

**TOWN OF JAY BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2013  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**PRESENT:** SUPERVISOR RANDY DOUGLAS; TOWN CLERK BEA PELKEY; COUNCILMAN ARCHIE DEPO; COUNCILWOMAN AMY SHALTON AND COUNCILMAN THOMAS MCDONALD.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Hall and Chris Garrow- Both ill tonight

**OTHERS:** Ray Losso; Dan Deyoe; Romain Lastere; and Fred Balzac

**Supervisor Douglas called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Councilman Depo**

**APPROVAL TO PAY AUDITED BILLS:** Motion made by Councilman Depo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McDonald to pay the following audited bills:

GENERAL \$42,322.23; HWY \$69,473.73; SW1 \$15,789.87; SW2 \$14,591.39; SW3 \$1,166.21 and SS \$4,345.91 for a total of \$147,689.34. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. # 31413-1

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 12/14/13 BOARD MEETING:** Motion made by Councilman Depo, seconded by Councilwoman Shalton to approve the minutes with no additions or deletions.

All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. # 31413-2

**GUEST- Romain Lastere- Rome Dam**

Romain Lastere gave an informative demonstration on the possibility of using Rome Dam for a source of Electrical power. Supervisor Douglas asked how long a project this would be from start to finish. Romain stated it could take from 3 to 5 years to become totally working. Supervisor Douglas will e-mail Jim from NYSE&G and see if we can meet with him to discuss Rome Dam.

**JUDGE DEYOE: Presentation on Grant Award \$20,075.00.**

Judge Deyoe applied for a Unified Court Grant last September in the amount of \$25,075.00. We have been notified that we received a grant to get the Courtroom up to speed. \$20,000 is for construction of the room and we can also use the money for security issues and office equipment. We should be receiving the money within a week to 10 days and we will have 6 months to complete the project.

Judge Deyoe has a basic layout planned. \$2,500 will be available for security and \$2,075 for office equipment. We can spend the money for the courtroom as we want to and we will need to keep every receipt for 3 years. Supervisor asked Judge Deyoe to get together with Archie, Chris and the Building Committee to do a walk through. Supervisor Douglas congratulated Judge Deyoe on getting the Grant.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

1. Assemblyman Stec Letter Supporting our request for State Law regarding foreclosed property Assembly Bid A-88.A.24.
2. Selective Insurance Claim- Frederick
3. Town of Wilmington Request: Mountain Bike Race 6/16/13. Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to offer a Resolution to approve the use of the following Town of Jay Roads for the Bike Race on 6/16/2013: Bartlett Road, Styles Brook Road and the Jay Mt. Road. The roads will be closed from 7-12 A.M. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #31413-3

4. Tax Adjustment by County Treasurer for Violet and Mitch Terry (Veterans Exemption Omitted Erroneously.) Due from Town of Jay \$60.96. Motion made by Councilman McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Depo to offer a Resolution for the Town of Jay to pay back Essex County Treasurer \$60.96 to cover the error on the veteran's exemption for Mitch and Violet Terry property. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res#31413-4

5. Excellus- Apology Letter: Insurance for employees/retirees sent erroneously by Excellus.
6. NYS Comptroller- 60 Day Extension Granted for the Annual Financial Report for the Town of Jay.
7. Au Sable River Ass. Request to use the Village Green and Douglas Memorial Park on July 21, 2003. Motion made by Councilwoman Shalton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McDonald to approve use of the Village Green and Douglas Memorial Park by the Au Sable River Ass. On July 21, 2013. All in favor, none opposed, carried

Res. #31413-5

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

1. To Animal control Tina Neyer- Rabies Clinic
2. FCI Warden Hudson- Letter of Recommendation/Constituent
3. Alex Santo- Acknowledgement for Service In Afghanistan
4. Lewis Gordon- Tahawus Lodge #790; Thank You letter for donation to food pantry.
5. Department Head Memo- Correspondence in a timely fashion to our Constituents.

#### **EVENTS:**

1. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Missing Children's Tournament held March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Director Carol Greenley- She did a great job as director, Huge turnout, Thank everyone who helped make the Tournament a huge success.
2. Susan Richards at JEMS this past weekend with Zinky & the Billtones. Great performance.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

1. SAFE ACT- ESSEX COUNTY STATUS

As Chairman of the Board of Supervisors I appointed a committee with Supervisor Morrow as Chairman, Dan Palmer County Manager ; Dan Manning, County Attorney; Supervisor Moore from North Hudson and Supervisor Bartley from Elizabethtown. We have been getting requests from both sides of the issue to amend it ; to repeal it ; to add things; to remove things. I put the committee together and they came up with a resolution and I called a Special Board Meeting for next Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. At Essex County Board of Supervisors Chambers. This is a very controversial issue all over the State.

1. Au Sable Acres Broadband Grant- \$557,000.
2. This is a joint application awarded to the Town of Jay/Wilmington. The Town of Jay will administer the grant. The amount of the grant is \$557,000. The match to the grant will come from Charter Communications. This is something that has been wanted and needed in the Acres. We have heard a lot of positive comments about receiving the grant. This was a highly competitive application.
3. Housing Grant \$400,000 Housing Grant. We will be starting that this Spring. We need approval to have HAPEC administer the Grant. Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McDonald to offer a Resolution to give approval for HAPEC to administer the \$400,000 Housing Grant. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. # 31413-6

4. Farmers Market Update: The Farmer's Market is moving to the Holy Name School Lawn. We are going to try this for a year and see if we can get more vendors.

5. **TOWN OF BLACK BROOK DISCUSSIONS UPDATE:** Archie Depo- For the past 3 weeks we have been trying to come to the table with Black Brook and discuss our problems. I talked with Supervisor Ricky Nolan yesterday. We will plan a meeting for Tuesday with Supervisor Nolan, Supervisor Douglas and Deputy Supervisor Archie Depo to settle our differences and move forward,

**6. Supervisor Douglas- Washington, D.C. Trip Report**

I went to Washington D.C. last week for 3 days. I met with Congressman Owens; Senator Schumer and Senator Gilibrand. I went with Supervisor Bartlett and Supervisor Ferebee. We meant on numerous FEMA issues and including many issues for the Towns of Jay; Black Brook; Saranac Lake; Elizabethtown; Keene, Ticonderoga. We discussed the Upper Jay Fire Dept. issue; Lots of follow-up issues. I talked with Congressman Owens regarding the \$150,000 joint check for Town of Black Brook and Town of Jay, which we have not received as yet. He is working on the getting us the check which was awarded to both Towns for the Emergency crossing for the water line.

**DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

Susan Richards: Annual Financial Report Extension Letter.

Newsletter to Dept. Heads Re: Spring Newsletter

Financial Reports/Operating Statements

**Chris Garrow: DPW/HWY Director- absent**

1. Pre-bid conference for the sewer lines and lagoons was held February 28 with all interested contractors. We had AES here today because there is another interested contractor. The bids will be opened and possibly awarded at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting.
2. Sewer Line- Mad River Pizza Request: Councilman Depo: I received a call from Shane Lawrence, there seems to be an ongoing problem between the 2 buildings. Shane would like permission to put in his own separate line. Chris disagreed with me on this, I believe Shane can put in a new separate line and we can connect it outside. Once he brings it outside we can tie it into the tank. **Motion** made by Councilman Depo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to offer a Resolution to allow Shane Lawrence to put in a new line and tap off where it is connected to Mannings Property. We would tie it into the tank. All in favor, none opposed, carried.  
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**DONNA BRAMER, ASSESSOR**

1. Verifying permanent residency for Star Program, Donna is working on issue.
2. Approval to attend Cornell Seminar 2013 : Overnight Travel/Meal Per Diem: Motion made by Councilman McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to give approval for her to attend the Cornell Seminar 2013 with overnight travel and meals. The cost of the trip will be split between the 4 Towns. All in favor, none opposed, carried.  
Res. # 31413-8

**CLEAN UP DAY:** Will be Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Bea Pelkey: Town Clerk Monthly Report

Motion made by Councilman McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to accept the Town Clerk Monthly Report as submitted. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #31413-9

Shannon Stanley, Youth Commission Chairman

Request from Shannon Stanley, Youth Commission Chair to increase the Soccer Coordinator Salary from \$500 to \$750 for 2013, with no change to the budget. Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to approve the increase for Soccer Coordinator from \$500 to \$750 for 2013. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #31413-10

**ATTORNEY MANNING: RESOLUTION NEEDED FOR HOUSING GRANT:  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT:**

1. Motion made by Councilman McDonald to offer a Resolution to execute A New York State Community Development Block Grant for \$400,000. The Town of Jay is desirous of entering into an agreement with the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County. The Town of Jay Board authorizes its Supervisor to execute a New York State Community Block Grant agreement in the amount of \$400,000. The town of Jay Board has declared that this is a Type 11 Action pursuant to 6NYCRR 617.5 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Housing Grant. This is a Type 2 Action. The Town of Jay Board further authorizes its Supervisor to execute an agreement with HAPEC, Inc incident to the administration of NYS CDBG Project #579HR109-12. This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilwoman Shalton and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows: AYES 4 VOTES—Supervisor Douglas; Councilwoman Shalton; Councilman McDonald and Councilman Depo.

NOES-0

ABSENT 1- Councilman Hall

Res. #31413-11

2. Motion made by Councilman McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to remove the Resolution #31415-6 passed earlier this evening. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #31413-7

3. Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McDonald to offer a Resolution to sign a 5 year contract with Charter Communications. The Franchise fee is 5% and the Seniors will still receive a discount from their Charter Communications bill. A Roll call vote was taken:

AYES- 4 Supervisor Douglas; Councilwoman Shalton; Councilman McDonald and Councilman Depo

NOES-0

ABSENT: 1 Councilman Hall

Res. #31413-12

Supervisor Douglas: A few weeks ago Jerry Hart passed away while he was in the bank. Jerry was always helping the Town by cleaning up the streets and other odd jobs. A lot of people get recognized when they save someone's life, but not always if the person doesn't live. There are 2 people in the Bank that need to be recognized for their kind efforts to save Jerry's life. Karlie Garin and Valorie Daniels worked diligently to try to save Jerry Hart's life. I don't believe the kindness should go unrecognized. Motion made by Councilman Depo with a unanimous second to offer a Resolution to recognize the efforts of Karlie Garin and Valorie Daniels as they tried to save the life of Jerry Hart. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #31413-13

Councilwoman Shalton would like to pass a Resolution to the family of Jerry Hart in recognition of the kind person that Jerry Hart portrayed to everyone in Au Sable Forks and for all the volunteer work that he did for the Town. He will be greatly missed. Unanimous second, the Resolution is duly passed.

Res. #31413-14

MOUNTAIN LAKE SERVICES: Mt. Lake gave a list of the number of people from each Town that employ. The Town of Jay has 61 people from the Town of Jay that work for Mountain Lake Services. Also 155 from Moria and 66 from Ticonderoga.

Letter from Dennis Perpetua congratulating us on the Broadband.

Letter to Au Sable Acres letting them know they have permission from the Town of Jay to hold their Fire Works on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I ask them to contact Fire Chief Glenn Williams to co-ordinate emergency plans and if they need the assistance of the Sherriff Dept. please let us know.

Discussed the roof of the Community Center. We need to have repairs done, Councilman McDonald will talk with Shawn Casey. Councilman McDonald will get the prices to repair shingles, they are all shredding. Supervisor believes it was around 1998 when Shawn Casey repaired the roof.

Charlie Lewis worked with Mike Mascarenas to give us an estimated tax loss due to the 26 homes that have been approved to be torn down. I will give the Board a copy of the estimated tax loss.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Councilman McDonald- None

Councilwoman Shalton: I want to thank Carol for all the work she did to make the Missing Children's Tournament a success. I also want to thank all the people who have been working on getting grants for the Town of Jay.

Councilman Depo- None

**AUDIENCE: Ray Losso**

I want to thank Amy Shalton for keeping Jerry Hart in mind and for passing a Resolution for him.

Safe Act: Discussed the gun laws, what do you think the report will be from the Committee? Supervisor believes that the whole Law needs to be looked at and a Resolution made.

Fred Balzac: Questioned if the Broad Ban is only for Au Sable Acres?

Next Meeting April 11, 2013.

Councilman McDonald talked with a salesman regarding fuel pumps and will pass the information on to Chris.

Motion made by Councilman McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

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Supervisor, Randy Douglas

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Town Clerk, Bea Pelkey

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Councilman, Archie Depo

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Councilman, Gerald Hall

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Councilwoman, Amy Shalton

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Councilman, Thomas McDonald