

**ESSEX TOWN OFFICES**  
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**ESSEX, NEW YORK 12936**

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Alicia Kelly, Town Clerk

Town Councilors: Kenneth Hughes, James LaForest, Claire LaPine, Gretel Schueller

**April 12, 2018 Regular Town Board**

Supervisor Jackson opened the meeting at 6:35 pm leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Councilman Hughes:	x
Councilman LaForest	x
Councilman LaPine:	x
Councilman Schueller:	x
Supervisor Jackson:	x

Supervisor Jackson offered the floor to those who attended. Giving each one a maximum of three minutes each to speak.

Many spoke in favor of the Towns support of the Grange MOU.

Names as listed.

Mr. Mark Kimball

Mr. Steven Kellogg

Ms. Racey Henderson

Ms. Kathryn Krammer

Mr. Richard Teitelbaum

Ms. Amy Valentine

Mr. Kevin Shaw

Mr. Jeff Levert

Ms. Sheera Broderick

Ms. Anh Thu Cunnion spoke and mentioned the tension in the room as everyone spoke but no one mentioned working together and possibly raising money to keep the Grange going.

Ms. Patty Gardner spoke that the grange has never given the Town Board any monthly or annual financial statements.

Councilperson Schueller read three submitted letters in support of the Grange. Letters written from as follows,

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Maureen Delaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Sue Martini

Mr. Steven Englehart

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Minutes approved: All in Favor  
1/17/18 Water Committee Meeting  
2/21/18 Water Committee Meeting  
3/8/18 Regular Town Board Meeting

Old Business:

- A. The first Water Boy is now fully installed. The Pilot Testing will hopefully begin in about one month.
- B. The Towns Comprehensive Plan: Councilperson Hughes is waiting on the D.E.C. as they are the best funding service for grants.
- C. Buildings and Ground Committee on upstairs renovations. Drawings need to be modified. Two people have submitted letters to be on the committee, Alexandra Noble and Chris Pimento. Councilman Hughes made the motion, Councilman LaForest seconded the motion and all in favor. Alexandra Noble and Chris Pimento are now on the Buildings and Ground Committee.
- D. Resolution #49 of 2018 on proposed Grange.  
Councilman LaForest made a motion to discuss MOU Resolution #49  
Councilman Schueller seconded the motion for discussion,  
Andy Buchanan asked the Town Board not to vote on Resolution #49,  
he asked the Town Board if they would agree to table it  
Councilman LaPine spoke of other town buildings and the people using them pay rent, she also discussed Article 4 that it was agreed upon that the grange would pay any additional expenses for electric and fuel as cost increased. The town also has never been given any regular financial reports. Councilman LaPine discussed Article 7 which states its required to get three quotes before any changes can be done and the grange installed air conditioning without the Town Boards permission.  
Andy Buchanan spoke and commented the Town has access to the granges records. WGC claims they pay for maintenance of the building and spent a lot of money on renovations of the Grange Hall. Councilman LaPine mentioned in appreciation of the renovations that have been done.

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- Councilman Hughes made a motion to table Resolution #49 and Councilman Schueller seconded the motion. All in favor.
- E. Beggs Park Conversion-awaiting appraisal, Ann Holland is doing the environmental impact statement and paperwork.
  - F. Vote for Kevin Delaughter for the Board of Assessment Councilman Schueller made the motion, Councilman Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor
  - G. Supervisor Jackson discussed the town credit card and how it will be handled. Councilman LaForest made a motion for a Debit Card of \$1500.00 Councilman Schueller seconded the motion. All in favor.
  - H. Nothing to report on the DEC Smart Growth Grant.
  - I. Councilman Hughes spoke and passed out papers explaining each Town Committee.
  - J. Resolution #43, To Refinance Water Loan #2.  
Supervisor Jackson hasn't discussed yet with attorney Bedell.
  - K. Resolution #40, To allow the Supervisor to apply for the NYSEG energy-efficient lighting.
  - L. Town Shed overhead door should be done soon.
  - M. Household Hazardous Waste in Lewis will be Saturday July 14,2018 if you have E-trash or Hazardous Waste.  
Announcement: Down Town Essex Day is August 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 4:00pm

New Business:

- A. Councilman Hughes made a motion, Councilman LaForest Seconded it and All in Favor of the Training in Lake Placid for two of The Board of Assessment Review members Richard Teitelbaum and Kevin Delaughter
- B. NYS Ag & Market is Happy with the inspection report.
- C. Resolution #46 Public Trust Advisors, LLC,  
to have town funds in NYCLASS to earn higher interest. Was discussed amongst the Board.
- D Resolution #44 Correct clerical errors in 2011 and 2012 credited to the Union Dues Account with more money than the dues that were collected, and #45 correct clerical errors from 2017 and 2018 transferring money from the Capital Project Multi-fund to the Multi-fund Money Market Account,

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State wants corrected. Councilman LaForest moved the motion, Councilman Schueller seconded and All in Favor.

E. Street Light Districts Working to improve Quality of Lighting

F. Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is in files.

G. Essex is second to lowest in state for tax exempt land. Willsboro is the lowest.

H. Town Hall cleaner, Katelynn Haynes hired, Councilman Hughes made the motion. Councilman Schueller seconded. All in Favor.

I. Resolution #44 Correct Clerical Errors

J. Resolution #45 Correct Clerical Errors.

K. Resolution #47 Highway Department Scrap to be sold and money will be used for tools for the Highway Department.

L. EPA quarterly notice of Administration Order, Town has responded to.

M. Resolution #48 Permission to Commit Chips Fund for 2018, moved by Councilman Schueller, seconded by Councilman LaPine, All in Favor.

N. Permission to Hire Mike Sprang to work with Tina Gardner as her assistant, part time for the WWP. Councilman LaPine moved the motion, Councilman LaForest seconded the motion. All in Favor.

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**RESOLUTION # 44– 2018**

Correct clerical errors in 2011 and 2012 that credited to the Union Dues account, #24.99, with more money than the dues that were collected. Transfer \$1,390.55 from account #20.99 from account number 24.99.

Moved By: Councilor LaForest

Seconded By: Councilor Schueller

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor Schueller: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

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**RESOLUTION # 45– 2018**

Correct a clerical error from 2017 and 2018 and transfer \$40,000 from Capital Project Multifund (Highway Capital Reserve Account) #200.14 to the Multi-Fund Money Market Account (Highway Money Market Account) #230.03

Moved By: Councilor LaForest

Seconded By: Councilor Schueller

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor Schueller: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

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**RESOLUTION # 47– 2018**

Two budget amendments for Highway.

Add \$5,985.55 to code 2650.03 (Highway Scrap Revenue) which was unbudgeted this year.

Add \$5,985.55 to 51104.03 (Highway Contractual Appropriations)  
Budgeted for \$45,000 this year to purchase additional tools for Highway.

Moved By: Councilor LaForest

Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor Schueller: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

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**RESOLUTION # 48– 2018**

Give the Highway Superintendent permission to commit \$77,977 in budgeted funds from CHIPS (code 51122.03) for our 2018 paving.

Moved By: Councilor Schueller      Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

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

Abstract of Bills, 4-2018, Councilman Hughes made motion to accept Abstract of Bills Councilman LaPine seconded and All in Favor.

Supervisor's County report: The Board of Supervisors voted no confidence in NCCC President.

Public opportunity to address the board:

Patricia Gardner asked if the minutes were approved for the end of the year 2017, Supervisor Jackson answered that, yes they have been.

A few more at the meeting mentioned more in support of the Grange. A couple questioned were raised about the phase 3 Broadband, Councilor Hughes explained and answered their questions.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 pm

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Respectfully Submitted  
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