

## TOWN OF JAY- SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

APPOINT A NEW HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT/DPW

May 14/2014- 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor Randy Douglas; Town Clerk Bea Pelkey; Councilman Archie Depo; Councilman Gerald Hall; Councilwoman Amy Shalton and Councilman Thomas McDonald.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Dan Manning; Glenn Williams; John Benway; John Dockum' Bob Douglas; Paul Mintz; and Mike Willis.

Supervisor Douglas called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Pledge to the Flag- led by Councilman Gerald Hall

Town Clerk Bea Pelkey read the Notice of the Special Board Meeting.

All Board Members present; All Board members were notified of the Special meeting at least 2 days in advance of meeting. The Notice of Special Meeting was posted on the Town Clerk Board and sent to the media as required by law.

Motion made by Councilman Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McDonald to go into executive session at 5:06 P.M. regarding Personnel Issue Related to Department of Public Works. All in favor, none opposed, carried. Res. #51414-1

Motion made by Councilman Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Shalton to re-convene the Special meeting at 5:31 P.M. All in favor, none opposed, carried. Res. #51414-2

Motion made by Councilman Depo with a unanimous second to accept Christopher Garrow's resignation on May 13, 2014, with regret. All in favor, none opposed, carried. Res. #51414-3

Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hall to appoint John Dockum as Highway Supt.-DPW Director. All in favor, none opposed, carried. This will take place May 14, 2014 and run until September 19, 2014 at which time John Dockum will resign. All in favor, none opposed, carried. Res. #51414-4

Mr. Dockum can appoint a Deputy, if he does not appoint someone within 5 days the Town Board can appoint someone. John Dockum's Deputy will take over when he resigns on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will be the Highway Supt.-DPW Director until the election takes place on November 4, 2014. Whoever wins the election will take office on the following day, November 5, 2014. This term will run until December 31, 2017, the remainder of Chris Garrow's term.

Supervisor Douglas:

The Board weighed a lot of issues to fill this position; there are 3 or 4 employees who are interested in running for the position in November.

I believe that any of the men who are interested in the position are qualified, but we want to give the public the chance to make a fair decision.

John Dockum states that he has no intention of running for the position, and is doing this to help the Town of Jay.

Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Hall to pass a Resolution to pay John Dockum the Current salary of \$43,000 divided by the amount of weeks he works. A roll-call vote was taken: Councilman McDonald yes; Councilwoman Shalton yes; Supervisor Douglas yes ; Councilman Depo yes and Councilman Hall yes. The Resolution is duly passed.

Res. #51414-5

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilman McDonald: We have covered every area of the situation and no politics were used. We did not want to show preference to give any employee a better chance at winning the election.

Councilwoman Shalton: Our decision was made with absolutely no politics in mind.

Councilman Depo: We have had a lot of conversations about this appointment and I am proud of the fact that no politics what so ever were used in our decision.

Councilman Hall: John was an honorable judge and also worked at the Highway Dept. some years ago. I believe he will do a great job.

AUDIENCE:

John Dockum: I want to thank you for the appointment, I'll do the best job I can and I am fair and consistent. I have no intentions on running for the position, it is too cold up here and I like going to Florida in the Winter. I will not pick anyone for Deputy that is running for the office of Highway Supt./DPW.

Bob Douglas: I want to congratulate John Dockum on the appointment.

Attorney Manning: We need a Press Release regarding the Public Hearing and Special Meeting regarding Local Law#1 Abolishing the Planning Board. May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M. Public Hearing followed by a Special Meeting at 6:15 P.M. The reason for abolishing the Planning Board is because no applicants responded when the notice was in the Press Republican looking for Planning Board Members.

With no other business to bring before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Shalton. All in favor, none opposed, carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

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Councilman, Thomas McDonald