

May 14, 2024
Town Board Meeting

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Deana Wood.
2. Call to Order the Regular Meeting at 7:00PM.
3. Approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Meeting –
RESOLUTION # 89 – 24
Ms. Bowers made a Motion to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2024 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, Bower, Heid, Stevens, Williams).
4. Resolution for Special Event Permit for September 21, 2024 Community Day and Outdoor Show at Tannery Pond
RESOLUTION # 90 – 24
Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the Special Event Permit for the Community Day and Outdoor Show on September 21, 2024 at Tannery Pond 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, Bower, Heid, Stevens, Williams).
5. Resolution for Special Event Adirondack Brewery for September 21, 2024 at the Community Day & Outdoor Show at Tannery Pond – Mr. Williams - I will not vote in favor without insurance naming the Town as an additional insured; Mr. Stevens, I will not vote in favor of any alcohol served on Town property; table this until June 4, 2024 Town Board Meeting.
RESOLUTION # 91 – 24
Mr. Williams made a Motion to table this decision until proper Certificates of Insurance are made available and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bower, Heid, Stevens, Williams).
6. Resolution for Special Event Permit for November 22, 2024 for a Juried Art and Craft Fair at Tannery Pond.
RESOLUTION # 92 – 24
Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the Special Event Permit for the November 22, 2024 Art & Craft Fair and Tannery Pond and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bower, Heid, Stevens, Williams).
7. Resolution to Extend Water Rent Payments – Supervisor Bean – we have been working on for some time; extend payments to 30 days after the date they are mailed.
RESOLUTION # 93 – 24
Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve extending the payment date for Water Rent payments 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, Bower, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

8. Resolution for Accept the Annual Financial Report – Supervisor Bean - this has been in the works for a while as well due to a few issues.

RESOLUTION # 94 – 24

Mr. Williams made a Motion to accept the Annual Financial Report 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, Bower, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

9. Resolution to Pay J&K Trucking – Supervisor Bean – per the contract we need to pay on the 1st of the month; Geoff Konis – where is the tank? Just concerned about transporting it and insurance; make sure it's insured by the Contractor before shipment; Supervisor Bean – I hear what you're saying; this is for the tank; Mr. Heid – need to establish ownership; Mr. Williams – wondering why we were making an exception in this case in expediting a payment; I reviewed the contract; engineer is on site daily to inspect the project and signs off each day; engineering firm to bill the town; money is in our hands from the Grant.

RESOLUTION # 95 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve the payment to J&K Trucking as indicated in the Contract 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, Bower, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

10. Resolution to Place an RFP for the Scales at the Transfer Station – several of us met with the rep from the scale company; not much re-arranging; in conversation with SLIC re: electrical; small scale now that will be in place for household garbage, just for research and information at this time; want to track where we're at; Mr. Heid – have you reached anyone at SLIC yet? Supervisor Bean – yes, spoke with CFO recently; Mr. Williams – we have \$50,000 for revenue coming in from trash, first 4 months we've brought in \$2,000; it's imperative to do this; Kelly Nessle – very concerned about the scales being put in and it is park land and it's a concern of mine; Mr. Heid – my understanding is that the scales can be moved quite easily.

RESOLUTION # 96 – 24

Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the RFP for the Scales at the Transfer Station 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, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

11. Resolution for Support of Barton Mines – they are in the 4th iteration of this permit; Supervisor Bean – we support Barton Mines, this Board needs to acknowledge it; APA meeting this Thursday at 9:30AM and I will read this Resolution at that meeting. Mr. Williams – I would also like added to the heading “without further delay”.

RESOLUTION # 97 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to accept the Resolution in Support of Barton Mines and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Ms. Bowers. With the following Members voting in favor of the Resolution it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

12. Resolution of Appreciation of Scott Patton, Jr. – Supervisor Bean read Resolution; Scott Patton Jr. was in attendance at this Meeting.

RESOLUTION # 98 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion for the Appreciation of Scott Patton, Jr. 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, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

13. Resolution to Award Occupancy Tax Monies – Ms. Bowers – I serve as the liaison between the Board and the Committee; Dave Putman – reach out to him with any questions; Ms. Bowers read the awards and amounts and noted that the Committee did all of the scoring, I did not have any input.

RESOLUTION # 99 – 24

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve and accept the Occupancy Awards 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, Heid, Stevens, Williams)

14. Supervisor's Report

RESOLUTION # 100 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to accept and approve the Supervisor's Report 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, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

15. Committee Reports –

Paul Heid

- Solid Waste - looking at scales; have Hoosick Tires ready to come and pick up; they try to be very environmentally friendly; the price is very cost effective; I've used them at my business and they are very easy to work with; was expecting Mr. Hoskins to be here; Mr. Williams – we've moved forward with the RFP for the scale; Mr. Heid – scale will be below budget. Roger Mosher – will residents still have to pay to get rid of their tires? Mr. Heid– yes and we have to pay to have them removed but at a lower cost.

Anna Bowers

- Personnel – nothing; ADK Birth to 3 Foundation looking for some funding and grants.
- Marketing – gateways into each Hamlet; good meeting; sign at Ski Bowl needs to be redone.
- Planning & Zoning – triage our Zoning laws; Roger Mosher - how can the Town violate it's own Zoning laws when I can't?
- Comprehensive Planning Workshop – good meeting; new faces; would like to see more people; great discussions; where to hold the next workshop[?
- Occ Tax – discussion done; December 1, 2024 is the next round;

Jim Williams

- Completed refurbishment of trails behind the transfer station; UHTA – had a meeting re: erosion affecting the trails and repair from last year's construction; they seem to have a pretty strong plan.
- ORDA Construction - Navigating through the water hookup for the new Lodge; preliminary approval of this; restoring power to the concession stand – ORDA working on it; AB – time line on that; JW – we made it very clear last Wednesday that it needs to be a short time line.
- Sewer Committee – Round 3 of comments; they will be ready to resubmit tomorrow morning; working on easements;
- The Longest Day Race – getting closer; they have worked with ORDA and the Town re: insurance;

Arnold Stevens

- Water committee – already gone over that; water mitigation at Ski Bowl – had a meeting; all moving along quite well, Mr. Jones and the Engineer are satisfied; North side there are some high voltage lines in an inappropriate area, we're trying to reconcile this with National Grid.

16. Library Report – in packet.

17. Warrants – any tracking for ORDA and Engineering? Supervisor Bean – I will check with Danae on this.

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 105,718.40
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 61,583.04
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:	\$ 1,875.00
SEWER DISTRICT PROJECT:	\$ 1,562.41
SKI BOWL MITIGATION PROJECT:	\$ 2,500.00
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:	\$ 5,404.34
LIBRARY FUND:	\$ 1,721.57
WATER DISTRICT:	\$ 10,722.94
TRUST & AGENCY:	<u>\$ 3,880.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 194,968.20

RESOLUTION # 101 – 24

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to approve and accept 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, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

18. Privilege of the Floor –

- Deana Wood – thank you to the Occ Tax Committee; explained the purpose of JHS; turning the garage into a display area; we’ll start working on this in June; a map room is getting done as well; celebrating the people of Johnsbury; a lot going in; very thankful for the monies; 6/1/24 grand opening; just stop by and see it;
- Arthur Webb – helping to build a coalition to save the Nursing Home; meeting here at TPCC, some of the owners of Elderwood will also be here; we’re doing a banner as well; it’s a pivotal resource; it’s essential to have it here; the Governor needs to help it get stabilized; helping build the advocacy, it’s important, the outpouring has been fantastic. Meeting at 6:00PM on Thursday 5/16/24.
- Roger Mosher – I’d like to go over some issues; 1) Nessles should pay reparations to the people of the Town for their spending of tax payer money; 2) how has ORDA helped this Town; re-negotiate the agreement with ORDA; put me in charge of negotiations; 3) \$40,000 for use of our Land; Stevens and Arsenaault – sold for \$1; State will take our park though eminent domain; I urge the Board to re-negotiate the agreement; taking Ownership of the Mosher Garage Property is not a good a idea; make sure DEC sends us a letter of; Kate Nightengale stated the wells were tested and no contamination, I spoke to DEC and only one well was tested; no other person dares to speak what I have to say – list of people responsible for the problems in Town – ORDA, Front Street, etc.
- Kelly Nettle – I feel it’s pretty unfair to lay the ORDA project at this Board’s feet; it’s just coming to fruition as Government works slowly; is it ideal or perfect – no; where would this community be without the input from the State; don’t blame this Board, they’re just getting started.
- John Sleckman – you have a very unusual situation where the State is building on Town property and this could come back to bite us later on; renegotiate the Agreement with a good attorney; Ski Bowl Park will not be useful in the future. I echo what Roger Mosher said and you should listen to him, he’s a smart man.
- David LaPell – 6/21/23 – NCPR – article, a few highlights; Supervisor Bean – reconsider his support of the Warren Museum. e;

19. Motion to Adjourn

RESOLUTION # 102 – 24

Ms. Bowers made a Motion to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid at 8:03PM. With the following Members voting in favor the Resolution is carried. Ayes 5 (Bean, Bowers, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

Prepared by:

Jean M. Comstock

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Town Clerk

**THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS JUNE 4,
2024 AT 7:00PM AT TANNERY POND AND
VIRTUAL**