

**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

February 14, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Councilor LaPine: PRESENT

Councilor LaForest: PRESENT

Councilor Schueller: ABSENT

Councilor Hughes: PRESENT

Supervisor Jackson: PRESENT

Supervisor Jackson gave the public the opportunity to address the Board, 3 minutes maximum each meeting. No one spoke.

Minutes of previous meetings. December 13th Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion made by: Councilor Hughes, Seconded by: Councilor LaForest. Councilor Hughes then states that his corrections were not noted in the new minutes. Town Clerk responds that she and her deputy reviewed the minutes and made corrections. Councilor Hughes made the motion to Table December 13 Town Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor no nays

January 3rd Organizational Meeting, Councilor Hughes made the motion to accept. Seconded by Councilor LaPine

Roll Call

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor Schueller: ABSENT

Councilor Hughes: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

Minutes for the January 3, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting. Councilor Hughes made the motion to accept the minutes. Councilor LaPine seconded

Roll Call

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor Schueller: ABSENT

Councilor Hughes: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

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Old Business

Pilot test update: Supervisor Jackson announced the pilot testing is complete. Councilor LaPine asked about any results, Supervisor Jackson responded, so far the results are good.

Water Filtration Plant update: Supervisor Jackson and others involved in the water filtration plant agree that the DOH is going to want a fourth unit. They announced they have done some research and found bigger units which may be cheaper than the three smaller units and this would eliminate the need of a fourth unit. Lengthy discussion on the water plant between the Supervisor and the Board.

Begg's Park Conversion Ann Ruzow Holland got an email from the state and think they have a park they can transfer our restrictions to.

Discuss a possible change to .gov emails Supervisor Jackson turned the discussion over to Councilor Hughes. Councilor Hughes handed out papers to the Supervisor and the other Town Board members for this discussion. Councilor Hughes discussed with the Board. Supervisor Jackson asked for a motion to go with Digital Towpath, Councilor Hughes moved the motion, Councilor LaForest seconded.

Roll Call:

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

Amendment to Resolution #9-2019, add the Sun to official newspapers. Tabled. Discussion between the Board and the Supervisor.

Resolution #25-2019, change electric supply to MEGA.

Supervisor Jackson discussed Resolution 25 with the Board members.

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RESOLUTION # 25– 2019

Give the Supervisor permission to transfer our electric supplier to MEGA.

Moved By: Councilor Hughes Seconded By: Councilor LaForest

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

Amend Resolution #2 of 2019, include Code Officer

Resolution 2A-2019 Salaries and Hourly Pay

This resolution is being made to approve the salaries and hourly wages for all town employees.

2019 SALARIES FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Position	Salary
Town Supervisor	22130.00
Deputy Town Supervisor	\$816.00
Budget Officer	\$808.00
Secretary to Supervisor	\$15,759.00
Bookkeeper to Supervisor	\$15,759.00
Town Board Members	\$2,691.00
Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes	\$20,472.00
Town Clerk Deputy	\$2,380.00
Highway Superintendent	\$40,921.00
Deputy Highway Superintendent	\$1,000.00
Highway HEO	\$19.06 per hour
Highway Shop Steward	\$16.42 per hour
Town Justice	\$12,427.00

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Justice Court Clerk	\$14.35 per hour
Water/Wastewater Operator	\$35,836.00
Assistant Water/Wastewater Operator	\$15.61 per hour
Water Rents Clerk	\$ 916.00
Wastewater Rents Clerk	\$ 665.00
Board of Assessors Chairman	\$4,548.00
Board of Assessors:	\$3,896.00
Board of Assessment Review	\$102.00 per day
Planning Board Secretary	\$4,198.00
Transfer Station Manager	\$13.63 per hour
Transfer Station Attendant	\$11.46 per hour
Buildings and Grounds Laborer	\$11.46 per hour
Code Enforcement	\$ 11,0000 until certified, then \$14,000

Motion Made By: Councilor Hughes

Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

Row Call Vote:

Councilperson LaPine	YES
Councilperson LaForest	YES
Councilperson Schueller	ABSENT
Councilperson Hughes	YES
Supervisor Jackson	YES

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New Business

Discuss applying for \$500,000 Northern Borders Grant for Water Filtration Plant & other potential Town Grants. Supervisor Jackson thinks we have a chance at then moved on. Schedule Audits of Town Justice, Town Clerk & Supervisor (Billing Clerk) Councilor LaForest moved the motion, Seconded by: Councilor LaPine. All in Favor I no nays.

The Supervisors Report has been distributed to the Town Board and given to the Town Clerk for inclusion with the minutes of this meeting along with water, sewer, codes and highway.

Payment for use of Heritage Center for document storage, lump sum of \$240 Councilor LaForest moved the motion to pay the Heritage Center. Seconded by Councilor Hughes. All in favor no nays.

Appoint Jim Van Hoven to the ZBA for a term ending 2024, Councilor Hughes made the motion. Councilor LaPine seconded. All in favor no nays

Appoint Anita Shapiro to the BAR for a term ending 2024, Moved by: Councilor Hughes, Seconded by: Councilor LaForest. All in favor no nays.

Resolution #32-2018, accept ROA from Donna Haynes and report to NYSLRS Donna Haynes explained Resolution #32

RESOLUTION # 32– 2019

Resolution to accept ROA from Donna Haynes and report it to NYSLRS

Moved By: Councilor LaForest Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

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

Election Law changes and effect on Essex. Supervisor Jackson explained the New Election laws.

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Governor's budget effects on Essex: Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board the Governor cutting Aid to Municipalities.

Abstract of Bills, 2-2018: Moved by: Councilor LaPine, Seconded by: Councilor Hughes

Roll Call

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor Schueller: ABSENT

Supervisor Jackson: YES

Supervisor's County Report: Supervisor Jackson discussed the County Report with the Board.

NCCC looking for \$20 million to renovate facilities. Councilor LaPine asked if many go there from our area. Supervisor Jackson response, very few go there but we support NCCC.

State has chosen the route for the Empire Bike Trail. Lakeshore Road to Route 22 North in Essex. Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board that there are roads that are not wide enough for the Bike Trail. Councilor LaPine mentioned safety for those on the road in places that have no shoulder and simply are not wide enough.

Public opportunity to address the Board, 3 minutes maximum each meeting: Councilor Hughes asked about signs to alert drivers that we have Amish people here on the road with horse and buggy. Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board that there will be signs. Supervisor Jackson and Highway Superintendent, Bradley French told where these signs are going to be located.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Kelly,

Town Clerk

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