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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-July 6, 2017

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:02 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 the following board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor

Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman

John Lant-Councilman

John McEachron-Councilman

Steven Streicher-Deputy Supervisor was excused.

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

Supervisor Johnson welcomed Mark Marino as the new Park and Recreation Administrator at Gavin Park. Steve Porto retired and we were fortunate enough to find Mr. Marino as his replacement.

Public Comment Session

There was none.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #121

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2017 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Planning Board Alternate Appointment

Supervisor Johnson said there is a vacancy on the planning board. The town board interviewed three very qualified applicants. The final decision was a difficult one.

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

RESOLUTION #122

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Hurt as a planning board alternate with a term of 7/6/2017-12/31/2017.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Reappointment-Parks and Recreation Commission

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

RESOLUTION #123

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Daniel Warren to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term, 8/1/2017-7/31/2020.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman McEachron said last month he commended Mike Monroe for completing the requirements for Level 1 of the Cornell University Road Master recognition program. There were five additional employees who also completed the Cornell Local Road Program for Asphalt Paving Principals course and they were Frank Holden, Dan Salmonson, Tyler Sarro, Jason Brueckner and Josh Petrie.

Councilman Lant said the Mayor of South Glens Falls is trying to get a committee together to go after National Grid for their pricing. It is getting out of control. We should get on board and contact Mayor Gutheil. It is for our residents. The rates keep going up and the delivery charges are out of control.

Supervisor Johnson said he received notice the Public Service Commission has been petitioned by National Grid for a rate increase. There is a public hearing scheduled and the town can write a letter.

Councilman McEachron asked if the town receives any portion of the National Grid delivery fees.

Supervisor Johnson said the town does not receive any fees from National Grid. **Councilman McEachron** said he called them and complained about the delivery fees many years ago. He said he was told to call your local municipality. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said Spectrum should be included too.

Councilman Lant said there is a tick problem in Wilton. It's getting worse. We don't have to spray but there has to be something to get rid of them. **Councilman McEachron** said chickens will get rid of them.

Councilman Lant said they aren't allowed everywhere in the town. **Supervisor Johnson** said there's a lot of information at town hall from Saratoga County Public Health. **Larry Gordon** said there was a study done many years ago. The county set out thousands of traps for mosquitos. They found one trap at one location that had an indication of encephalitis. Horses have to be in the area for that to happen. It was at Camp Saratoga. A single mosquito tested positive over a two year period of testing. The county also sprayed for ticks, along the road, with Malathion. It is now outlawed by the state 30 years ago.

Supervisor Johnson said the ticks are anywhere there is high grass. You have to spray yourself, wear long pants and check for ticks after being outside.

Town Clerk Sue Baldwin thanked Scott Harrington, Roy Vanderbogart and Jason Strong for great job they did remodeling the clerk's office. They were neat, orderly and timely.

Supervisor Johnson reminded everyone Parkfest will be held on Saturday, July 8 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Fireworks will be starting around 9:30. There will be great entertainment, food and shows. It's a great family event.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2017 Budget Amendments and Transfers

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

RESOLUTION #124

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/6/2017 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 4-0.

2.) Personnel

a.

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

RESOLUTION #125

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to ratify the decision to hire Mark Marino into the vacant Recreation Administrator position at a rate of \$30.75 per hour with full benefits, effective June 26, 2017.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

b.

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

RESOLUTION #126

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to ratify the decision to hire William Lemanski into the vacant Recreation Maintenance Worker position at a rate of \$14.50 per hour with full benefits, effective June 27, 2017.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

c.

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

RESOLUTION #127

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to reclassify Roy Vanderbogart from Maintenance Worker to Building Maintenance Mechanic, Step 3 at \$17.74 per hour with full benefits and Jason Strong from Maintenance Worker to Building Maintenance Mechanic, Step 1 at \$16.73 per hour with full benefits, effective July 11, 2017.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Internal Reviews

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

RESOLUTION #128

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Internal Review, with no irregularities or discrepancies noticed in the sample of the departments reviewed, as required by Town Law Section 123 Annual Accounting by Town Officers and Employees, with all work papers on file in the Town Comptroller's Office.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Grant Cottage Amended Contract

Mr. Reale stated Grant Cottage is requesting an additional \$5,000. We have a contract in place and a budget amendment would have to be made for the additional monies. **Supervisor Johnson** said Friends of Grant Cottage is having their main fundraiser on October 7, 2017. It is a reenactment camp and will bring in 400-500 people. They don't have enough parking and they will be using land on Ballard Road for parking and shuttling folks to and from the cottage. Grant Cottage is a wonderful attraction and brings in thousands of people throughout the season. It's a great organization and a good investment to support. Saratoga County will donate two vans for transporting. All events will be posted on the town website.

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

RESOLUTION #129

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the one time amendment to the Grant Cottage contract for \$5,000 from A5990 Appropriated Fund Balance to A7520.4 Grant Cottage.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Not on the agenda

Supervisor Johnson stated the board received a draft Solar Energy Law the Zoning Update Committee has proposed. **Ryan K. Riper, P.E.**, Director of Planning and Engineering said the committee has proposed the Solar Energy Law to add to our existing law. It is for review, comment and changes. Next month, the board can set a public hearing for September and adopt the law after the public hearing. **Councilman McEachron** asked if most of the law is for the termination of solar fields. **Mr. Riper** said that was one concern. It also covers large scale solar systems, ones that produce more than 25kw and its primary purpose is for offsite sale. It is more the commercial side of solar energy. **Supervisor Johnson** said the proposed law was received today and if there are any questions please contact Mr. Riper.

On a motion introduced by **Councilman McEachron** and seconded by **Councilwoman Klepetar** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

Councilman, John Lant

Councilman, John McEachron

Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar

