TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner **Supervisor**

Patricia Gardner Town Clerk TOWN COUNCIL:

Claire LaPine Bryan Garvey James LaForest Gretel Schueller

August 10, 2017

Town Board Meeting

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

Roll Call:

Councilperson LaPine	Х
Councilperson Garvey	Excused
Councilperson LaForest	Х
Councilperson Schueller	Х
Supervisor Gardner	Х

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to those in attendance. Clayton Reaser, Vice President of the Grange Board introduced himself.

A motion made by Claire LaPine and seconded by James LaForest to accept the minutes of the Regular July 13, 2017 meeting. All in favor, no nays.

Supervisor Gardner asked what were the feelings of the board concerning the emails that we received from Sylvia Hobbs and Ian Spofforth. Who would like their water/sewer bill reduced because they are no longer using the cottage. After much discussion, it was decided that until Tina Gardner can verify that the sewer pump has been removed the charges must be kept. Removal of the pump would prevent any use of the sewer.

The Beldon Noble Memorial Library submitted the bids for the deck to be built on the building. Collen VanHoven represented the board telling the board that they received 3 bids for an 8 x 12 deck. With the lowest bid being \$5857 from BellWeather. Since then it has been decided that a larger, 8 x 16 deck, could be built with the money left over from the grant. Discussion about the bidding ensued. A motion made by Gretel Schuller and seconded by Claire LaPine to accept the bid from Bellweather pending the withdrawal of Tom Duca's bid. Roll Call:

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Councilperson LaPine	Х
Councilperson Garvey	Excused
Councilperson LaForest	Х
Councilperson Schueller	Х
Supervisor Gardner	Х

RESOLUTION 51-2017 Budget Amendment

August 10, 2017

Resolution 51-2017 is being offered to ament the 2017 Budget as follows:

\$36,000 from Highway Capital Reserve (201.14) to Highway Operating (97206.03)

Principal on Installment Bond for Plow Truck

\$3,330 from Highway Capital Reserve (201.14) to Highway Operating (97206.03)

Resolution 51

Interest on Installment Bond for Plow Truck

Motion Made by: James LaForest		
Seconded by: Gretel Schuller		
Roll Call Vote:	YES	NO
Councilperson LaPine	х	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused	
Councilperson LaForest	х	
Councilperson Schuller	х	
Supervisor Gardner	х	

Supervisor Gardner informed the board of two tax parcels that are going up for taxes. The first being Nextel who has equipment at the water tower. He had a discussion with Mike Diskin about taking this property if not paid before the time. There is concern that a law concerning communication equipment that may exclude them from being taxed. David Sayre is working with Real Property to find the answer to this. The other parcel is the McKenna dock. This dock is on the town's underwater land grant. If the taxes are not paid by the date required, the county does not want this. Does the town want to take back this parcel? The shoreline is owned by Mckenna so there would be no public access unless a deal is made. The consensus is to get the parcel.

James LaForest asked to put back on the table the Shared Services for the beach. Claire Seconded this motion. Supervisor Gardner informed the board that this may not be an issue now. The Town of Willsboro may not reopen the beach next year. They have been shut down by the Department of Health and with other issues may never open the beach. All agreed that this issue is done and not to be brought back to the table.

Supervisor Gardner stated that Kim's Karpet gave us an estimate for removal and installation of carpet for the Town Hall. It was decided that an RFP should be made and advertised. James LaForest made and Gretel Schueller seconded a motion to go out with an RFP for the removal and installation of carpeting in the Town Hall. Roll Call:

Councilperson LaPine	Х
Councilperson Garvey	Excused
Councilperson LaForest	Х
Councilperson Schueller	Х
Supervisor Gardner	Х

James LaForest made and Gretel Schueller seconded a motion to accept Abstract 2017-8. Roll Call:

Councilperson LaPine	Х
Councilperson Garvey	Excused
Councilperson LaForest	Х
Councilperson Schueller	Х
Supervisor Gardner	Х

James LaForest made and Gretel Schueller seconded motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. All in favor no nays.

Gretel Schueller made and James LaForest seconded motion to accept the Supervisors Report. All in favor no nays.

James LaForest made the motion to adjourn, seconded by all.

Respectfully Submitted Patricia Gardner Town Clerk