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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-February 2, 2017

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

Steve Streicher-Deputy Supervisor

Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman

John Lant-Councilman

John McEachron-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E. and Jeff Reale, Comptroller

Public Comment Session

Jennifer deVincenzo of 7 Tawny Terrace said she appeared before the board last month. There was a motion to an approval for a light at the end of Gailor Road. The surrounding four neighborhoods are petitioning for surveillance cameras and signs to be posted for "No Parking" and "Area Under Surveillance". What we are noticing and according to one of the troopers who frequently responds to our calls, once they get there the people are gone and they have nothing to go on. It is a done deal at that point. It is always at dark and it leaves us, as neighbors, to figure out what is going on. If there was another deterrent such as surveillance, if we are not going to put a chain or a gate up, it sends a clear message. As of this past Thursday, there was a duffle bag found full of drug paraphernalia on the ground. After two weeks of sitting, stuff is going on and we need action and quickly. **Ms. deVincenzo** said she thought the trucks were there to install the light and stopped to say thank you and they made it clear they were not putting up the light. Not one house has refused to sign the petition. We are really serious about our intent and would like some more follow through. **Supervisor Johnson** said the town is on top of the situation. **Councilman McEachron** said he thought the town agreed to put up a barrier. **Councilman Lant** asked Highway Superintendent Woodcock if he was against a barrier at the end of the

road. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said he could solve the problem by eliminating the area there. We can cut out the blacktop, grind it down and instead of having a turnaround, use Dakota Drive. We don't need the turn around and the property can be turned over to the property owners on either side of the road. It would have to be formally abandoned. **Supervisor Johnson** said the light is in the process. **Ms. deVincenzo** said she spoke to a supervisor from National Grid and they received the paperwork for the light on January 19. She thanked the town for doing that but things are going on as we are pushing paper.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #74

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2017 meeting, as typed.

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

Wilton Town Court Programming Proposal

Councilman Lant said there have been quite a few meetings and five firms were interviewed. The committee has decided on a firm.

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

RESOLUTION #75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to enter into an agreement with MJ Engineering.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute a contract and to proceed with MJ Engineering for the programming and site development for a new Court Building per MJ Engineering's proposal dated February 1, 2017; subject to Town Legal Counsel review and approval.

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

Mr. Riper noted the committee reviewed five different engineering firms and their qualification packages and interviewed three of them. The committee recommended MJ Engineering to the board for programming and site development. **Councilman Lant** said the building will house the Senior Center, Wilton Water and Sewer Authority and the Town Historian. It will be a multi-use building built for the future.

Councilwoman Klepetar asked what the next step would be. Will an architect have to be hired? **Mr. Riper** said MJ Engineering and the architects are a group. The committee will work with them on the programming in determining the size of the building and location of the building on the town complex. The committee will be working with the judges and the seniors. **Councilman Lant** said the building was going to be originally built on the other side of the driveway. We have been assured we will be able to build it on town property and we are saving quite a bit of money. **Councilman McEachron** said MJ Engineering is a "one stop shop". **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked if the grant writing could be included in the proposal. **Councilman Lant** said the town does grant writing now and receives about \$30,000 a year for the courts. There isn't any more money out there. **Deputy Supervisor** asked if there may be grants available for senior citizens. **Mr. Riper** said the contract does call for review of potential grant opportunities and assist the town in writing grants. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said they will assist the town, how about the town assist them? **Supervisor Johnson** said the town will look at every opportunity for grant money but that would not be the role or responsibility of MJ Engineering. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** asked if the building would impact the highway department as far as the storage facility. **Councilman McEachron** said it could but they weren't sure yet. **Highway Superintendent Woodcock** said he was concerned about the pole barn and the equipment stored in it. **Councilman McEachron** said the highway department won't lose anything in the long run. We are still going to try to conduct court. We will have to build the new building and then remove the old building for parking. It may fall on that one building. We can put some temporary storage in to keep the equipment under cover. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said the town should think about solar power on this building. **Councilman Lant** said it will be brought up. **Supervisor Johnson** said we would be looking at those types of options in the design phase. **Jackie Hakes** of MJ Engineering said they will be looking at all of those options and there may be some grant opportunities to offset the cost for alternative energy.

Resignation-Parks and Recreation Commission

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

RESOLUTION #76

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Thomas Coons from the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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

Appointments-Parks and Recreation Commission

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

RESOLUTION #77

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Michael Myers as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission under his remaining term, 2/2/17-8/31/17.

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

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

RESOLUTION #78

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Daniel Warren to serve the remainder of Joseph Bartol's term, 2/2/17-7/31/17.

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

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Klepetar said the new Senior Center Director, Robin Corrigan, started a couple of weeks ago and things are going well. They are getting a lot of new members. Robin put out a newsletter and copies are available for those interested. **Supervisor Johnson** said hiring a director has been very productive.

Councilman Lant said there was a power outage in December. Now all of the traffic lights have generators. Thank you to the building department and Mark Mykins for getting the lights up and running without accidents or injuries.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher said last Saturday at Gavin Park there was a Coaches Challenge Basketball Tournament. It was very successful and raised money for the Wilton Food Pantry. Thank you to all who donated and participated.

Supervisor Johnson said there was discussion about presenting plaques to former board members. Nancy Riely did get the plaques. Sue Peterson has served on the planning board since 1993 and served

23 years, she is not able to get out at night. Her plaque will be delivered to her. Joe Bartol is relaxing in Florida and won't return until April. We will present his plaque when he returns.

Comptroller's Report

1.) December 2016 Cash Disbursements

General Fund	\$376,471
<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>468,128</u>
Total	\$844,599

2.) 2016 Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #79

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2016 budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/2/2017 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

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

3.) Personnel

a.

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

RESOLUTION #80

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve overnight travel to attend the Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference from March 4-March 9, 2017 in Lake Placid, New York for the following:

**Mark Mykins
John Herlihy
Scott Harrington**

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

b.

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

RESOLUTION #81

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Lisa Major as Senior Clerk in the Building Department at a rate of \$16.24 per hour with benefits effective February 7, 2017.

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

Other Business

Councilman Lant said he wanted to thank Ryan Riper for all of the work he has put into the new court building.

Supervisor Johnson said the Times Union ran an article, two weeks ago, evaluating all of the Capital District Municipal websites. Wilton was rated one of the best sites. We may have been number one as far as points. Jeff Reale and Rich Richbart of Spanet put a lot of work into it. **Mr. Reale** said the department heads do a lot to keep up the site and make sure Rich gets the information.

Councilman McEachron thanked the highway superintendent and crews for keeping the roads clear on Christmas Day.

On a motion introduced by **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** and seconded by **Councilwoman Klepetar** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

_____ Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

_____ Councilman, John Lant

_____ Councilman, John McEachron

_____ Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar