

TOWN OF JAY REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2014
7:00 P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: Supervisor Randy Douglas; Town Clerk Bea Pelkey; Councilman Archie Depo; Councilman Gerald Hall; Councilman Thomas McDonald

ABSENT: Councilwoman Amy Shalton – On Vacation

OTHERS: Chris Haley; Tom Murphy; AES Jim Dougan; Rosamond Lincoln-Day; Gary Hoffman; Ray Losso; Paul Mintz; Dave Hart; Jody Hart

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Gerald Hall

Supervisor Douglas apologized about the copier not working so copies of the minutes could not be made. If anyone would like copies of minutes please request them and we will get them to you.

APPROVE MINUTES OF 8/14/14; 9/11/14 AND 10/08/14 (JOINT MEETING WITH BLACK BROOK)

Motion made by Councilman Hall, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to approve the minutes from August 14, 2014 with no additions or deletions. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. # 100914-1

Motion made by Councilman McDonald, 2nd by Councilman Hall to approve the minutes from Sept. 11, 2014 with no additions or deletions. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-2

Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to approve the minutes from the Joint Meeting with Black Brook held October 8, 2014. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-3

APPROVE PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS:

Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to approve the following audited bills: General \$42,247.29; Highway \$70,566.32; SW1 \$2,942.00; SW2 \$2,066.47; SW3 \$ 1,455.61; SS \$5,759.68; Henry's Trail \$1,984.22; Justice Court Grant \$266.58; FEMA Sewer \$1,794.97; FEMA Highway \$27,188.41. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-4

Audience Comments: None

AES- Jim Dugan: Regarding 2 projects for the Town

1. While working on the project for the new bridge the contractors hit a water line. Paul Mintz and other staff located the water line which is a second crossing of water. It was in the Sewer Plans of 1991 and goes across at Jersey below an in ground pressure reducing line. The day of the break it was shut off, both lines had to be repaired. A discussion was held that once the contractor gets the footing for the

im-buckment up we locate the 8 inch line and bring it behind the new im-buckment and potentially make a connection of the 2 lines. This would allow water to come down Pigeon Hill and improve our water pressure to Pigeon Hill resident. We do have enough money in the Au Sable Forks Water Reserve account. We haven't discussed this with the contractor as yet. There is going to be a progress meeting on Tuesday and we will have AES attend and get a quote on connecting the 2 water lines. Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to amend the contract with AES to include the connection of the 2 water lines. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-5

2. FEMA- ARC culvert: This will be going out to bid this fall with construction to begin spring of 2015. The culvert replacement will be more cost effective. Dan Manning will get the necessary easements and put out for bid in a few weeks. Motion made by Councilman Hall, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to offer a Resolution to put the culvert replacement out to bid. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-6

3. Styles Brook project is 95 % complete, just a few small items, contractor pretty much finished.

4. Jay Mt. Road- Box Culvert for crossing should be finished in a week or so.

5. A proposal has gone out to locate all sewer tanks.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

a. Rosamond Lincoln Day/Richard Day:

Supervisor stated he had reached out to North Elba and Lake Placid regarding their local ordinances. They haven't gotten back to us as yet. Carol called again today; the Board is looking at some options to help Rosamond and Richard Day with their issue.

b. William & Kathleen Harrigan- I met with the Harrigans yesterday. They purchased the Jon Gordon property and have an issue with noise in the area. Supervisor faxed material to Dan today and he will research this.

c. Essex County Youth Bureau Summer Camp inspection Report.

d. Chips check has been issued to us for \$110,000.00.

e. NY State Comptrollers Fiscal Stress Report: Joint Town Board Meeting with Black Brook was held: 3% in 2013 to 23 % increase in 2014.

f. Governor's Office of Storm Recovery- Audit Letter- October 16, 2016 auditors will be here to audit the Project Work Sheets from Irene.

Correspondence out:

a. Thank You- Iron Man Grant to Henry's Trails in the amount of \$2,000.

b. Thank You –ADK Foundation- Grant to Henry's Trails.

c. Thank You letter –Judith and Bill Peabody- Donation to the Food Pantry.

d. Letter to Bob Wallace, regarding his assessment.

e. Thank you letter – Leonard Lissachi for food pantry donation.

f. Thank you letter- Plattsburgh Air Branch Customs and Border Protection- Food Pantry Donation.

g. Memo to Employees regarding the 2015 Budget.

h. NYS Liquor Authority & Kevin Douglas letter regarding adjoining property letter to Jean & Dave Wiswell, new owners of 20 Main.

i. NYS DOT- Sam Zhou- Au Sable Forks Main Street request:

j. Ragnar Relay/Katie Seely Thank You Letter- Picnic tables/Henry's Trails.

k. Letter to Jake Gallin: Congratulate Jake for his VA School Project.

Resolutions Needed:

a. Approve Budget Proposal Au Sable Forks Ambulance Corp for 2015. Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to approve the budget for the Au Sable Forks Ambulance for 2015. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-7

b. Resolution of Condolence to the Family of Rachel Smith who passed away at only 19 years old. Motion made by Councilman Hall, with a unanimous second to offer a Resolution to the family of Rachel Smith, our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Rachel is the daughter of NYS Police Major Rick Smith.

Res. #100914-8

c. Declare Surplus- The two rooms upstairs in Community Center to advertise availability for rent. Motion made by Councilman Depo, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to declare surplus the Code Enforcement and Tax Collector rooms and advertise them for rent. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Essex County Real Estate Auction 10/22/14 at 11:00 A.M. Best Western, Ticonderoga. This is for 2009 unpaid taxes, 2010, 2011 and 2012 unpaid taxes and will be auctioned on a date to be determined in the spring of 2015.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

A. **Clerk to the Supervisor** Susan Richards:

Budget Transfers: Motion made by Councilman Hall, 2nd by Councilman Depo to approve the budget transfers as presented by Susan Richards. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. # 100914-10

Budget Workshop dates: October 10th and October 15th with Tom Murphy and his Clerk Jessie McDonald.

B. **Town Clerk**- Bea Pelkey- August Revenue Report.

Motion made by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept the August Revenue Report as submitted by Town Clerk, Bea Pelkey. All in favor, none opposed, carried.

Res. #100914-11

DPW- Tom Murphy

1. Basketball hoop concerns: There are some basketball hoops right near the road in the Jersey section of Town. There is concern over children getting hit by vehicles. Supervisor Douglas will check with the Towns insurance policy and discuss this issue with Dan Manning.

2. Street lights: Tom will look at the street light issue and will give suggestions on the lights that are needed.

3. Roads: The DPW is working in a lot of different areas. Replaced missing planks on benches at the Grove Youth Facility. Worked on right of way for the New Health Office and sign for water tank.

4. Sand: We have gotten half of the sand needed for winter.

5. Discuss Turn off- turn on fees. The map printer will be in the back office of the Community Center.

6. sidewalks: will discuss next month.

Supervisor Douglas stated it is a pleasure to work with Tom Murphy, he is great to communicate with. Thank you Tom.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Tom Worthington

1. Gave updates on recent permits and violations or court appearances. The Church Lane violation will be going to court on October 20th. Properties mentioned in a letter from John Ryan were checked on for possible junkyard violations. (Supervisor Douglas visited a home at 13 Broad Lane with Tom).

ATTORNEY DANIEL MANNING:

1. Tax Cap Information: We want to try to stay with in the 2% Tax increase allowed, a lot of work and thought is going into the budget.
2. A discussion was held regarding the noise ordinance laws and property laws.

WATER-SEWER BILLER: Carol Greenly-Hackel

Resolution needed to accept the Quarterly Sewer Billing in the amount of \$18,925.00. Motion made by Councilman Hall, 2nd by Councilman McDonald to approve the Quarterly Sewer billing in the amount of \$18,925.00 as presented. All in favor, none opposed, carried.
Res. 100914-12

HOUSING DIRECTOR- Patti Hathaway: ABSENT

YOUTH COMMISSION:

1. We are getting ready for basketball season. We have someone interested in being the coordinator.
2. Henry's Trails workdays set for Sunday 10/19 from 11-3 and Sunday 10/26 from 12-4.

DISCUSSION – Community Center Parking Request /new Signage: Head start made a request for signage. Hopefully this will be completed before winter.

New sidewalks have been installed to allow for more room for parking in front of the Community Center.

Supervisor Douglas stated that Paul Mintz got a great score in the recent tests he took for the Water and Sewer Dept. Congratulations Paul!

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Chris Haley

Thanked everyone on the Board for the way they work for the Public. He stated" I can't tell what party any of you belong to."

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS: NONE

ELECTION DAY 11/04/2014

Motion made by Councilman Hall, 2nd by Councilman Depo to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. Meeting Adjourned.

Supervisor, Randy Douglas

Town Clerk, Bea Pelkey

Councilman, Archie Depo

Councilman, Gerald Hall

Councilwoman, Amy Shalton

Councilman, Thomas McDonald

