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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-October 4, 2018

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Supervisor Johnson and **Deputy Supervisor Lant** asked for a moment of silence for Larry Gordon.

Roll Call

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

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Steven Streicher-Councilman
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
John Lant-Deputy Supervisor
John McEachron-Councilman

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

Supervisor Johnson announced the retirement of Jeff Reale the Comptroller. It's a happy day for him but not for us. Jeff has kept our finances straight, monitored all our budgets and has certainly provided a comfortable level of accuracy. **Supervisor Johnson** presented Mr. Reale with a plaque. **Mr. Reale** said he wanted to thank the staff for a really nice luncheon today. He also thanked the board and said he worked with some really good people like Ray O'Connor and the late Larry Gordon. He also mentioned Deputy Supervisor Lant's involvement in Wilton Youth Baseball sponsoring a team and always supporting the kids. He also said Councilman Streicher, as the Park and Recreation liaison is all about the kids and the park is booming. He said he remembers when it was just grass fields and soccer fields and look what it is today. He also mentioned Councilman Bogardus, our new guy here on the board. He does a lot of research before he comes to these meetings and said he thinks there are a lot of good things in store for him. As far as our Supervisor, not only has he been my boss for sixteen years but he has also been a really good friend. Things he has done for this town people don't really see. **Mr. Reale** stated when they both started in 2002 the surplus was \$900,000. At the end of this year our surplus will

be close to \$7,000,000. This has been done without a town tax. It's just being smart with your spending and this is all because of great leadership. So Art, thank you very much.

Public Comment Session

Eric Rosenberg, 16 Craw Lane spoke about the Taste of Wilton, property maintenance and the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer.

Joanne Klepetar, 101 Parkhurst Road asked if there was an update for the Court Building construction.

Debbie Hewitt, 63 Castleberry Drive asked if there were any plans for a dog park.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #140

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting, as typed.

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

Supervisor Johnson stated it was that time of year again to put together a budget for next year so he'll be introducing the 2019 tentative budget and it is on the website if anyone would like to look into it further. The proposed budget is \$8,700,000 divided between the general fund of \$5, 100,000 and Highway of \$3,600,000. Some key points I am proposing that it will be 37 years the budget will not contain any town tax for either the general fund or the Highway fund. It's a balanced budget. It is a 5.4% increase over the 2018 budget but there are some substantial purchases particularly in the highway dept. such as road improvements, new highway equipment, and a vehicle. Also some renovation of bathrooms at Gavin Park to allow for changing rooms for the Splash Park and air-conditioning for the Dailey gym. Also something new is a bulk refuse day. We have never done it in the past, but contracting with County Waste over a few weekends were you can put out a variety of things to get rid of junk. The most significant things are no Town Tax. A public hearing will be scheduled for November 1, 2018

Resignation

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

RESOLUTION#141

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Charles Foehser,

II, with regret, from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

Resignation

Supervisor Johnson let the board know that he received a resignation letter from Ron and Joan Stunzi. They have been our dog control Officer for a long time. He said they would be really hard to replace. They will be here until the end of the year but wanted to give notice today. So we will be looking for that replacement as well. The Board thanked them for their service.

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

RESOLUTION #142

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignations of Ron Stunzi, Dog Control Officer and Joan Stunzi, Deputy Dog Control Officer, with regret, as of December 31, 2018

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

Committee Reports

Supervisor Johnson stated that there is a tire recycling program that the county is putting on and will be held Tuesday October 23, 2018 at the Soil and Water Conservation area. Another recycling event by Sustainable Saratoga will be on October 20, 2018 in the SPAC parking and they will accept a variety of items.

Councilman McEachron asked if we were doing any plaques for our two highway employees who retired.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2018 Budget Transfers and Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #143

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018 budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 10/4/2018 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

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

Discussion was held on the resurfacing of the walk way into the Town Hall. It was patched and it's not esthetically appealing said **Jeff Reale**. He spoke with Scott Harrington and they're willing to do this in house. If we were to contract this out you're talking about \$25,000. In house would be under \$10,000.

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

RESOLUTION #144

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018 budget amendment for the town hall front entrance sidewalk requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 10/4/2018 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

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

Supervisor Johnson discussed the building of a new pavilion down at Gavin Park. It has been ordered and delivered. The plan is to put the new one pavilion in the same location that the old one is in. The existing pavilion has to be moved. We could hire someone to come in with a crane to move it over by the playground. Mr. Marino has a price of \$50,000 to move it. **Councilman McEachron** asked if this included the site work. **Supervisor Johnson** stated site work is not included, it's just the moving of the building. There is another company that we're waiting on a price for. The other option is for our own staff to dismantle and rebuild it at the site. **Councilman Streicher** said Scott Harrington can take it apart and put it in the other location, make a few repairs and it will look the same as it does now. He said it would probably cost less than \$25,000 to do all that. That includes putting in the cement flooring and site work.

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

RESOLUTION #145

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2018 budget amendment for moving a pavilion at Gavin Park requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 10/4/2018 Report (attached) to the Town Board for up to \$50,000.

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

2.) Personnel

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

RESOLUTION #146

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of David Locke to the vacant full time MEO position at a starting rate of \$18.55 per hour with an effective hire date contingent upon completion of all documents and passing of all screening requirements at a starting rate of \$18.55 per hour.

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

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

RESOLUTION #147

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the full time hiring of Jeff Reale from October 9-30 and to train the new Town Comptroller at \$61.23 per hour.

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

Disposal of Assets

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

RESOLUTION #148

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Mark Marino's request for the disposal of Asset ID#1400, 1997 Yamaha G16AR golf cart at Auctions International.

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

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Jeff Reale said the Town has a section 8 grant program that's been run by Saratoga County Rural Preservation Cooperation for years. Over the last 6 months they have had some difficulties trying to administer our program. Jeff said he's talked to the president and she's the one who gave up the program. He sent her a letter that was in the contract that gave her ninety days to terminate the contract and she was willing to turn it over as soon as possible. There is another group Joseph Mastrianni that does a lot of these section 8 programs. They get paid directly through HUD and it doesn't cost the Town anything. They come highly recommended through our Town Auditor. He said he's been working with them and Saratoga Rural Preservation to get those moved over as soon as possible. They sent him a contract so I'm asking the Town Board to approve and authorize the Supervisor to enter into the contract with Joseph Mastrianni Inc. to administer the Town Section 8 housing program which is effective December 1, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION #149

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve and authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. to administer the Town's Section 8 Housing Program, effective December 1, 2018.

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

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Bogardus** and seconded by **Councilman Streicher** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

Councilman, John Lant

Councilman, John McEachron

Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar