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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-August 7, 2014

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor

John Lant-Councilman

Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman

Steve Streicher-Deputy Supervisor

John McEachron-Councilman

Also present were Town Comptroller Jeffrey Reale, Town Counsel Mark Schachner and Director of Planning and Engineering Ryan Riper.

Public Comment Session

Carol Schupp-Star of 6 Chipmunk Chase said she has been a Wilton resident since 1988. In 1980, she and her husband, Glenn Star purchased a 100 year old home across from Kings Glass. They raised their two children and had wonderful neighbors. In 1993 her husband passed away and she then moved to 6 Chipmunk Chase. She said she has lived in peace and contentment. Wilton has been a wonderful place to live in and to raise a family. Lately she said she has been very concerned about the environment. There are strip malls being built. The newly developed property on Smith Bridge Road has a blue heron that will probably not have a place to live once the development is complete. She said she is so concerned she is packing up and moving to Washington County. She said she can't stand the destruction of the environment.

Nancy Gatland of 28 Timbira Drive said she took her five year old granddaughter to Gavin Park. She had a wonderful time but where is the spray park? Last year she could see it wouldn't be done but this year? She said wealthy Wilton could put in a little spray park for our kids. Her granddaughter and other kids

that weren't enrolled in camp were watching the camp kids on an inflatable slide. They understood they weren't allowed to use it but it didn't stop them from longing for it. She said she would like to see the spray park put in. It would be another thing our kids could go to and have fun at. Remember a lot of our kids are not able to run up to Great Escape, even if they can, how often, once? This would be something very nice for them to do.

A few months ago she said she asked if a little more money could be put into the food pantry and was very gently told the Town of Wilton does not contribute anything to the food pantry. Is the town supporting the food pantry, how much and whatever it is it would be nice to increase it?

Supervisor Johnson said a capital project account was set up last year to include several different projects at Gavin Park. This year the park was connected to the town's water system and the electrical upgrades were done to add air conditioning to the gym. As soon as summer camp is over a new much needed storage and maintenance building will be constructed. The spray park was originally in the capital projects budget. There is only so much that can be done at one time. It is expected sometime in 2015 the project will be before us.

Supervisor Johnson said the board members individually support the food pantry. In April, the town board donated \$1,000.00. The town is supportive of the food pantry and appreciates the efforts of all involved. At budget time we will consider what funding we will provide next year.

Dan Tagliento of 29 Jones Road said he would like to hear about a traffic committee. There are a number of situations that are developing and cumulating that unfortunately mean an expenditure of money. Smith Bridge Road is very narrow and there are two housing projects being built. There is no room for pedestrians to walk on either side of the road. There is no space for bicyclists. A few years ago the town considered widening the road over Loughberry Lake. Another intersection that has to be addressed is Traver Road and Northern Pines Road. We are no longer a rural community. Our population increases every year as well as homes and apartment buildings. A committee should be put together as quickly as possible. The list of necessary improvements increases and has a dollar amount attached to it.

Councilman McEachron asked when the last traffic study was done. **Supervisor Johnson** said one was just approved and has started. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said every road that is being repaved has wider shoulders to make them more pedestrian friendly. **Councilman McEachron** said they are being widened whenever possible. Smith Bridge Road is difficult. He said his son was hit on Smith Bridge Road.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #128

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2014 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Reappointments-Park and Recreation Commission

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #129

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Mike Myers to the Park and Recreation Commission for three year term:

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed to 5-0

Committee Reports

Councilman Lant said the portable emergency radios have been delivered and will be taken to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department to have the channels put in.

There have been discussions about the traffic signals when the power is out. If the town purchases generators for the signals on state roads New York State Department of Transportation will wire them in at no cost. For the signals on county roads, they will be wired at a cost of \$350.00.

AIM Services trained all Greenfield firemen and are willing to train staff at Gavin Park how to deal with autistic children in an emergency situation. There are more and more autistic children. A teacher and highly trained professional could come and work at the park in the summer. No child should be left out.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher said the electrical upgrade at Gavin Park is completed. There is now air conditioning in the gym and service for other upcoming projects at the park. A thank you to our Highway Department for assisting in construction of the electrical road crossing, John King for coordinating with the park, contractors, Scott Harrington, Building and Grounds Department for his help with the park's maintenance shed, as well as Don Phillips and Del Kenyon, John Herlihy and Mark Mykins for going beyond the call of duty for their help. Also, thank you to Rick Bell Contracting for donating his time, labor and equipment for the electrical project. Finally, thank you to Ryan Riper, Director of Planning and Engineering, for his help.

Supervisor Johnson said Parkfest was a successful day. The weather and turnout was good and thank you to all those who participated particularly our generous local businesses who help offset the cost of the event.

Councilwoman Klepetar said she agreed with Councilman Lant to maybe bring some members of the town board and meet with the teacher he spoke to and possibly getting it off the ground for next year.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher agreed and said Steve Porto did have members of AIM at the park training staff. The town is also looking into purchasing handicap accessible playground equipment.

Supervisor Johnson said Councilwoman Klepetar suggested looking at the comprehensive plan. The plan is ten years old. It is still a viable plan but there are some updates that need to be done. Ryan Riper also suggested a few changes as well as Mike Dobis. There are some traffic items that should be incorporated for NYSDOT to recognize. Next month, a small committee will be put together to work on an update. It will be done in house with the help of an outside consultant as well as town counsel.

Councilman Lant noted that the training for the bloodborne pathogens has to be done every year.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher said the town has had a lot of growth over the last fifteen to twenty years. A lot of roads are starting to deteriorate. The highway department does a great job but when it comes to budget time, the board should think about additional funding for the roads.

Comptroller's Report**1.) June 2014 Cash Disbursements**

General Fund	\$245,004
<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>\$412,245</u>
Total	\$657,249

2.) 2014 Budget Transfers and Amendments

(See attached) Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #130

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 8/7/14 report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) 2015 County Sales Tax Distribution

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #131

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the payment of the town's portion of county sales tax in cash.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

4.) Safety Shoe Request

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #132

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request for an additional pair of safety shoes due to medical reasons for Dave Ballestero.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

5.) Internal Reviews

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #133

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the year-end 2013 internal review of the Wilton Town Court.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Streicher and seconded by Councilman Lant, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

_____ Councilman, John Lant

_____ Councilwoman, Joanne Klepetar

_____ Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

_____ Councilman, John McEachron