

TOWN OF JAY TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2021
7:00 PM @ AU SABLE FORKS AMBULANCE GARAGE

PRESENT: Town of Jay Supervisor Archie Depo, Councilman Spencer Reynolds, Councilman Knut Sauer, Councilman Adam Coolidge, Deputy Town Clerk Carol Greenley Hackel, Town Attorney Daniel Manning, Code Enforcement Officer Robbe Baer

OTHERS: Frank Pagano, Sue Pagano, Wayne Frederick, Lynn Edmonds, Kevin Douglas, John McCabe, Jay Ward, Mollie Ward, Lucy Ward, Steve Forbes, Helen Coolidge, Shannon Stanley, Jody Hart, Pete Vincent, Tom Matuszewski, Garth Rogers

ABSENT: Councilman Tom McDonald-excused

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Pledge to the Flag led by- Councilman Coolidge

Motion to Accept Minutes from May 2021 Meeting made by Councilman Reynolds, second by Councilman Coolidge with the following changes:

1. Councilman Coolidge requested that the minutes state that at the time of the May Meeting the monies approved prior to be moved to NY Class has not yet been transferred-Coolidge/Sauer
2. Attorney Manning requested the following changes to Resolution #051321-12 revising it to state "Authorizing Attorney Manning to execute two easements allowing Essex County access to the river through Town of Jay property, for work on the Riverbank Restoration Project"

All in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-1

Motion to approve audited bills for June 2021 made by Councilman Reynolds, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-2

Motion made by Councilman Sauer to approve Budget Amendment to decrease Capital Reserve in W2 and W3 \$26,000 and increase appropriate appropriation lines in W2 and W3 to pay invoices related to well repair, second by Councilman Reynolds, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-3

Motion made by Councilman Reynolds to pass the Resolution Establishing the "Town of Jay Riverbank Restoration Reserve Fund" under section 6-C of the General Municipal law authorizing the Supervisor to transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$350,000. Second by Supervisor Depo. A roll call vote was held:

Supervisor Depo yes
Councilman McDonald absent
Councilman Reynolds yes
Councilman Sauer yes
Councilman Coolidge yes

Duly passed

Resolution #061021-4

After a short presentation by Jay/Wilmington Democratic Committee Chair Frank Pagano, a Motion was made by Councilman Sauer to send a letter to the Essex County Board of Elections in support of the Jay/Wilmington Democratic Committee request to reopen JEMS as a second polling site for the General Election in November, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-5

A motion was made by Councilman Coolidge to authorize sending the Highway Roof Project out to bid, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-6

Supervisor Depo requested approval for "Juneteenth", a holiday signed into law by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, created to commemorate the end of slavery, as presented by Essex County, to be included in the Town of Jay Holidays for employees. After discussion, a motion to table this request was made by Councilman Coolidge, second by Councilman Sauer, tabling opposed by Councilman Reynolds, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-7

Motion made by Councilman Reynolds to approve Budget Amendment to increase CHIPS line by 2020 rollover amount of \$88,822.54 and to increase revenue line accordingly, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-8

Motion made by Councilman Coolidge to table a request from Upper Jay Water User Gretchen Vincent to be removed from the billing system as a result of her digging a well, second by Councilman Reynolds, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-9

SUPERVISORS REPORT

1. Jay Well Update- the well has been repaired and is operational. A new pump was installed, the seals have been replaced and it has been re-bored.
2. Riverbank Restoration Update-Supervisor Depo reported that he has been in contact with Dan Stec's Office and Matt Simpson's Office to help reach out to GOSR to set up a meeting to explain funding and research additional funding opportunities. Supervisor Depo also stated that contrary to what was being said on a Facebook post, there had been no secret bid opening. All bids for this project are opened by Essex County. The project has been rebid and those bids will be opened by Essex County on June 22, 2021 and the results will be sent to Supervisor Depo via email.
3. WWTF Update- Essex County Community Resources has informed Supervisor Depo that funding that was originally thought to be available is no longer going to take place. An extension is possible and we will be looking into funding for just the disinfection project at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Sauer to increase the amount of General Fund monies invested in NY Class previously invested by Supervisor Depo by \$250,000 for a total of \$750,000, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-10

A motion was made by Councilman Sauer to invest \$400,000 from the Highway Fund to NY Class, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #061021-11

BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Coolidge

1. Visitors signs at entrances to Jay have been started
2. Volunteers PK Coolidge and Gordy Smith have completed work at Carnes Granite Shed sign
3. Request for purchase at Ward Lumber for stain and brushes. Motion by Coolidge, second by Sauer, all in favor none opposed.

Resolution #061021-12

4. Ambulance Meeting update
 - a. Asked for 7% increase
 - b. Essex County Grant funding will run out in 2025
 - c. County employees are higher paid than AFAS employees
 - d. Commended AFAS for all the good work they do

Councilman Reynolds

1. Met with Councilman McDonald with two parties interested in renting rooms at the Community Center for a daycare starting in September
2. Spent several hours on the phone working on the Policy Manual update-no estimated completion date yet
3. LED streetlight conversions are almost complete-estimated to pay for themselves in savings after eight months

Councilman Sauer

1. Has been researching grants for the floodwall and believes the Town of Jay may qualify for a DEC Climate Ready Grant. He will continue to work with Essex County to research applying for this funding.
2. Researching grant for lighting at the Jay Village Green
3. Presented a motion to allow alcohol to be served at Jay Day on the Village Green, second by Councilman Coolidge, after discussion, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #031021-13

Attorney Dan Manning

1. Working on a letter from a resident requesting payment from the Town of Jay for home repairs as a result of damages caused by a sewer back up. He is working with DPW Director Chris Garrow as the Town believes there is no negligence on the part of the Town of Jay and that this is the residents home owners insurance responsibility. Updates to follow.
2. Explained the process of permissive referendum with regards to Reserve Accounts and Capital Projects

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Code Officer Robbe Baer

1. The Town only has five months left to perform hydrant tests and no one has started this project yet
2. An architect is creating rendered drawings for presentation to the Board for the Ice House project
3. Two local Code Officers have agreed to give additional oversight to difficult projects

Parks Committee-Lynn Edmonds

1. Community Garden
 - a. Has been weed trimmed
 - b. Empty plots have been covered with black cloth for weed control
 - c. Raised bed still needs soil
 - d. Go Fund Me page for Jay Playground has collected \$4500
 - e. Picnic tables have been moved to playground
 - f. Applied to Stewarts for grant for playground
 - g. Thanks her committee for all the hard work

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Jay Ward

- 1.Thanks for having the public back

Helen Coolidge

- 1.Requested the Board explain the role of the Planning Board
- 2.Guard rails on Au Sable Drive

John McCabe

1.How does the Board plan to use the CHIPS money? Answer by Supervisor Depo- the Board does not make that decision. The DPW Director is an elected official and manages his own budget

Motion made by Councilman Reynolds to adjourn, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, adjourned at 8:50 pm