

**TOWN OF JAY REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2022
7:00 PM @ TOWN OF JAY COMMUNITY CENTER**

PRESENT: Supervisor Matt Stanley, Councilman Tom McDonald, Councilman Knut Sauer, Councilman Adam Coolidge, Councilman Steve Forbes, Town Clerk Carol Greenley Hackel

OTHERS: DPW Director Kevin Lincoln, Code Enforcement Officer Robbe Baer, Gerald Newman, Erin Tobin (AARCH), Christine Bush (AARCH) MJ Lawrence (ROOST), Jim McKenna (ROOST), Michelle Preston, Lynn Edmunds, Jody Hart, Dave Hart, Olivia Dwyer, Sue Young, Cheri Cross, Holly Andrew, Bobby Andrew

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Stanley

Pledge to the flag led by Supervisor Stanley

Motion by Councilman Forbes to pay audited bills as presented, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution # 031022-69

Motion to accept Minutes from February 8, 2022 Special Joint Meeting made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution # 031022-70

Motion to accept Minutes from February 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting made by Councilman Coolidge, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #031022-71

Motion to accept Minutes from February 22, 2022 Public Hearing re; SS Disinfection, made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution # 031022-72

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

1. ROOST (on behalf of IronMan) – a presentation was given by MJ Lawrence and Jim McKenna outlining the economic boost Ironman provides to Essex County and their requests and proposals for future events. After a lengthy discussion a motion of support for a three-year contract with IronMan was made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.
Resolution #031022-73
2. AARCH- a presentation was given by Erin Tobin and Christine Bush regarding the possibility of creating a National Historic District in Au Sable Forks. A survey would need to be done in order to apply-a grant is available to write the grant and do the survey which should cost \$10,000. A motion authorizing Supervisor Stanley to apply for the grant (free to apply) made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.
Resolution #031022-74

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

DPW Department-Director Kevin Lincoln

1. Request to raise the price of a water push/tap from \$650 to \$1050, motion to approve made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed. **Resolution #031022-75**
2. Motion made Councilman McDonald to approve the purchase of tires for J/21 and J/9 in the amount of \$12,931.34, second by Councilman Forbes, a roll call vote was held as follows;
Supervisor Stanley-Yes
Councilman McDonald-Yes
Councilman Sauer-Yes
Councilman Coolidge-Yes
Councilman Forbes-Yes
All in favor, none opposed, duly passed
Resolution #031022-76
3. 38 pump outs scheduled for this year

4. Can the sand swept off the roads be given to residents? Attorney Manning advised previously against this
5. Snow blower now working good
6. Possibly losing a DPW employee to retirement

Code Enforcement Officer Robbe Baer

1. Flood updates
 - a. Revoked Certificate of Occupancy for 2 homes, 6 and 11 Broad Lane, until engineering reports can be provided
 - b. All repairs are being allowed to be done without building permits for flood victims
 - c. Inspections have been done on all compromised foundations
 - d. Four homes severely damaged
 - e. Vehicles in the ice have been removed by owner's personal insurances
 - f. Dumpster containers in the Jersey and Intervale sections were donated by Casella Waste
 - g. Personally gone door to door with questionnaires for flood damage reports
 - h. Proposed a town amnesty day to be funded with demo line
 - i. Would like Electrical Service Upgrades to be added to the Building Permit Fee Schedule in the amount of \$50, motion for this addition made by Councilman McDonald, second by Supervisor Stanley, four in favor, Councilman Forbes opposed, duly passed

Resolution #031022-77

Attorney Manning

1. Introduced a motion requesting the Marijuana Dispensary Law be put on the ballot in November, motion made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman Coolidge, a roll call vote was held as follows;

Supervisor Stanley-Yes
 Councilman McDonald-Yes
 Councilman Sauer-Yes
 Councilman Coolidge-Yes
 Councilman Forbes-Yes
 All in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution 031022-78
2. Resolution of Prior Notice is from 1977. Attorney Manning to update and present at a future meeting

SUPERVISORS REPORT

1. From the Jay/Black Brook Youth Commission:
 - a. A motion was made by Councilman Coolidge to approve payment of \$500, (Town of Jay responsible for \$250, Town of Black Brook responsible for \$250), for a wrestling Program Coordinator for a new proposed program, second by Councilman Sauer, a roll call vote was held as follows:

Supervisor Stanley-Yes
 Councilman McDonald-Yes
 Councilman Sauer-Yes
 Councilman Coolidge-Yes
 Councilman Forbes-Yes
 All in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #031022-79
 - b. A motion to approve the appointment of Grace Potthast to the Jay/Black Brook Youth Commission was made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #031022-80
 - c. Supervisor presented a quote from Liz Tedford for an income survey for the waste water project-tabled until a future meeting

RESOLUTIONS

1. A motion to accept, with regret, the resignation letter of Animal Control Officer Tiffany Blaney was made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #031022-81

UPDATES

1. Community Center Upgrades
 - a. Heating system is fully operational and we have been trained on thermostat controls
 - b. Air handlers in the gym are up and running on a schedule
 - c. Control valves are needed for the fin tubes

2. WWTF
 - a. Application has been submitted to EFC
3. Flood Update
 - a. Still participating in weekly meetings with the United Way and the Long Term Recovery Group
 - b. Jay did not meet the threshold (25 homes) for SBA assistance
4. With COVID numbers declining the Senior Citizen Club is will begin holding their monthly meeting/lunch at the Community Center in April. Supervisor Stanley asked for approval to purchase tables and chairs to accommodate these, and other events (approx. \$1500). Motion made by Supervisor McDonald, second by Councilman Sauer, a roll call vote was held as follows;
 - Supervisor Stanley-Yes
 - Councilman McDonald-Yes
 - Councilman Sauer-Yes
 - Councilman Coolidge-Yes
 - Councilman Forbes-Yes
 All in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #031022-82

BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Sauer

1. Motion to increase General Insurance Liability Umbrella from \$1 million to \$5 million at an annual cost of \$2045.00, second by Councilman McDonald, a roll call vote was held as follows;
 - Supervisor Stanley-Yes
 - Councilman McDonald-Yes
 - Councilman Sauer-Yes
 - Councilman Coolidge-Yes
 - Councilman Forbes-Yes
 All in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #031022-83

Councilman McDonald

1. Inquired about Water Tower Bids-per Supervisor Stanley; no bids have been received
2. Did the generator in Intervale suffer damage during flood-per DPW Kevin Lincoln; Kinsley has been out and the generators are fine and ready to go
3. Fire Alarm system going in? yes
4. New laundromat in town looks great-congratulations to the new owners

Councilman Coolidge

1. Still working with Councilman McDonald and Town Clerk Carol Greenley Hackel on the Policy Manual revisions. Another meeting is planned

Councilman Forbes

1. Requests that Supervisor Stanley inquire with ACAP and Robin Mussen to the possibility of hiring a summer employment program youth to help Norm paint hydrants

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Olivia Dwyer
 - a. Voiced concerns that locals are beginning to not be able to afford their homes- what can the Town do to keep housing affordable for locals. She reports that lower priced homes are being purchased for short term rental properties. An occupancy tax would make this practice less appealing
 - i. Councilman Sauer-Keene is already ahead of us on this
 - ii. Councilman Coolidge-would like to see a nice apartment complex put up in the town
 - iii. Supervisor Stanley-will investigate the possibility of an Affordable Housing Committee

Announced next meeting- April 14, 2022, 7:00 pm @ Community Center

A motion by Councilman McDonald to go to Executive Session for Personnel matter, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, left for Executive Session at 10:06 pm
Resolution #031022-84

A motion to return from Executive Session made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor, none opposed, returned from Executive Session at 10:32 pm, no decisions made while in Executive Session

Resolution #031022-85

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Coolidge, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, adjourned at 10:33 pm

Carol Greenley Hackel
Town of Jay Town Clerk