

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held on November 19, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Killen, Councilors Dinehart, Jones, Parson, Steppe, Deputy Supervisor Stewart, Town Attorney Bailey, Town Clerk McMichael, Highway Superintendent Martin, Town Engineer Ackart.

GUESTS: Timothy Cutler, Tom Close, Jim Crevelling, John Tharp, Michelle Kicher, Holly Zaglaniczny, Chris Trombley, Bob Evans, Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike, John Christensen; *Chronicle Express* Reporter, Doug Paddock.

Excused: Deputy Supervisor Stewart, Highway Superintendent Martin.

Supervisor Killen called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:00 P.M.

A moment of silence was taken in honor of Steve Hulse who recently passed. Mr. Hulse served on the Town Board from 1990-1997.

Supervisor Killen stated an Executive Session would be held at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation with the Village of Penn Yan.

RESOLUTION #172-14
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Supervisor Killen, seconded by Councilor Jones, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting be approved with the following amendment to clarify Resolution #158-14:

Changes to the Preliminary Budget include the Water/Wastewater Maintainer salary increases as ratified in the Teamsters Contract and a typo on the outside village assessed value which result in a ~~1.467% increase in the Town Tax Rate~~ change from Tentative Town Budget increase of 1.457% to a Preliminary Budget increase of 1.467% of the Town Tax Rate.

RESOLUTION #173-14
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilor Steppe, seconded by Councilor Dinehart, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the bills be paid as presented in the following

amounts:

General:	\$62,491.24
Outside Village	\$ 6,582.50
Highway DB:	\$82,729.49
Sewer:	\$38,276.54
Water:	\$ 5,783.98

October Utilities:

General:	\$ 40.01
Sewer:	\$ 113.67
Water:	\$ 379.67
Trust:	\$32,754.10

RESOLUTION #174-14
SUPERVISOR REPORT

On a motion of, seconded by, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Supervisor's Report on the Town's finances for the month of October 2014 be accepted as presented.

PRESENTATION - BLUFF POINT ASSOCIATION SIGNAGE - ROUTE 54A OVERLOOK

Tom Close displayed two signs donated by the Bluff Point Association (BPA) providing information on the history and geology of Keuka Lake and the Bluff. These will be placed at the Route 54A scenic overlook. Supervisor Killen will submit the NYSDOT Highway Work Permit application in accordance with Resolution #136-14. The BPA will provide a letter to the Town stating the BPA is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the signs.

PRESENTATION - HEROIN AND OPIATE ABUSE AWARENESS

Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike made a presentation on the recent increase in heroin use and related crimes in the area.

FEMA UPDATE - SIMMONS RECOVERY CONSULTANTS

Simmons Recovery Consultants provided an update on our FEMA recovery effort from the spring floods.

New York State will provide Yates County with additional state assistance to cover the local share of the FEMA public assistance cost of the flood damages.

Supervisor Killen will meet with John Tharp, 523 Court Street, on November 21st to discuss the damages to his drainage system that occurred when emergency road repairs were done during the floods.

TOWN OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

TOWN ENGINEER

- Notes of the November 10, 2014 KPSW meeting on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- The Town Board denied a request from Holly Zaglaniczny, 2835 Culver Hill Road to replace the existing bushes with arborvitae that screen the sewer bioxide tank.

COUNCIL

- Councilor Dinehart will form a subcommittee to address a Town Lawn Mowing/Maintenance Law.

SUPERVISOR

- Christmas in Branchport will be held December 6th from 10:00-3:00.
- A ticket has been issued to John Carroll due to unresolved safety concerns at 3408 Guyanoga Road.
- Supervisor Killen read a letter from Bob Worden commending the Highway Department for the excellent work they do.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

AGR ZONING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE:

Councilor Jones and Subcommittee Member Jim Crevelling will review the proposed Agricultural Residential (AGR) District zoning amendments and report next month. It was noted the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) discussed the proposed one-acre lot size at their September meeting and informed the Town Board they were in agreement that the current zoning laws are adequate and should be not be changed.

BRANCHPORT HAMLET SUBCOMMITTEE:

The "Welcome to Branchport" sign has been delivered and will be installed.

LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROJECT:

Councilor Steppe stated the last Local Waterfront Revitalization Project subcommittee meeting was held. Attendance was good. The 64-page Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy is available on the Town website www.jerusalem-ny.org.

RESOLUTION #175-14

ADOPT TOJ WATERFRONT HAMLET & PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN

On a motion of Councilor Steppe, seconded by Councilor Jones, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Whereas, a committee consisting of local residents, business owners, board members, Keuka College representatives, and Finger Lakes Museum members was formed in April 2013; and

Whereas, a framework was agreed upon to establish a proactive approach to preserve natural resources, leverage the waterfront as a regional community asset, and continue to plan for the development of the Hamlet of Branchport, the Finger Lakes Museum and expansion of Keuka College; and

Whereas, monthly meeting were held by the committee to develop the plan; and

Whereas, three community workshops were help to present the progress, along with solicit input from the community on their thought sand recommendations specific to the local waterfront strategy; in addition a presentation was made to the Bluff Point Association at their annual meeting; and

Whereas, no major changes were recommended from the last community workshop and the committee unanimously recommended to close the project and finalize the draft; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the Town of Jerusalem adopt the Waterfront Hamlet & Public Access Plan - A Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy document.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

The Holiday Party will be held on December 5th from 2:00-4:00 P.M. at the Antique Inn. We will also recognize the retirement of Highway employee Art Burk and Town Attorney Phil Bailey.

LANG OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA:

The road maintenance agreement has not been received to date on the Lang Open Development Area application. Supervisor Killen will follow up with Code Enforcement Officer Phillips on this matter.

RESOLUTION #176-14

APPOINTMENT - FULL-TIME HIGHWAY MEDIUM EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

On a motion of Councilor Dinehart, seconded by Councilor Parson, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
 Nays 0

Whereas Arthur Burk retired his full-time Medium Equipment Operator position in the Highway Department on October 7, 2014; now, therefore, be it

Resolved Dan Wheeler be hired as the full-time Medium Equipment Operator effective November 24, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$15.50.

RESOLUTION #177-14

AUTHORIZE KPSW TO ATTEND FINGER LAKES WATER WORKS CONFERENCE WINTER MEETING

On a motion of Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Dinehart, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
 Nays 0

Whereas; Finger Lakes Water Works Conference is hosting the Winter Meeting at the Waterloo Holiday Inn located at 2468 NYS Route 414, Waterloo, NY; and

Whereas; the cost for a pre-paid, pre-registered 2014 Conference Member for December 4, 2014 is \$23.00/person; and

Whereas; accreditation of operator contact hours will be given for attendance; and

Whereas; operator contact hours are a requirement of the NYS Department of Health for recertification; and

Whereas; instruction and training expenses were approved in the 2014 budget; now,

Therefore be it resolved to authorize attendance of up to (2) people from the Water / Sewer Department to attend the Finger Lakes Water Works Conference Winter Meeting at a cost of \$23.00/person with the expense being funded by the 8340 and 8120 account.

RESOLUTION #178-14

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTION 800 AMENDMENT

On a motion of Councilor Parson, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
 Nays 0

Whereas, the Town Board feels that six months is too lengthy a time for a new hire to become eligible for the medical and dental benefits; and

Whereas, the Town Board foresees the need for new hires within the near future due to retirement(s); and

Whereas, given the current economic environment, the Town Board understands the need for medical and dental benefits for their employees; now, therefore be it

Resolved that paragraph 2 of Section 806 Medical/Dental Insurance of the Employee Handbook be amended to read:

"Coverage for full-time employees will begin upon the first day of the month following one month of employment or for elected officials the first day of office provided all eligibility requirements of the insurance plan are met"; and, be it further

Resolved this amendment will be implemented immediately.

RESOLUTION #179-14

AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL CONSULTANT FOR SALT STORAGE BUILDING PROJECT

On a motion of Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Parson, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. The firm of Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., is hereby designated financial consultant to the Town of Jerusalem.
2. Said firm shall be compensated for its services to be rendered in connection with the Salt Storage Shed Project in accordance with its letter of services dated November 5, 2014.
3. The Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver said letter of services.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yates County Legislator Doug Paddock announced the County Budget was adopted last night, noting Jerusalem's tax rate is the highest amount at \$7.35/M due to our 97% equalization rate.

RESOLUTION #180-14

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Killen, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that this meeting be interrupted to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with the Village of Penn Yan.

The Executive Session convened at 9:20 P.M.

The following information was provided by Supervisor Killen.

RESOLUTION #181-14

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Killen, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Board return to regular session.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:40 P.M.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk