

**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

**TOWN OF ESSEX  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 12, 2018**

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

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent
Councilor LaPine	x	
Councilor LaForest	x	
Councilor Schueller	x	
Councilor Hughes	x	
Supervisor Jackson	x	

Supervisor Jackson offered the public the opportunity to address the board.

Mary Nell Bockman spoke and said the Grange Board had a meeting and the MOU isn't exactly what the grange wants but they will support it. She asked that the MOU be a three year term agreement. Discussion then was on the length of the agreement. Ron spoke and said the Board has to have the records that show what the Grange association has done for improvements and the cost of the improvement etc, for justification for not charging rent. Richard Teitelbaum spoke that the new MOU has changed and is more formal. Ron responded the reason why this MOU is more formal is this MOU was written by an attorney so that the MOU is a legal document.

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**RESOLUTION # 49– 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Essex (the “Town”) owns improved real property with an address of 1610 NY-22, Essex, New York, and located in the hamlet of Whallonsburg, New York (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, Town Law § 64(2) authorizes the Town to lease real property owned by the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Whallonsburg Grange Hall (“WGH”) to operate and maintain the Property (the “MOU”), a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Law § 64(2) requires the MOU to be subject to permissive referendum under Town Law §§ 90 and 91.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approves and authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter the MOU with WGH related to the Property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to Town Law § 90 and 91, within ten (10) days from the date of this resolution, the Town Clerk, in the same manner as provided for notice of a special election, shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of adoption of this resolution, shall contain an abstract of such resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to permissive referendum; and shall publish such notice in the in the official Town newspaper having general circulation in the Town, and in addition thereto that the Town clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the sign-board of the Town and the Town’s website, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

Moved By: Councilor LaForest

Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: NO

Councilor Schueller: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

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Minutes: May minutes Councilor LaForest moved and Councilor Schueller second to approve them. All in favor.

Old Business:

Pilot: Waiting for instructions for testing

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Smart Growth Grant, Councilor Hughes will have information on in August.

**RESOLUTION # 43-A- 2018**

Rescind REOULUTION #43 -2018

Moved By: Councilor Schueller

Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor Schueller: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

Discussed the upgrade of lighting for the town.

**RESOLUTION # 55- 2018**

WHEREAS, street lights are an integral public service provided by municipalities, and are vital for the safety of homeowners, businesses, institutions, pedestrians, motorists and first responders; and

WHEREAS, street light costs consume a significant amount of energy, and represent a significant portion of municipal electricity bills; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of New York to encourage shared services among municipalities for cost saving opportunities; and

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WHEREAS, advancements in lighting technology have made it possible for municipalities to realize energy savings after converting to Light Emitting Diode (LED) , street lights; and

WHEREAS, municipalities interested in converting to LED street lights can either purchase the system from the utility (company), or convert through the utility (company) program; and

WHEREAS, municipalities who opt to convert through the utility (company) owned pathway have the responsibility to select the LED wattages and color temperatures they would like to install (within a range of predefined options as offered by the utility), as well as whether they would like to add or eliminate lighting; and

WHEREAS, municipalities may opt to conduct a street light inventory and design study to ensure that the conversion best meets the needs of the community, reduces the cost of operation, and increases safety; and

WHEREAS, the design process includes many soft costs that can be prohibitive for smaller municipalities and which may be reduced through an aggregation of the design work; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh, with the support of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA), will serve as the lead municipality allowing multiple municipalities to “piggyback” on a contract with a street light design contractor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the [GOVERNING BODY] of the [MUNICIPAL NAME] hereby supports the activity of the Town of Plattsburgh and ANCA and wishes to continue exploring the LED Design Aggregation project.

Moved By: Councilor LaPine

Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor Schueller: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

Reminded the public of the hazardous waste day in Lewis

Lauren Murphy spoke of the grant to help with the upstairs renovation and how the requirements have changed.

Lawsuit against the planning board, nothing additional to add.

Resolution #54 was sponsored by Dan Stec, but didn't make the floor.

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**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION #20 - A- 2018**

Approve Supervisor Jackson to sign the 2018 State Ice and Snow Agreement with a \$215.60 increase to \$91, 377.96

Moved by: Councilor LaForest      Seconded by: Councilor Schueller

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

Hartford Steam & Boiler Report on Sewer Plant & Pump Station.  
Everything will be corrected

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Short Term Water Grant Maturity Office, paperwork has gone through, it has been postponed as not done with the project.

Graystone has inquired about being included in sewer district. Discussion on this and if the town agrees to allow Graystone to be included on the sewer then Graystone will have to cover cost. Councilor Schueller moved the motion. Councilor LaPine seconded the motion.

SEQR. We have to do this as its town property, to answer the questions on the renovations of the upstairs of the town hall.

Discussion on people not sorting garbage at the transfer station and how to solve the issue.

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Aerial Photo of town: Councilor Schueller made the motion, Councilor Hughes seconded. All in favor of purchasing the Ariel shot of the town for \$150.00.

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Resolution #55, If everyone approves of the LED lighting, Councilor Schueller moved the motion and Councilor Hughes seconded.

Abstract of Bills: 7-2018 to pay bills. Councilor LaPine moved the motion to pay the bills, Councilor LaForest seconded. All yes to Roll Call.

Supervisor County Report: Supervisor Jackson discussed the report

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Second opportunity to address the board: Tina Gardner; Water and Sewer Operator discussed where things stand with the new Water and Sewer Plant.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Kelly,  
Town Clerk

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