

# Regular Town Board Meeting January 2,2020

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Supervisor Hughes called the meeting to Order at 7:13 p.m.
Supervisor Hughes announced we have already saluted the flag before the Organizational meeting.

Roll Call:

Councilperson DePinto: PRESENT Councilperson Jackson: PRESENT Councilperson LaPine: PRESENT Supervisor Hughes: PRESENT

Supervisor Hughes gave the public the opportunity to address the board: Mr. James LaForest addressed the board that he left his position on the board on his own. Mr. LaForest recommended that the board consider Steve Sayward for the fourth Town Board Member because of his experience.

Dianne Lansing spoke of the resolution on disabilities but nothing on discrimination. Councilman Jackson explained and then Supervisor Hughes explained. Mr. Teitelbaum mentioned that he didn't see the meeting for that night on the web site and Supervisor Hughes ensured that he would look into it. Supervisor Hughes then went onto December 12,2019 minutes.

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to accept

Councilperson LaPine seconded

Roll Call:

Councilperson DePinto: YES
Councilperson Jackson: YES
Councilperson LaPine: YES
Supervisor Hughes: YES

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Hughes discussed with the Board the vacancy on the Town Board and that we will go into executive session after the Town Board Meeting

Ken Hughes, Supervisor | Alicia Kelly, Town Clerk
Councilmembers: Christopher West DePinto, Ronald E. Jackson, Claire LaPine

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Supervisor Hughes went on to discuss with the Board and the public the LED, street light conversion. Councilperson Jackson made the motion for Supervisor Hughes to work with who he needs to work with on the lighting. Councilperson LaPine seconded

Roll Call:

Councilperson DePinto: YES
Councilperson Jackson: YES
Councilperson LaPine: YES
Supervisor Hughes: YES

The Resolution number for this will be #20-2020

Resolution #19-2020

Supervisor Hughes announced NY State raised their minimum wage to \$11.80.

Roll Call:

Councilperson DePinto: YES
Councilperson Jackson: YES
Councilperson LaPine: YES
Supervisor Hughes: YES

ROOST Funding: We received \$2500.00 dollars for economic development. Short discussion followed.

Essex County Fair Board has requested a \$1000.00 from each town. The Board and Supervisor's discussed this. Councilperson LaPine discussed that the Board still feels the same. Councilperson Jackson agreed with Supervisor Hughes to send a letter back that maybe at a later date we will reconsider.

Supervisor Hughes discussed with the Board the report on the inspection of the Transfer Station. We were sited for eight violations. Councilperson Jackson stated we have taken care of several of the violations and further explained what has been done and what needs to be completed. Supervisor Hughes stated he spent the last hour of the shortest daylight day there to see what the situation is there when it gets dark. Everything will be brought up to standard.

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Supervisor Hughes discussed with the Board the .gov domain. Supervisor Hughes gave out instructions to the Board on how to access the email address. Supervisor Hughes went into some details with the Board.

Supervisor Hughes discussed with the Board to have a quarterly newsletter from the town.

Mr. Gary Heurich spoke about different alert systems for the Town that was turned down by the Board several years ago. Supervisor Hughes agreed and said the Town does have the alert system. The public discussed with the Supervisor that the newsletter would be a good idea to inform the public. Supervisor Hughes asked the Board if they approve. Short discussion on the cost.

Supervisor Hughes discussed improving the Town's web site. Supervisor Hughes has volunteered to make the improvements.

Supervisor Hughes discussed with the Board to set up a committee to proceed with the restoration of the ballroom upstairs.

Supervisor Hughes discussed the need to fill the dog control Officer position with the Board. Supervisor Hughes will be running an ad to fill this position.

## Old Business:

Water filtration: Councilperson Jackson discussed this. Library update: Councilperson Jackson discussed this.

Supervisors report: Supervisor Hughes discussed the dates of his meeting dates with the County.

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Supervisor Hughes gave the public the opportunity to address the Board: No one spoke. Councilperson LaPine made the Motion to accept the Bills. Councilperson Jackson seconded Roll Call:

Councilperson DePinto: YES
Councilperson Jackson: YES
Councilperson LaPine: YES
Supervisor Hughes: YES

The Board moved into Executive session. To discuss the Town Council vacancy.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully Yours.

Alicia Kelly, Town Clerk