

TOWN OF JAY REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

APRIL 11, 2024

7:00 PM @ TOWN OF JAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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

OTHERS: Michael Rafferty, Chris Benway, Paul Mintz, Chris Sorrell, Robbie Lincoln, Gerald Newman, Alex Nelson, Frank Fonseca, Dan Klebes, Brennan Aardsma, Wendy Connell, Aaron Connell, Wally Walters, Robin Licari

VIA "GO TO" MEETING: Geoff, Geoff & Sharron, Allen Fitz-Gerald, Millicent, Me, William Campbell, Upper Jay

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Supervisor Stanley

Pledge to the Flag led by Supervisor Stanley

Motion to pay Audited Bills – voucher #'s 2024/3220-2024/405 made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed
Resolution # 2024-88

Motion to accept March 22, 2024 Minutes with the following change:

Date of Meeting should read March 21, 2024

Made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #2024-89

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Frank Fonseca

1. Would like the Town Board to consider pickleball for youth and would be willing to help organize
2. Per Supervisor Stanley-quote for Douglas Park court rehab \$180,000

Pat Devlin

1. Would like to request that no events are scheduled on Monday evenings during Court-Board agrees and scheduling will be adjusted accordingly

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway Department – Chris Sorrell

1. Discussion of possible Amnesty Day
2. Motion to award Highway Garage heat pump installation to Mountain Valley in the amount of \$12,500 made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilor Dwyer, Board declined
3. Motion, after discussion to put the topic back on the floor by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed
Resolution # 2024-90
4. Motion to award the project to Mountain Valley with modifications to the project to install heat pumps in the office only and not the breakroom as originally presented, for the total amount of \$6,700 (Garage EQ) 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 McDonald – abstain

Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-91

5. Pickup truck is on order from Van Bortel Ford
6. Loader and broom have not arrived yet-broom is being built
7. Tandem is done and can be picked up once DMV paperwork is complete
8. J 33 update-frame is bent- currently in Swanton Vermont, waiting to see if it can be straightened/repared or if it must be totaled
9. Crew is preparing equipment for spring
10. Crew will be chipping tree and brush piles made after storm clean up
11. Main Street sweeping will begin Monday, weather permitting
12. Staff has completed excavator training with UDIG
13. Crew has all been certified for flagging through PERMA
14. Discussion on school bus safety on Gorman's Corners near Spoon Circle
15. Chris is communicating with Essex County regarding a tree on River Road that has fallen into the river and is possibly undermining the bank
16. Supervisor Stanley thanked the crew for the incredible job done during the last storm

Water/Sewer Department-Paul Mintz

1. Thank you to Willie Lincoln-always good about reaching out before digging
2. Dan answered 40-ish alarm calls and did a great job watching the plants while I was away last week
3. Motion to hire Morrisonville Septic to pump 65-70 sewer tanks at a rate of \$225 per 1000 gallons made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilman McDonald, a roll call vote was held with the following results;
Councilman Sauer – yes
Councilor Dwyer – yes
Supervisor Stanley – yes
Councilman McDonald – yes
Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-92

4. Motion to approve overnight travel and Basic Operations training at SUNY Morrisville for two weeks in December for Dan McDonald made by Councilman Forbes, second by Councilman Sauer, a roll call vote was held with the following results;
Councilman Sauer – yes
Councilor Dwyer – yes
Supervisor Stanley – yes
Councilman McDonald – abstain
Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-93

5. Paul will be reaching out to Wilmington/Lake Placid for assistance with possibly 4 new lines that will need to cross the road

Code Enforcement – No Report

Dog Control – No Report

COMMITTEES

Economic Development – Supervisor Stanley

1. Met with architect yesterday
2. Working with Pride of Ti on a possible Main Street Grant

Youth Commission- Supervisor Stanley

1. Baseball/softball sign ups have gone out

Parks-Councilor Dwyer

1. Met last week
2. Spring Clean Up Days have been decided and flyers are being circulated
3. Congratulations to all for all the Eclipse Day work
4. Discussing landscaping at the Veterans Memorial in Au Sable Forks

Climate Smart Task Force-Councilman Sauer

1. Energy study on the Community Center has been done
2. Working towards Bronze Certification
3. \$10k grant for having Energy Study done

Comprehensive Plan – Wally Walters

1. DEC awards to be announced on Earth Day
2. March 18th meeting –prep for public announcement if awarded
3. Page on website for minutes and videos?
4. Next meeting Monday, April 15th

SUPERVISORS REPORT

1. Motion for a Town of Jay Resolution of Support for the Packing Reduction/Recycling Infrastructure Act made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilor Dwyer,
After discussion, motion to table made by Councilor Dwyer, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor of tabling, duly passed

Resolution #2024-94

2. NY Class Update- March earnings = \$24,000.00, current interest rate = 5.23%
3. Community Center ADA Project Updates
 - a. Temporary ramp installed
 - b. Lift shaft to 2nd floor complete
 - c. New ramp installation next
 - d. Bring back tabled heated ramp discussion? No per Board
4. Motion to purchase ADA Handicap Door Openers from Stanley Access Technologies in the total amount of \$5400 (Town of Jay to purchase and install) for the Community Center made by Councilor Dwyer, second by Councilman Sauer, a roll call vote was held with the following results:
Councilman Sauer – yes
Councilor Dwyer – yes
Supervisor Stanley – yes
Councilman McDonald – yes
Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-95

5. WWTF Upgrade Update
 - a. Call re; Phase 1 scheduled for Friday between Jay, Black Brook, DEC and EFC

6. Motion approving Essex County Community Resources to apply on behalf of the town of Jay for WQIP funding for the lagoon upgrades made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed.

Resolution #2024-96

7. Jay Green
 - a. Once engineering is complete lighting project will go out to bid
 - b. Changes to include lowering concrete surrounding posts and outlet placement on poles
 - c. Hwy and Paul will coordinate on installing bench for Don Morrison
8. DEC Meter Mandate
 - a. Motion to go out of bid for FFP for drilling made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-97

9. Upper Jay Parking/ EV Charger
 - a. Playing phone tag re; FEMA regulations
10. Au Sable Forks Ambulance Update
 - a. Motor in 4192 is not blown
 - i. \$1500 in diagnostics and \$8500 to replace cooler vs. new ambulance cost of \$270,000 - Black Brook Supervisor Douglass and Jay Supervisor agreed to advise that the repairs be made
 - ii. Motion to authorize Supervisor Stanley to sign a contract (approved by Attorney Manning) with EMR for recoveries of MEDEX fees made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-98

11. Solar Eclipse Event
 - a. Town to consider accepting bids for the use of the kitchen facility at the Grove Fields
12. Motion to pay COVID pat from AARPA Funds to a former Town of Jay employee who worked through COVID but retired prior to employee COVID pay out was issued in the total amount of \$2000 made by Supervisor Stanley, second by Councilor Dwyer, a roll call vote was held with the following results:
Supervisor Stanley – yes
Councilor Dwyer – yes
Supervisor Stanley – yes
Councilman McDonald – yes
Councilman Forbes – yes

Resolution # 2024-99

13. 2023 AFR (previously known as the AUD) is complete and has been submitted To NYS Comptroller's Office

RESOLUTIONS

1. Motion to accept the 2023 Justice Court Audit as presented made by Councilman Tom McDonald, second by Councilman Sauer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution #2024-100

2. Motion to accept April 2024 Quarterly Sewer Billing as presented made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution # 2024-101

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

1. Hoping to piggy back off Essex County Bid for portable AED for the Town of Jay for Grove Facilities, Community Center and Highway Garage
2. Many compliments received on the Eclipse event

BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Dwyer

1. Gave an update on the Annual Missing Children's Tournament
2. Proud of the leadership of everyone who stepped up and helped out with the storm-very proud that when some are away, the others step up and take over

Councilman Forbes

1. Can Planning Board alternate terms be changed from five years to three? (Supervisor Stanley to research)
2. Thank you to the Highway Department for their hard work during the storm

Councilman McDonald

1. Thanks to Troy Trombley-Town of Jay NYSEG rep for the excellent communication during the storm/power outage- hats off to him

Supervisor Stanley

1. Thanks to my Deputy Tom McDonald-stayed in constant contact during the storm making being away less stressful- thanks to Town Clerks Office for helping with notices and press releases

Councilman Sauer

1. Liked Councilors Dwyer's report on the Missing Children's Tournament
2. Thank you to the Highway Department and Deputy Supervisor McDonald for all their work during the storm
3. June 15th –planning an open house at the Community Center
4. August 24th – Jay Day

Attorney Manning-nothing at this time

Audience Comments-nothing at this time

Online Comments-nothing at this time

Announce next meeting date-May 9th, 7:00 p @ Community Center

Motion to leave for Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters made by Councilman Sauer, second by Councilman McDonald, all in favor, left for Executive Session at 8:53 p

Return from Executive Session at 9:27 p – no decisions were made

Motion to appoint Robin Licari as a Board of Assessment Review Alternate Member made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilor Dwyer, all in favor, none opposed, duly passed

Resolution # 2024-102

(The Board thanked all who expressed an interest in this opening)

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman McDonald, second by Councilman Forbes, all in favor, adjourned at 9:30 p

Carol Greenley Hackel
Town of Jay Town Clerk