

**TOWN OF JAY REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2024
7:00 PM @ COMMUNITY CENTER**

PRESENT: Supervisor Matthew Stanley, Councilman Knut Sauer, Councilman Steve Forbes, Councilor Olivia Dwyer, Attorney Daniel Manning III, Town Clerk Carol Greenley Hackel

OTHERS: Mary Minogue, Jan Rafferty, Michael Rafferty, Paul Mintz, Chris Sorrell, Rodger Tompkins, Gerald Newman, Lynn Edmonds, Kevin Zaumetzer, Deb Boyce, Pat Devlin, Alex Nelson, Nick Nelson, Kathy Connelly

VIA "GO TO" MEETING: Jazmyne, Tom, Guest, William Campbell, Me

ABSENT: Councilman McDonald (attending via "Go to Meeting" due to illness)

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

Pledge to the Flag led by Supervisor Stanley

Motion to pay audited vouchers #2024/087-2024/212 made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-48

Motion to accept January 11, 2024 Organizational Meeting Minutes made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-49

Motion to accept Special Board Meeting February 5, 2024 Minutes made by Councilor Dwyer, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-50

Resolution of Condolence for former Town of Jay Justice Robert Minogue offered by Supervisor Stanley with a unanimous second, duly passed

Resolution # 2024-51

Resolution read aloud and presented to the family

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Kathy Connelly

1. Motion to approve the use of the Jay Green on August 24th for Jay Day made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed
Resolution # 2024-52
2. Discussion regarding the upcoming improvements to the tennis courts at Douglas Park-possible grant funding available for re-hab

Kevin Zaumetzer

1. Motion by Supervisor Stanley to incorporate 20 drops in Upper Jay (for the purpose of LED Christmas lighting) with the cost to be added to the Town of Jay

NYSEG street lights program, second by Councilman Forbes, a roll call vote was held with the following results;

Councilman Sauer – yes

Councilor Dwyer – yes

Supervisor Stanley – yes

Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-53

2. Motion by Supervisor Stanley to install a 200-amp service in Upper Jay (at the corner of Route 9/ Springfield Road), second by Councilman Sauer, a roll call vote was held with the following results;

Councilman Sauer – yes

Councilor Dwyer – yes

Supervisor Stanley – yes

Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-54

3. Motion by Councilor Dwyer to approve the following for Labor Day and Labor Day Parade

- a. Use of Grove Road for line –up (road to be closed one way)

- b. Use of Community Center parking (front) for line up for bands and walkers

- c. Open C. Center for bathroom use for parade participants during line up

- d. Approve use of TOJ property on Grove Road for fireworks with insurance and a contract with Black Brook per Attorney Manning

Second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution # 2024-55

Deb Boyce

1. Update on Timber Harvest Project
 - a. Harvest Complete
 - b. Net to Town of Jay \$33,001.33

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway Department- Chris Sorrell

1. Motion to authorize Supervisor and Board to sign 284 Agreement made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-56

2. Motion to authorize Supervisor Stanley to sign the “Endangered Species Plan-Implementation Agreement” with the DEC made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution # 2024-57

3. New equipment update:
 - a. New Holland Tractor ordered and should be here soon
 - b. Tandem and Loader should arrive end of March
 - c. Broom should arrive in April
 - d. An explanation regarding bonding/leasing provided by Attorney Manning
4. Road Maintenance update
5. Jazmyne Dubay passed her CDL permit test and will begin CDL classes at CV-TECH soon through One Work Source
6. Receiving many calls that multiple signs are missing in Au Sable Acres

Water and Sewer- Paul Mintz

1. Update of hours of trainees for the purpose of licensing

2. DEC inspection resulted in a violation (no fine) for having only one licensed operator-given 1 year to get a second license holder on staff (timing should work given current progress)
3. Working on indoor projects-cleaning and painting
4. Responded to questions from Councilman Forbes regarding the conditions surrounding the decommissioned well

Code Enforcement-Rodger Tompkins

1. Currently sold one building permit and 1 demo permit in 2024
2. Will be beginning inspections of commercial properties

Dog Control-no report this month

Sole Assessor-Tim Gay (report given by Supervisor Stanley)

1. Assessing Office busy with exemptions
2. Preliminary numbers from NYS have the Town of Jay currently at 88% valuation-last year at this time we were at 70%- Tim is working hard to get us to 100%

Economic Development Committee-Supervisor Stanley

1. This month's meeting was cancelled
2. Waiting for quotes for the Technical Assistance Grant

Comprehensive Plan Committee-Supervisor Stanley

1. Essex County Community Resources has assisted with a grant application for the DEC Smart Growth Grant

Youth Commission – Supervisor Stanley

1. C. Center has been busy with basketball practice in the gym five nights a week and pee wee wrestling practice upstairs
2. Ski Program is up and running

Parks – Councilor Dwyer

1. Will be scheduling a meeting with in the next few weeks to plan clean up days for
 - a. Upper Jay Park/Library
 - b. Douglas Park-Jay
 - c. Riverside Park-Au Sable Forks

Climate Task Force - Councilman Sauer

1. Earned \$15k from completing initiatives
2. Energy Audit recently completed at the Community Center
3. Looking into Community Solar possibilities
4. Planning an Energy Fair for May 11th

Ambulance Committee- Supervisor Stanley

1. 2024 Contract has been signed
2. Will be replacing Medex as our billing company
3. Town of Jay will receive reimbursements for ambulance services and issue checks to Black Brook for calls taking place in Black Brook
4. Meeting scheduled for 2/16/24 to discuss 2023 funds

SUPERVISORS REPORT

1. Motion by Supervisor Stanley in favor of Resolution Opposing Assembly Bill S.6786 Entitled an ACT to Amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law in Relation to Establishing Supermarket Wine Licenses, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-57

2. NY Class Update
3. NYSEG Update-met with Troy regarding the replacement of poles on Sheldrake, Covered Bridge, Glen and Stickney Bridge Roads
4. Motion to complete application for Project/Variance for the Adirondack Park Agency made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-58

5. Community Center ADA Project Update
 - a. Work beginning in the next few weeks
 - b. Highway will be moving water fountain
 - c. Ramp to begin early April
 - d. Suggested by Robbie Lincoln to install PEX into the new ramp/sidewalk for heating purposes to avoid the use of salt on the new concrete
 - e. Project should be complete by end of July
6. WWTF Update
 - a. Multi way call tomorrow to discuss progress
7. Bench for Don Morrison has been picked up-beautiful
8. DEC Meter Mandate Update
9. Upper Jay Sign and EV Charger Update
 - a. FEMA has been out to look at the proposed property and we should hear from them with approval within the month
10. Motion to approve payment of 2024 Dangerous Dogs Retainer Fee of \$250 made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilor Dwyer, a roll call vote was held with the following results:
Councilman Sauer – yes
Councilor Dwyer – yes
Supervisor Stanley – yes
Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-59

11. Motion to prepay invoice #3358 to HydroSource in the amount of \$8455.63 from AARPA Funds made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilor Dwyer, a roll call vote was held with the following results:
Councilman Sauer – no
Councilor Dwyer – yes
Supervisor Stanley – yes
Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-60

12. Motion in favor of Resolution Urging Congress to Continue to Fund the Affordable Connectivity Program through the Federal Communications Commission Beyond April 2024 made by Supervisor Stanley, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-61

BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Forbes

1. Thanks to Paul Mintz for training new operators
2. Thanks to Chris Sorrell for stepping up as HWY Deputy Superintendent

Councilor Dwyer

1. Echo Councilman Forbes-thanks to Paul Mintz and Chris Sorrell

Councilman Sauer

1. Brought up a discussion regarding dedicated viewing of the Solar Eclipse on April 8th
 - a. ROOST to provide signage and viewing glasses
 - b. Events being held at the Jay Green and the Grove Fields
 - c. Town of Jay providing porta potties and garbage removal

Attorney Manning

1. Requested a Special Board meeting to discuss and sign Emergency Services Billing Contract-date to be set
2. Request for Executive Session

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Nothing at this time

Announce Next Meeting Date- March 14th 7:00 pm @ Community Center

Motion to leave for Executive Session at 8:44 pm made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman Forbes

Resolution #2024-62

Return from Executive Session at 9:17 pm- no decisions made

Motion to begin proceedings against Thomas Cross for property located at 13127 NYS Route 9N, tax map id # 27.2-1-6.110 for unsafe structure and junk violations made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution # 2024-63

Motion to increase the HWY Deputy Superintendent stipend from \$2500 to \$5000 for Chris Sorrell to compensate him for being acting Highway Superintendent made by Supervisor Stanley, second by Councilor Dwyer, a roll call vote was held with the following results;

Councilman Sauer – yes

Councilor Dwyer – yes

Supervisor Stanley – yes

Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution #2024-64

Motion to adjourn at 9:22 pm made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilor Dwyer, adjourned

Carol Greenley Hackel

Town of Jay Town Clerk