

**ESSEX TOWN OFFICES
2313 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 355
ESSEX, NEW YORK 12936**

Ronald E. Jackson, Supervisor

Alicia Kelly, Town Clerk

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

Draft December 13, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:35 with the salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

Councilor Hughes:	Late, arrived at 6:40
Councilor LaForest:	Present
Councilor LaPine:	Present
Councilor Schueller:	Absent
Supervisor Jackson:	Present

Supervisor Jackson offered the public the opportunity to address the Board, 3 minutes max each person per meeting. No one addressed the Board.

Minutes

November 8, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting. Councilor LaPine made motion to accept November 8, 2018 Town Board Meeting, Councilor LaForest Seconded. All in favor no nays.

Old Business

Pilot test: Supervisor Jackson discussed the water meeting and that we will not need a forth water boy.

Beggs Park Conversion: Will be having a meeting after the first of the year.

DEC Smart Growth Grant for Comprehensive Plan: Not discussed.

Street light Districts/upgrades – almost there.

Resolution #75-2018 to allow the Supervisor to enter into contract for Field Audit and Light Design with public input. Estimate \$1,273 plus cost for input with Troy Banks. Meeting on this today. Supervisor Jackson discussed this and recommended to the public to drive around and look at the street lights to see what ones they feel could use improving.

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RESOLUTION # 75– 2018 TABLED

Give the Supervisor permission to enter into a contract with Troy Banks to perform a field audit on out street lights and do a light design with public input for replacement LED lights for an estimate of \$1,273 plus the cost of public input.

Moved By: Councilor

Seconded By: Councilor

Councilor Hughes:

Councilor LaForest:

Councilor LaPine:

Councilor Schueller:

Supervisor Jackson:

Resolution # 76-2018, to allow the Supervisor to enter into a contract to buy out the remaining life for 55 cobra head street lights from NYSEG for Approximately \$2,475.14 so we can have LED street lights installed.

TABLED

RESOLUTION # 76– 2018 TABLED

Buy out the remaining life of our 55 Cobra Head sodium vapor street lights for an estimated cost of \$2,474.14 so we can have LED lights installed.

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Seconded By: Councilor

Councilor Hughes:

Councilor LaForest:

Councilor LaPine:

Councilor Schueller:

Supervisor Jackson:

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Second floor of Town Hall: The bid is out. Completion date is scheduled for late April.

Possible Lawsuit against Town Planning Board: Nothing new on the law suit.

Enforcement action by Code Officer: Waiting on something from him.

Hartford Steam and Boiler Report on Sewer Plant & Pump Station. Tina Gardner spoke. Supervisor Jackson stated this is all taken care of.

Search for new code officer. Supervisor spoke with the Board about hiring someone for this position

Possible change to .gov emails, Resolution #71 -2018. Supervisor Jackson turned this over to Councilor Hughes and he explained it to the Board.

Councilor LaPine and Supervisor Jackson asked questions regarding this.

RESOLUTION # 71– 2018

Give the Supervisor permission to have the County IT Department change our Town emails from dot com to dot gov.

Moved By: Councilor LaForest

Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor Schueller: Absent

Supervisor Jackson: YES

Use the \$2,500 grant from ROOST to pay for the “Time Line” when finished Resolution #72-2018. Councilor LaForest explained.

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RESOLUTION # 72– 2018

Give the Supervisor permission to use the \$2,500 we received from ROOST to pay for the “Time Line” for Essex when it is completed.

Moved By: Councilor LaPine

Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

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

New Business.

Grange request on heating system: Supervisor Jackson explained the changes the grange needs to make. Councilor LaPine discussed the procedures to make these changes.

Councilor Hughes made the motion, Councilor LaForest Seconded. All in favor no nays.

Change electrical supply to MEGA. Supervisor Jackson discussed this with the Board. This will be decided on at a later meeting.

NYMIR rates for 2019. No major changes

Accept Jay White’s resignation from BAR:

Councilor Hughes moved the motion. Councilor LaPine seconded. All in favor.

VONTAGE problems Supervisor Jackson discussed how to solve the problem when we get offices upstairs.

Raise the cost of transfer site prices to \$28 for 20 punches, \$14 for 10 & \$7 for 5 effective 1-1-2019, Resolution #73-2018. Supervisor Jackson discussed the reason for the increase on the transfer station tickets.

Councilor Hughes and Councilor LaPine discussed any alternatives. This was a lengthy discussion.

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RESOLUTION # 73– 2018

Raise the price of transfer site tickets to \$28 for 20 punches, \$14 for 10, and \$7 for 5. This is to help pay for the increase in the cost per ton for refuse that will be paying for new equipment for the various transfer sites.

The present charge per ton is \$62. Starting 01-01-2019 it will be \$87

Moved By: Councilor LaForest Seconded By: Councilor LaPine
Councilor Hughes: NO
Councilor LaForest: YES
Councilor LaPine: YES
Councilor Schueller: ABSENT
Supervisor Jackson: YES

Budget adjustment for Historic District signs. Resolution #74-2018

RESOLUTION # 74– 2018

Give the Supervisor permission to spend money received from the Pomeroy Foundation received in September 2018.

Increase Historic Properties 75204.01 by \$2188

Increase Gifts / Donations 2705.01 by \$2188

Moved By: Councilor LaForest Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

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

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Set the date for end of year meeting 12-28-2018 @ 10:00

Set the date for our 2019 Organizational meeting (and January Board meeting) 01-03-2019 at 6:30 PM.

Moved by: Councilor LaForest

Seconded by: Councilor LaPine

All in favor.

Abstract of Bills, 9-2018

Moved by: Councilor LaForest Seconded by: Councilor LaPine.

Roll Call:

Councilor Hughes: Yes

Councilor LaForest: Yes

Councilor LaPine: Yes

Councilor Schueller: Absent

Supervisor Jackson: Yes

Supervisor's County Report – Supervisor Jackson discussed the report.

The 2019 budget passed and is within the mandated limit

We are still working on Broadband for everyone off the grid, not Hughes Net. Supervisor Jackson discussed this with the board.

Public opportunity to address the Board, 3 minutes max each person per meeting. Anita Shapiro asked about the street lights and asked if anyone was going to replace Jay White on the Board of Assessment Review. Supervisor Jackson replied no one has applied. Councilor Hughes mentioned how nice the turn out for Christmas in Essex was and thanked everyone who participated. Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board the cost of changing the heating system in the Grange Hall. Supervisor Jackson is requesting a quote before anything will be decided.

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Meeting Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Kelly,
Town Clerk

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