowers – concern with days closed? Mr. Olesheski – there has been in the past to have two consecutive days closed; mixed feelings on the success of the open on Mondays (especially with it being a Holiday); Mr. Olesheski – I understand where you’re coming from Mr. Williams; when it comes to the Monday holidays – I have nothing but full-time employees at this time; it’s either another day off, or double time and a half for Holiday pay; almost \$400 for a holiday to pay another employee; a part-time employee can fill in these days, I don’t have to pull someone else from buildings or parts to put them at the transfer station, I will have built in coverage; another benefit to create this position; Mr. Williams – I have no problem with it being open on Mondays; Ms. Konis – why can’t we use the other part-time employees for coverage? Mr. Olesheski – we could from May – August; Ms. Sabattis – that’s the busiest time; Mr. Olesheski – ski season is a busy time with rentals. Town Clerk asked for clarification regarding the Resolution – Mr. Williams asked to have the wording “the position will allow expanded hours” removed from the Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 48 - 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve advertising for the position of a part-time position at the Transfer Station with the wording “the position will allow expanded hours” removed 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 – 4 (Bean, Bowers, Stevens, Williams); Nays – 1 (Heid).

9. Resolution for Insurance Recoveries Budget Amendment – Supervisor Bean – read Resolution for the public.

RESOLUTION # 49 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the Budget Amendment 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

10. Resolution to Close Bank Accounts; Supervisor Bean – we’re moving money sitting idle, moving to NYCLASS for better interest.

RESOLUTION # 50 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve closing bank accounts and moving them to NYCLASS 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

11. Resolution for Councilwoman Bowers to submit letter for Pro-Housing; Ms. Bowers – funds and grants available for small towns; to get priority points, so to speak, we need to submit this letter; a step that we have to take; letter done, sent to LGLCRPB and Board for input; form online to do a pro-housing resolution.

RESOLUTION # 51 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve Ms. Bowers writing the pro-housing letter on behalf of the Town of Johnsburg 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

12. Resolution to “scrape” website data, copy and save what’s there and keep if needed for future reference. Ms. Bowers – Mr. Byrne is volunteering his time to do it; Mr. Williams - who is Matt? Ms. Bowers – he apologized he couldn’t be here tonight, he lives here in Johnsburg; would like to start on Monday? Will make sure the website is up during this process; Mr. Heid, he’s essentially creating a time buffer.

RESOLUTION # 52 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve Matt Byrne to scrape the Town Website 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

13. Solar sunglasses – tabled at this time.

14. Supervisor Bean - Ms. Bowers is now a part of the Personnel Committee; no Resolution is needed as the Committee was already approved and we’re just populating it.

15. Committee Reports –

Mr. Heid

- Highway Department – issues with roads with the weather; Highway Department is doing the best they can this time of year; shop is clean; we're in pretty good shape; also pleased to see the additional office space up above with existing structure and space; also very impressed with EMS services in this town, 5 calls at one time; outside agencies helped, we're getting something for our money.
- Solid Waste – heading in a direction to get scales in, re-vamp area to make it smoother; looking at other town's systems to move forward and improve our area; Supervisor Bean – Waste Management has made some suggestions as well and Mr. Olesheski will get this information for us; Mr. Heid – Indian Lake – keeping recycles clean and free from contamination.

Ms. Bowers

- Child care – nothing new;
- Comprehensive Plan – had a meeting, it was terrible connectivity; will get the results out to you all.
- Occupancy Tax – training on March 18, 2024 prior to the April 1, 2024 application availability.
- Marketing Committee – copies of previous committee's plan, what we can use and not; March 20, 2024 next meeting; discussed some plans of things to do.

Mr. Williams

- Attended AOT training; a lot to take away from this; went to a lot of funding training and the opportunities – need to start with a comprehensive plan; stress the importance of the plan; attended a tourism training; it's changing; different demographics; travelers now are not necessarily retired people, a younger generation; you need to be a community that young people want to visit, you're not a community that young people want to live in;
- Sewer Committee – been on the phone with engineers quite a bit; preparing comments for USDA; finalizing comments for the DEC; hope to wrap up and get out to bid as soon as possible.
- Met with ORDA – construction this Spring for the new Lodge; minimize the affect on the park during the construction; tractor trailers; updated them on the Sewer.
- Meeting with the Parks Committee- discussed various overlap, areas for improvement in ORDA's operation with the Town and what the Town does.
- Water Committee – Supervisor Bean and myself met with several other key personnel who are involved with the questions of the deficiencies within the Department; hoping to bring some new regulations forward to the water district; Ms. Konis – new pricing will it take care of the problems, budgets? Mr. Stevens – nothing final as of yet.
- Ski Bowl Mitigation Project - waiting for better weather; Supervisor Bean the power source for the dump is not in conduit; this is concerning; National Grid was not completely aware of this, they will do a re-do to the power supply to the transfer station and the lodge; will then be able to fix the trench.

16. Supervisors Report in packet.

17. Warrants – Supervisor Bean – any questions or concerns? Could I get a Motion?

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 65,613.86
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 30,387.29
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:	\$ 802.50
SEWER DISTRICT FUND:	\$ 2,997.50
LIBRARY FUND:	\$ 338.80
WATER DISTRICT:	\$ 8,784.71
TRUST & AGENCY:	<u>\$ 1,500.48</u>
TOTAL	\$ 110,425.14

RESOLUTION # 53 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to approve the Warrants 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

18. Move to Executive Session

RESOLUTION # 54 – 24

At 8:00PM Mr. Heid made a Motion to move to Executive Session 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

- Supervisor Bean – two items of the Executive Session were tabled.
- Ms. Gaye Byrne was approved and appointed to fill the position on the Board of Assessment.

RESOLUTION # 55 – 24

Mr. Williams made a Motion at 8:44PM to adjourn the Executive Session 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

RESOLUTION #56 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to move back into the Regular Board Meeting at 8:44PM 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

19. Privilege of the Floor:

- Mr. Olesheski – a bit of good news; summer program/sports resolutions for the next meeting; thank you for the liaison; officially granted \$8,300 for the summer youth program from the County; new dugouts being constructed – there will always be a need for fencing around them; awarded a grant \$8,454, \$2,601- annual reimbursement from Youth Bureau.

20. Supervisor Bean – any further comments for Privilege of the floor? Can I get a motion to adjourn?

RESOLUTION # 57 -24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:48PM 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, Bowers, Stevens, Heid, Williams); Nays – 0.

Prepared by:

Jean M. Comstock
Town Clerk

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 19, 2024 AT
TANNERY POND AND VIRTUALLY**