

sMinutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held on January 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Killen, Councilors Anderson, Jones, Sisson, Stewart, Town Clerk McMichael, Highway Superintendent Martin, Town Engineer Ackart.

GUESTS: Tim Cutler, David Smith, Mollie Ross, Bruce Lyon, Joe DeGeorge, Zac DeVoe, Jeff Arnold, Bill Neilsen, Rebecca Flynn Ames, Tim Driscoll, Doug Paddock, Barbara Lyon, Sara Lyon, John Christensen; *Chronicle Express* Reporter

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

RESOLUTION #18-19

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #19-19

AUDIT OF CLAIMS - 2018 YEAR END

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills be paid as presented in the following amounts:

2018 Year End

General:	\$ 7,894.78
Outside Village	\$ 335.57
Highway DB:	\$55,658.51
Sewer:	\$45,990.91
Water:	\$ 3,841.14
Capital:	\$ 5,046.00

January 2019

General:	\$ 7,141.70
Outside Village:	\$27,840.24
Highway DB:	\$ 6,924.94
B'port Light:	\$ 256.81
Sewer:	\$ 1,585.34
Water:	\$ 3,111.41
Trust:	\$ 1,402.00

December Utilities:

General:	\$ 1,886.31
Outside Village:	\$ 80.09
Sewer:	\$ 109.83
Water:	\$ 220.62
Trust:	\$22,845.12

RESOLUTION #20-19

SUPERVISOR REPORT

On a motion of Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Supervisor's Report on the Town's finances for the month of December 2018 be accepted as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B-2018 ZONING AMENDMENT

With proof of notice having been duly published and posted, Supervisor Killen opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M., asking for comments on the proposed amendments to Chapter 160 Zoning.

Jeff Arnold spoke in favor of the proposed zoning changes, stating he foresees no adverse outcomes and feels it would make the Code Enforcement Officer's job easier.

Bill Neilsen spoke in favor, noting construction on his property is pending adoption of this amendment. He hopes these changes will help a lot of people in similar situations.

TOWN OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- The new MEO began January 7th. Highway Superintendent Martin commended his new hire for doing a good job during the ice storm, along with all the Highway employees.
- Ditching and brush trimming continues as weather permits.
- The generator has been installed.

RESOLUTION #21-19

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Whereas the Highway Superintendent has submitted a \$1,000 bid on Auctions International for a side conveyor for sale by the Village of Penn Yan to be awarded on January 22, 2019; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the Supervisor be authorized to sign a check for payment if we are the winning bidder.

TOWN ENGINEER

- Notes of the January 10, 2019 KPSW meeting on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- Final approval was received from NYS Department of Health on the water capital project for main restoration and tank painting. Bids will be advertised next week and awarded at the March meeting.
- An unknown obstruction was identified on Sylvan Drive during the sewer rehabilitation project this summer. The issue was resolved yesterday when a 6 inch pipe was found lodged in the main.
- The KPSW Committee is looking into conducting an income survey to assist the Town in securing funding for our projects.

ASSESSOR

- Supervisor Killen reviewed the Assessor's report. The report will be attached to the minutes and distributed to the Board. Assessor Fisher was commended for his informative report.
- An email was sent December 27, 2018 on the Senges Article 7 filing.

COUNCIL

Councilor Stewart stated the physical building is not conducive to hold jury trials at the Town Hall and inquired about using a room at the County. He was instructed to contact Court Clerk Carol Winslow or Judge Cook to reserve a room for future trials.

SUPERVISOR

Annette Toaspern submitted a letter to the Town Board today noting concerns with zoning and a decision by the Zoning Board in the R1 district. This will be placed on the February agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B-2018 ZONING AMENDMENT

Chris Vaughn spoke in favor of the proposed changes, noting common sense prevails in this situation.

RESOLUTION #22-19

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B-2018 ZONING AMENDMENT

On a motion of Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Sisson, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

With all persons desiring to be heard, the public hearing on proposed Local Law B-2018 Zoning Amendment was closed at 7:35 P.M.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

RESOLUTION #23-19
SEQR DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE- PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B-2018
ZONING AMENDMENT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerusalem Town Board, hereinafter referred to as Town Board, has determined proposed Local Law No. B of 2018 to be a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations, and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and accepted the Environmental Record prepared on said action, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the potential impacts associated with said action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board makes this Determination of Non-Significance based upon: the Long Environmental Assessment Form prepared for this action, Town Board Public Hearing Record on said action; and, the Environmental Record prepared on said action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Town Board makes this Determination of Non-Significance based on the following reasons supporting this determination:

1. The Town Board considered the action as defined in subdivisions 617.2(b) and 617.3(g) of Part 617 of the SEQR Regulations; and,
2. The Town Board did review the EAF, the criteria contained in subdivision (c) of 617.7 and other supporting information to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern; and,
3. The Town Board did thoroughly analyze the identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the action may have significant adverse impact on the environment; and
4. The Town Board did set forth its determination of significance in written form containing a reasoned elaboration and providing reference to all supporting documentation.

RESOLUTION #24-19

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 ZONING AMENDMENT

On a motion of Councilor Sisson, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the following was

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Jones	Aye
Supervisor Killen	Aye
Councilor Stewart	Aye
Councilor Sisson	Aye
Councilor Anderson	Aye

WHEREAS, a Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on January 16, 2019, at 7:05 p.m. at Jerusalem Town Hall, 3816 Italy Hill Road, Branchport, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled, "A Local Law Amending the Town of Jerusalem Zoning Ordinance" and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Jerusalem, on December 26, 2018 and January 2, 2019 and other notices required to be given by law were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on January 16, 2019, at 7:05 p.m. at the Jerusalem Town Hall, 3816 Italy Hill Road, Branchport, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of said Local Law would not have a significant effect upon the environment and could be processed by other applicable governmental agencies without further regard to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Jerusalem to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem hereby adopts said Local Law No.1 of 2019, entitled "A Local Law Amending the Town of Jerusalem Zoning Ordinance", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the Local Law Book of the Town of Jerusalem, to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York, to publish an abstract of this local law in the Town's official newspaper and to post a copy of this local law conspicuously at or near the main entrance to the office of the Town Clerk.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

KENNEL REGULATIONS

Supervisor Killen has received feedback on kennel regulations to identify what language would be best suited for Jerusalem.

Joe DeGeorge and Bonnie Dillon, Yates County Humane Society Executive Director are strong proponents of regulation. The Town of Gorham's kennel law was submitted as sample legislation. The number of breeding females and their aftercare were noted concerns. Rebecca Flynn Ames and Mollie Ross spoke to the need for regulation. John Christensen asked if it is possible to exclude cage breeding.

RESOLUTION #25-19

TOWN HALL FLAG LIGHT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

Whereas only one of two electricians contacted by Supervisor Killen provided a quote to hard wire the Town Hall flag light; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the Board authorize spending up to \$300 to install the flag light.

YATES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AT-LARGE MEMBER

Jim Crevelling declined the Jerusalem at large position on the Yates County Planning Board. Jim Bird has been approached and will make a decision by January 31st.

RESOLUTION #26-19

Authorize Supervisor to sign County Intermunicipal Agreement for John Deere 85G Compact Excavator

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisor be authorized to sign the Yates County Intermunicipal Agreement for the John Deere 85G Compact Excavator.

Annual Accounting - Town Justice's Books

The Annual Accounting of the Justice books for 2018 was conducted on January 11, 2019 by the Town Justice Subcommittee.

RESOLUTION #27-19

Introducing Local Law and Calling A Public Hearing - Tax Cap

Override Local Law A-2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Jerusalem to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Jerusalem and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on February 20, 2019, at 7:05 p.m. at the Jerusalem Town Hall, 3816 Italy Hill Road, Branchport, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Jerusalem sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem for its consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to provide all other notices as required by law for the adoption of this local law.

RESOLUTION #28-19

AMENDMENTS TO JANUARY 2, 2019 ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES:

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

Resolved the minutes of the January 2, 2019 Organization Meeting minutes be amended as follows:

RESOLUTION #3-19 Correction to Town Engineer annual salary of \$15,300.49 appropriated at \$11,410.34 Water fund and \$4,890.15 Sewer fund

RESOLUTION #4-19 Addition to Fee Schedule:

Stand Alone Generator \$50
Solar Panels Under 30 \$50
 Over 30 \$100

RESOLUTION #5-19 Correction to Registrar Salary of \$2,289 for 2019

Councilor Sisson stated comments have been received that the area variance application fee is too high. The fees were adopted as recommended by the Code Enforcement Committee and will remain until such time the Committee brings it back to the Board.

RESOLUTION #29-19

2018 Year End Budget Transfers

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

General A fund

From: 1990.4-Contingent \$12,592.00

To:

1010.1 Town Board	\$ 148.00
1110.1 Justice	\$4,559.00
1355.4 Assessor	\$ 423.00
1410.4 Town Clerk	\$ 244.00
1420.4 Attorney	\$1,376.00
1470.1 Grievance PS	\$ 90.00
1620.4 Building	\$2,565.00
1660.4 Storeroom	\$ 441.00
3989.4 Public Safety	\$ 367.00
5010.1 Highway Super. PS	\$ 1.00
5142.4 Garage	\$ 45.00

5182.4	Street Lighting	\$	14.00
8160.1	Cleanup day PS	\$	12.00
8160.4	Clean-up day	\$	1,375.00
9010.8	Retirement	\$	932.00
From:	1355.1 Assessor PS	\$	13,863.24
	1355.2 Assessor EQ	\$	500.00
To:			
	1355.4 Assessor	\$	14,363.24

General B fund

From:	8020.4 Planning	\$	74.00
To:	8020.1 Planning PS	\$	74.00

Highway DB fund

From:	5110.4 General Repairs	\$	28,318.00
To:	8760.4 FEMA	\$	28,168.00
	5140.4 Brush/Weeds	\$	150.00

Water fund

From:	1990.4 Contingent	\$	7,996.00
To:	8310.1 Administrative PS	\$	896.00
	8340.1 Treatment/Distribution PS	\$	6,761.00
	9030.8 SS/Med	\$	339.00

Sewer fund

From:	1990.4 Contingent	\$	7,762.00
To:	8120.1 PS Sanitary Sewers	\$	7,167.00
	8189.4 Grinder Pumps	\$	253.00
	9030.8 SS/Med	\$	342.00

RESOLUTION #30-19

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTION 800 MEDICAL/DENTAL AMENDMENT

On a motion of Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Sisson, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Whereas, the Highway Committee feels that the Town's current time frame to be eligible for medical and dental benefits of anywhere from 30 to 60 days depending on date of hire is not equal to all new hires; and

Whereas, the Highway Committee foresees the need for new hires in the near future due to retirement(s); and

Whereas, given the current economic environment, the Highway Committee 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 #31-19

Code Enforcement Vehicle needs

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Whereas a new town vehicle should have decals or signage on the doors, and

Whereas the Code Enforcement vehicle should have floor mats to help protect flooring from salt & moisture, and

Whereas the Code Enforcement Officer travels to and moves around remote construction worksites where there is a chance of cuts, scrapes or minor injury, and

Whereas a pickup truck may need weight in the bed to assist with traction in winter weather,

Therefore be it resolved that a total of \$225 in the following amounts be allocated to address the CEO vehicle needs:

Not more than \$160 dollars for door signs "Town of Jerusalem" and "Code Enforcement" for CEO vehicle from KG Graphics in Penn Yan and up to

\$25 for heavy duty rubber floor mats, and

\$20 for first aid kit or supplies, and

\$20 storage totes with lids (to be filled with sand for rear weight)

Highway Superintendent Martin offered a non-usable mounted truck tire to use as weight for the CEO truck instead of sand.

RESOLUTION #32-19

Finger Lakes Water Works Conference Annual Business Meeting & Membership Dues

On a motion of Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Whereas; Finger Lakes Water Works Conference is hosting the 2019 Annual Business Meeting at Club 86, Avenue E, Geneva, NY 14456 on February 7st, 2019 at 9:00 am;

Whereas; the cost for a pre-paid, pre-registered 2019 Conference Member is \$25.00/person;

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

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

Whereas; Membership dues for Bradley Donovan should be purchased for his future instruction and training as a water operator. Three year membership cost is \$15.00.

Whereas; instruction, training expenses and membership dues were approved in the 2019 budget;

Therefore be it resolved to authorize attendance for up to (2) person(s) from the Water / Sewer Department to attend the Finger Lakes Water Works Conference Annual Business Meeting at a cost of \$25.00/person. This expense to be funded 70% from the 8340.4 and 30% by 8120.4. May it also be resolved to authorize payment for membership dues for Bradley Donovan expiring February 2022. This expense to be funded 70% from the 8310.4 and 30% by 8110.4.

RESOLUTION #33-19

Authorize Keuka Park Sewer & Water Dept. to pay mileage for Code Enforcement Officer 2012 Ford Escape

On a motion of Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Anderson, Jones, Killen, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Whereas, the Keuka Park Sewer & Water Dept. is in need of a vehicle for Bradley Donovan until such time a current employee's retirement. The department would like to pay mileage for usage,

when needed at the current Internal Revenue Service recommended rate for 2019. The 2019 rate is 58 cents per mile.

Now be it resolved that the Keuka Park Sewer & Water Dept. may reimburse the Town of Jerusalem for mileage usage under appropriation accounts 8120.4 & 8340.4.

It was clarified that Highway Superintendent Martin will charge the monthly gas billing to KPSW.

RESOLUTION #34-19

RESOLUTION to approve use of Municipay to allow payment to Town of Jerusalem with credit, debit and electronic checks

Supervisor Killen moved the following, seconded by Councilor Anderson:

Whereas constituents have asked to make payments with credit or debit cards for TOJ fees and payments, and

Whereas Municipay appears to be a cost effective way for the Town to offer such service to constituents, and

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Jerusalem will contract with Municipay to set up credit, debit and electronic check payment options for Town of Jerusalem for other than Water and Sewer payments and authorize Supervisor and other Town Employees to facilitate set up.

DISCUSSION:

An on-line demonstration was conducted by Municipay in December. Fees associated with Municipay are passed on to the cardholder who agrees to pay the disclosed fees; credit and debit cards are 2.65% of the total transaction or a \$3.00 minimum. The fees for online ACH payments are a flat \$1.50. A website link can be set up for online payments. There is an associated cost to purchase an \$85 credit card reader for payments in-person. Municipay will be used by the Building Department. There was no call for a vote.

RESOLUTION #35-19

PLACE USE OF MUNICIPAL CREDIT, DEBIT AND ELECTRONIC CHECK PAYMENTS ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Jones, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	1	Killen
	Abstain	1	Anderson

Whereas following discussion on the use of Municipay to allow payment with credit, debit and electronic checks further clarification is needed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved Municipay be placed on the February agenda to clearly define the process and provide details on the accountability and internal controls.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Smith wanted to share concerns about the recent Planning Board action on the LyonSmith Brewery site plan with the Town Board. A lengthy discussion ensued on the unintended consequences of having to demolish the existing structure. The applicant is hopeful this process can be expedited as they have shut down operations and need to get opened for the upcoming season. Three options for the site have been submitted for consideration by the Planning Board at their February meeting.
- County Legislator Doug Paddock stated 39 employees were recognized at the County for their years of service totaling 545 years.
- Broadband is being studied to bring it to unserved and underserved areas.

With there being no further business, on a motion of Supervisor Killen, seconded by Councilor Sisson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT 1
Local Law No. A of the year 2019

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Be it enacted by the **Town Board**

Town of **Jerusalem**

as follows:

Section 1: Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Jerusalem, County of Yates pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Jerusalem to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the town board for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2: Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

Section 3: Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem, County of Yates, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4: Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5: Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT 2
TOWN OF JERUSALEM
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem on the 20th day of February, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Jerusalem Town Hall, 3816 Italy Hill Road, Branchport, New York, regarding the adoption of a Local Law which would permit the Town Board to adopt a budget for the 2020 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Any resident of the Town of Jerusalem shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Town of Jerusalem Town Hall, 3816 Italy Hill Road, Branchport, New York.

This by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk

Assessor's Report- January 2019

Over the past 3 weeks I have been reviewing the files to associate myself with office.

-Reviewing hundreds of past emails to confirm no lost correspondence and cleaning up the inbox

-Review of two pending cases.

Exemption Update:

-236 Agriculture Assessment Renewals were mailed out the first week in January

-12 have been received and processed

196-Enhanced STAR exemptions were mailed out- 35 have been received and processed

10- New Enhanced application received and processed

42-Low Income Senior renewal application mailed out- 16 have been received and processed

76-Building permits reviewed and updated to RPS,

- \$173,400.00 increase in Total assessed value based on physical improvements

- \$40,700 in assessed value decrease (demolition)

RP-556-b Application for Correction of Multiple-parcel Errors:

-The Alternative Veteran's Exemption was set at an incorrect limit causing the County portion of the Exemption to be set to low, therefor overstating the taxable value on those parcels.

-New bills were printed by the county and mailed to the owners.