

TOWN OF ESSEX

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Essex, New York 12936

Ronald Jackson
Supervisor
Alicia Kelly
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TOWN COUNCIL:
Claire LaPine
James LaForest
Gretel Schueller
Kenneth Hughes

April 11, 2019 Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

Councilor Hughes:	PRESENT
Councilor LaForest:	ABSENT
Councilor LaPine:	PRESENT
Councilor Schueller:	PRESENT
Supervisor Jackson:	PRESENT

Supervisor Jackson gave the public the opportunity to address the Board. No one spoke.

Minutes of previous meeting: Councilor Hughes made the motion to move as corrected, Councilor LaPine seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- A. Water filtration update. The final plans and the results of the pilot test will be submitted Friday. It's normally three months for an answer.

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- B. Second floor renovations: Supervisor Jackson commented on the upstairs and suggested everyone to go up and have a look for themselves. Council Hughes commented on the open beams and how nice they look. A small discussion on the upstairs renovations between Supervisor Jackson and the Board members.
- C. Northern Borders funding grant update: Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board that the meeting he attended the money available has increased but the number of counties that can apply for the funding grant has doubled, increasing the towns that can apply for the grant. Supervisor Jackson then discussed applying for the grant.
- D. Changes in e-mail system: Supervisor Jackson discussed right now we can't change our emails, then he discussed what is left to do to make that change.
- E. Audits: Supervisor Jackson discussed that Councilor LaPine and Councilor LaForest have finished the Audit of the Town Justice, Town Clerk, and Billing Clerk and has been submitted to the state. The Town Clerk has completed the reconciliation for 2018.
- F. Rabies Clinic: Supervisor Jackson announced the Rabies Clinic in Essex will be August 13, 2019, time 6:00 p.m. at the Essex Fire Department.
- G. Ice Eaters: Supervisor Jackson commented these are more expensive than he thought. The town may have to buy one by next winter, the ice has already gone out this year.

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New Business:

- A. Supervisor Jackson discussed the Supervisor's report, the water/ wastewater reports and the Highway Superintendent's Reports are filed with the Minutes in the Town Clerks Office. As of right now we do not have the Code Officers Report, but the report will be done soon.
- B. Permission for Donna Haynes to attend Associations of Town Finance School. Councilor Hughes moved the motion, Councilor LaPine and Councilor Schueller seconded, All in favor.
- C. Supervisor Jackson congratulated Tina Gardner, Water/Wastewater Operator for winning a \$500.00 Scholarship toward future training.
- D. Lake Champlain Paddlers have used Whallon's Bay Beach and Beggs for years, Supervisor Jackson brought it to their attention that they cannot use Beggs after Labor Day because of the construction and they agreed not to. Supervisor Jackson asked permission from the Board to sign the contract with the Lake Champlain Paddlers. A discussion between Supervisor Jackson and the Board members.
- E. Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board the computers here at the Town Hall that will need replacing do to not being able to update to Windows Ten. Councilor Hughes made the motion to get new computers Supervisor Jackson seconded. Another discussion about the computers. A decision will be made for what to purchase. All in favor.

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- F. Permission for Bradley French to attend highway school in Ithaca June 2-5. He goes every year. Councilor Schueller made the motion, Councilor Hughes seconded. A discussion on the cost. All in favor.
- G. Supervisor Jackson discussed a Town Shed salt shed.
- H. Supervisor Jackson discussed possible grant for the ECHO parking lot.
- I. Resolution #36

RESOLUTION # 36– 2019

A Budget Amendment to increase line 45404.20 (Ambulance) from Willsboro-Essex EMS, \$21,921.74 and increase line 2705.01 (Gifts and Donations) by \$21,921.74 to reimburse the Town of Essex for partial payment for the defibrillators.

Moved By: Councilor Schueller Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

Councilor Hughes:	YES
Councilor LaForest:	ABSENT
Councilor LaPine:	YES
Councilor Schueller:	YES
Supervisor Jackson:	YES

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J. Resolution # 27A-2019

RESOLUTION # 27A– 2019

Increase line 16202.01 (Buildings Equipment) by \$900 from the Essex Community Fund and increase line 2705.01 Gifts and Donations by \$900.

Moved By: Councilor Schueller Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

Councilor Hughes:	YES
Councilor LaForest:	ABSENT
Councilor LaPine:	YES
Councilor Schueller:	YES
Supervisor Jackson:	YES

K. 2nd Floor Open House. A discussion between Supervisor Jackson and the Board.

L. Dog Control Officer Inspection Report by Ag and Market. We have it.

M. 2019 Grand Hike is May 11th starting at the Train Station in Westport and ending at the Essex Inn. Supervisor Jackson discussed the Route of the hike.

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N. Library's Problems: Supervisor Jackson discussed the work needed on the Library. Supervisor Jackson announced that we can do some of the repairs this year and maybe the Library can match what we spend.

O. We received our 15% Insurance rebate from Utica National & Upstate.

Abstract of Bills: Councilor Hughes, made motion to accept. Councilor LaPine seconded:

Roll Call:

Councilor Hughes: YES
Councilor LaForest: ABSENT
Councilor LaPine: YES
Councilor Schueller: YES
Supervisor Jackson: YES

Supervisor's County Report:

Supervisor Jackson discussed, the county selected Woodruff Lane site for Essex County Burning training Building.

Essex County EMS: Supervisor Jackson discussed the training to be an EMT and that its very time consuming.

A discussion about the meeting Supervisor Jackson attended and the subject came up that someone is interested in purchasing the fairgrounds in Westport.

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Supervisor Jackson asked the Board how they feel about this. Supervisor Jackson and the Board discussed this. The Board is in favor of the Fairground remaining Public Property.

Supervisor Jackson gave the public the opportunity to address the Board. Councilor Hughes brought up the Essex Community Funds Grants and the Town can apply for two thousand dollars. Supervisor Jackson mentioned applying for the work that's needed on the Library. Councilor Hughes discussed the Green up Day for Essex.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Kelly