

TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner
Supervisor

Patricia Gardner
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TOWN COUNCIL:

Claire LaPine
Bryan Garvey
James LaForest
Gretel Schueller

JANUARY 12, 2017

Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Gardner opened the meeting at 6:30 pm leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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| Councilperson LaPine | x |
| Councilperson Garvey | x |
| Councilperson LaForest | x |
| Councilperson Schueller | x |
| Supervisor Gardner | x |

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to Steve Grimm from NY Rural Water Association. He explained that NYRW is supported Steve was here to present the Sewer Sustainability project that the committee has been working on. He explained that this project was approved by the town board about nine months ago. He commented that the committee at the beginning felt they may not have been qualified for this, but that as they worked through this their knowledge grew. The three main areas of concern that the committee decided to work on were: Stakeholder Understanding, Infrastructure Stability and Financial Viability, which was broke into two parts. He asked that the town board review this information and come back next month approving the go ahead for the committee to complete the project. The committee would then meet on a quarterly basis to complete and maintain this improvement plan. If needed, he will make himself available to answer any questions they may have at next month's meeting. He also emphasized that with the change of board members, this be kept going and not be put on a back burner. After all, we are doing this to protect that big body of water in front of us. Steve asked the board if they could send a letter to Patricia Scalera, CEO Rural Water Association, to thank NYSRW for valuable assistance in helping the town become sustainable.

Both Jim VanHoven and Gretel Schueller commended Steve for all his help and guidance getting through this process. Their first step was to go tour the sewer plant with Tina which helped them to understand the process of the plant.

James LaForest made a motion to have the board send a letter of appreciation to NYRW.

Resolution 21-2017 - This resolution is being made to designate Edward Gardner, Supervisor, the voting delegate for the Association of Towns and the alternate is Patricia Gardner, Town Clerk. This is for the Annual Meeting in February.

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Seconded By: Bryan Garvey

| Row Call Vote: | Yes | No |
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| Councilperson LaPine | X | |
| Councilperson Garvey | X | |
| Councilperson LaForest | X | |

Councilperson Schueller X
Supervisor Gardner X

Resolution 20-2017

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE LCT FERRIES TO CHANGE THEIR LAST FERRY LEAVING FROM ESSEX TO CHARLOTTE FROM 9:30 TO 10:30 P.M.

Whereas the Town of Essex applauds the Lake Champlain Transportation Company, otherwise known as LCT Ferries for providing a much-needed transportation service across Lake Champlain since 1824. This service allows safe and reliable access to Vermont from New York and back. The LCT Ferries have been an integral part of the Town of Essex since inception. The LCT Ferries has always been a good steward in the Town of Essex.

Whereas the Town of Essex and other towns in the County of Essex would benefit by the addition of an extra hour to the last departure time from the Town of Essex, from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m., during the summer season.

Whereas the Town of Essex, the County of Essex, and their constituents would benefit greatly from LCT Ferries consideration of extending their departure hours on the Charlotte/Essex route across Lake Champlain; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Essex, the County of Essex, and their constituents, urge the Lake Champlain Transportation Company to extend their summer hours for the last Ferry departure from Essex, NY, to 10:30 p.m. during the summer season.

Motion Made By: Gretel Schueller Seconded By: Claire LaPine

| Row Call Vote: | Yes | No |
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| Councilperson LaPine | X | |
| Councilperson Garvey | X | |
| Councilperson LaForest | X | |
| Councilperson Schueller | X | |
| Supervisor Gardner | X | |

Supervisor Gardner will write a cover letter to send with the resolution to the ferry company. He will also bring copies to the County Board of Supervisor asking for their support. This would benefit not just Essex, but other towns in the county.

Resolution 23-2017 - This resolution is being made to transfer the money (\$89,077.00 less expenses incurred from the sale): from the sale of the Old Stone Church from the General Fund to Wrights Inn Capital.

Motion Made By: Claire LaPine Seconded By: Bryan Garvey

| Row Call Vote: | Yes | No |
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| Councilperson LaPine | X | |
| Councilperson Garvey | X | |
| Councilperson LaForest | X | |
| Councilperson Schueller | X | |
| Supervisor Gardner | X | |

Supervisor Gardner reported that our bookkeeper, Donna Haynes was hospitalized and will be having surgery tomorrow morning. He asked Brad French to report on Jerry Pierce, a member of the highway crew. Brad said that Jerry will be having surgery on his leg and is expected to be out of work for 8 weeks.

Bonnie Monoski reported that, Bob Akert, a long time summer resident passed away in November.

Resolution 20-2017 - This resolution authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with the North Country SPCA for the year 2017.

Motion Made By: Bryan Garvey Seconded By: Gretel Schueller

| Row Call Vote: | Yes | No |
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| Councilperson LaPine | X | |
| Councilperson Garvey | X | |
| Councilperson LaForest | X | |
| Councilperson Schueller | X | |
| Supervisor Gardner | X | |

Resolution 22-2017 - This resolution authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with the HACH for the year 2017.

Motion Made By: Bryan Garvey Seconded By: Claire LaPine

| Row Call Vote: | Yes | No |
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| Councilperson LaPine | X | |
| Councilperson Garvey | X | |
| Councilperson LaForest | X | |
| Councilperson Schueller | X | |
| Supervisor Gardner | X | |

The town clerk read a letter from the Elizabethtown Lewis Emergency Squad asking the town to write a letter of support for a FEMA grant they are applying for new Patient Power Stretchers. They are asking this because of mutual aid responses that may happen in our community to which this equipment would be made available. Bryan Garvey made and Gretel Schueller seconded, a motion to send a letter of support. All in favor.

A sample letter from Social Services was passed out. Supervisor Gardner explained that this is in response to the incident that happened in the Town of Willsboro. Everyone agreed that this seemed to be just a way for them to pass the buck.

Tina Gardner, WWTP Operator submitted some quotes for some of the equipment that she would like purchased to have on hand.

Questions about the life of these parts and the availability from the supplier. The board asked her to come back next month with some answers to their questions.

The Town Clerk asked the board to look at Local Law 1 of 2012. There seems to be some inconsistencies with it especially with the parking here on Main Street. James LaForest made and Gretel seconded a motion to table this. The board will consider the possible updating that is needed.

The employee Time Policy had to be edited because of the use of exempt employees having to use a timeclock.

Resolution 25-2017 Employee Time Policy

This resolution is being made to adopt the revised Employee Time Policy.

Motion made by: Bryan Garvey Seconded by: Claire LaPine

| Row Call Vote: | Yes | No |
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| Councilperson LaPine | X | |
| Councilperson Garvey | X | |

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| Councilperson LaForest | X |
| Councilperson Schueller | X |
| Supervisor Gardner | X |

Motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Gretel Schueller to pay Abstract 1-2017.

| Row Call Vote: | Yes | No |
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| Councilperson LaPine | X | |
| Councilperson Garvey | X | |
| Councilperson LaForest | X | |
| Councilperson Schueller | X | |
| Supervisor Gardner | X | |

Motion made by James LaForest and seconded by Claire LaPine to accept the Town Clerks Report. All in favor no nays.

Motion by Bryan Garvey and Seconded by Claire LaPine to accept the Supervisors Report. All in favor no nays.

Supervisor Gardner said that all department reports were available at the Town Clerks Office.

Motion made by Bryan Garvey to adjourn, seconded by all.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk