# TOWN OF JAY 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 6, 2022 7:00 PM @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Matt Stanley, Attorney Daniel Manning III, Councilman Tom McDonald, Councilman Adam Coolidge, Councilman Steve Forbes, Town Clerk Carol Greenley Hackel

**OTHERS:** Gerald Newman, Olivia Dwyer, John Tibbits, Kevin Lincoln

**ABSENT:** Councilman Knut Sauer

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm

Pledge to the Flag led by Supervisor Stanley

#### **BID OPENING: ELECTRICTY PROVIDER**

Two bids opened and read aloud:

- 1. Source Power Company
- 2. Energy Co-op of America

(specific numbers available upon request)

Motion to table bids with no decision made by Councilman Coolidge, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed. *Resolution #010622-1* 

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Motion to pay Audited Bills made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed. *Resolution #010622-2* 

Motions to accept December 2022 Minutes

 December 9- Public Hearing- Cannabis – McDonald, second, Coolidge, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #010622-3

- 2. December 9- Regular Board-Coolidge, second, McDonald, none opposed, duly passed *Resolution #010622-4*
- 3. December 20-Special Board-Coolidge, second, Forbes, none opposed, duly passed Resolution #010622-5

Councilman Coolidge-Minutes are currently up to date on the website Supervisor Stanley-amazing amount of work being done in the Supervisor's Office which is why he is seeking to hire a clerk

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**None

# **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- 1. DPW Director Kevin Lincoln
  - **a.** Can he add a surcharge to E911 signs to cover pick up from Essex County? Supervisor Stanley to pick up instead while attending county meetings
  - b. Discussion to revisit Fire Alarm bids
  - c. Will be putting out specs for a new truck
  - d. Requested a Procurement Policy for the garage
  - e. Resolution for Sand Contract from Straight Sand Pit at a rate of \$1.50 per yard-no less than 6000 yards= \$9000.00 Motion by Councilman Coolidge, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed Resolution #010622-6
- 2. Code Enforcement-Absent (excused)
- 3. Attorney Manning
  - a. Will be requesting an Executive Session later in the meeting

#### **SUPERVISORS REPORT**

- 1. Correspondence
  - **a.** Need a motion to allow Assessor Tim Gay to grant Senior Exemptions based on previous years' information to prevent seniors from having to appear in person

- due to COVID. Motion made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed *Resolution #010622-7*
- **b.** Introduced the possibility of raising the maximum income to receive the Senior STAR exemption, it is possible this can be done on a sliding scale. Information provided by Assessor Tim Gay will be shared with the Board
- Senator Stec thanks the Town of Jay for the Resolution of Support for Moriah Shock Facility
- d. Need approval to appoint Jennifer Manning as the Jay/Black Brook Youth Commission Ski Program Group Leader at a compensation of \$500 (to be split with Black Brook), motion made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed Resolution #010622-8

#### 2. Old Business

- a. Community Center Project Update
  - i. Lines have been run for thermostats
  - ii. Wire moldings have been replaced by conduit in order to save time and money
  - iii. Drain pipe has been installed in the basement and caulking has been put in

#### 3. 2022 Resolutions

- a. 2022 Board Meeting Dates announced
- b. Authorization for 2022 Salaries-Motion made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed Resolution #010622-9
- **c.** Board Appointments for 2022 Motion made by Councilman McDOnald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed *Resolution #010622-10*
- **d.** Supervisor's Appointments for 2022- Motion made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed *Resolution #010622-11*
- e. Town of Jay Resolution #'s 010622-12-38 (see attached)
- f. Approval to carry over time accruals from 2021, with all accruals to stay in the same category and Comp Time to be paid out, as an exception to the Policy Manual based on COVID interruptions that made time use difficult. Motion made by Councilman Coolidge, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.
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  - Resolution #010622-39
- g. Resolution Recognizing Chris Garrow's Years of Service. Motion made by Supervisor Stanley, unanimous second, none opposed, duly passed, Resolution #010622-40

# **BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilman McDonald- Nothing at this time

Councilman Coolidge

- 1. Looking forward to getting fire and alarm coverage at the Highway Garage
- 2. Worked with Southworth Milton on a sales tax issue-we are responsible for charges

Councilman Forbes, second by Councilman Forbes,

1. Requested a long range plans for the DPW vehicles from DPW Director Kevin Lincoln

Supervisor Stanley announced that there will be KN95 masks, COVID self test kits and hand sanitizer available at the Community Center for those 60 and over and with underlying health issues.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Nothing at this time

Announce Next Board Meeting - February 7th at 7:00 pm at the Community Center

Motion for Executive Session for Legal Advice on ongoing Article 7 proceedings made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed Resolution #010622-41

Left for Executive Session at 8:20 pm

Motion to return from Executive Session (no decisions made) made by Councilman McDonald at 8:36 pm, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed. *Resolution #010622-42* 

As requested by Attorney Manning, a motion was made by Councilman McDonald to authorize the law firm of Daniel Vincellette to settle two (2) Article 7 law suits as follows

- 1. Bola vs. Town of Jay for a property assessed value of \$275,000.00
- 2. Agnes Ward Realty vs. Town of Jay for a property assessed value of \$390,000.00 Second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed. *Resolution #010622-43*

Motion to adjourn at 8:37pm made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Coolidge, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed. *Resolution #010622-44* 

Carol Greenely Hackel Town of Jay Town Clerk