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June 13, 2019 Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

Councilor Hughes: PRESENT

Councilor LaForest: LATE 6:36 pm

Councilor LaPine: PRESENT

Councilor Schueller: ABSENT

Supervisor Jackson: PRESENT

Supervisor Jackson gave the public the opportunity to address the Board. Michael Olsen and Susan Olsen spoke about the water situation around their house. Supervisor Jackson responded that Bradley French the Highway's Superintendent, will come and evaluate the situation.

Audrey Sparre spoke on behalf of the grange to discuss with the Board the problems with landline phone service in Whallonsburg. Councilor Hughes asked that Whallonsburg residents to keep a record of when their phone lines are working and when they are out.

Minutes: April 11, 2019. To accept minutes as corrected, Councilor LaPine made the motion. Councilor LaForest seconded. All in favor.

May 9, 2019 minutes are tabled. To give the Councilmen a chance to review the minutes.

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Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board, a job application for a position with the transfer station.

RESOLUTION # 38– 2019

Appoint Joe Kish of 1249 Rt. 9 – N, Ticonderoga to a regularly scheduled part time position at the Willsboro – Essex Transfer Site. The appointment is conditional to filling out the required application paperwork and passing our employment physical.

Moved By: Councilor LaPine Seconded By: Councilor LaForest

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

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RESOLUTION # 39– 2019

Appoint Gladys Person as an alternate to the Essex Planning Board. The term starts today, and we will look up the end date.

Moved By: Councilor Hughes Seconded By: Councilor LaForest

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

Catherine DeWolff spoke on behalf of Gladys Person being an alternate for the Planning Board.

Abstract of Bills: Councilor LaForest, moved the motion. Councilor LaPine seconded.

Roll Call:

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

Old Business:

Water Filtration Update: Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board the progress.

Changes in e-mail system: Supervisor Jackson turned this over to Councilor Hughes, Councilor Hughes commented Robert was going to connect with Digital Tow Path.

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Supervisor Jackson reminded everyone of the Rabies Clinic scheduled for August 13, 2019 at the Essex Fire Dept.

Supervisor Jackson reminded everyone of the Hazardous waste date in Lewis on August 10, 2019 at the DPW.

The computers are still on hold for 1/1/20. Short discussion on the computers.

Town Salt Shed: The Community planning needs to speak with Bradley French the Highway Superintendent on the grant for the salt shed

Parking lot grant Supervisor Jackson discussed this with the Board.

Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board the problems with the Library and that Bradley French was looking into it.

Town purchasing Policy review: Nothing was discussed.

New Business

Copies of the Supervisor's report, water and wastewater report, Code Officer's report, the Debit Card Purchases and the Highway Superintendent's. All reports are in.

We had a high percentage of employees attend the NYMIR workplace violence & sexual harassment training.

Supervisor Jackson mentioned NYMIR conducted a safety & documentation inspection. Some changes required but overall did very well. Supervisor Jackson said a member of the community has spoken with him about raising money to rebuild the Town Hall porch circa 1911 postponed to July's Town Board Meeting.

Letter from Gladys Person, wishing to be an alternate on the Planning Board. Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Union representative stated the need to set up a time for negotiations.

Councilor LaPine spoke about a Board to negotiate. Councilor LaPine and Councilor LaForest volunteered. Supervisor Jackson appointed them.

Review of Water/Sewer parcels, Supervisor Jackson turned this over to Donna Haynes. Donna discussed the problems she has found with the water/sewer billing with the Supervisor, The Town Board and the water/sewer superintendent Tina Gardner.

The following parcels need to be reviewed for correct W/S billing:

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Stephen McKenna 40.73-3-11.000 Beggs Point Street

Jonathan Pribble 40.73-5-18.000 25 Ross Way

Dorothy Voorhis 40.3-2-9.200 Res. Vacant land, water district only.

Essex County 40.3-3-13.200/1 Cell Tower on School St., Water district only.

Verizon Wireless 40.3-3-13.200/2 Cell Tower on School Street, Water district only.

Essex Cemetery 40.3-3-16.000 2698 NYS RTE 22, Water district only.

Robert Moulton 40.3-3-17.200 Vacant land, Water district only

South Braidlea Farms 40.11-1-1.000 Vacant land. NYS Rte 22.

Blockhouse Land LLC 40.57-3-15.100 Vacant land on Essex Road

Nathaniel Klipper 40.57-3-15.200 Billing

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Tina Gardner 40.3-3-17.110 Water charge reduction, no longer using water for cattle.

Linda Shigley 40.57-3-2.000 Under construction

Supervisor Jackson then gave the floor to Cathy Dewolff. Cathy discussed an Air B&B moratorium request from the Planning Board. Cathy spoke about the zoning law in Town of Essex not applying to short term rentals. Nothing for B&Bs. Cathy is asking for something to be written. Supervisor Jackson and Cathy discussed this, then the other Board members came in on the discussion.

Supervisor Jackson will start the process of adopting a moratorium. We will have a public hearing. The next Town Board meeting we will vote to adopt the moratorium. Councilor Hughes asked Cathy some questions. Supervisor Jackson asked for starting the process to move the moratorium, Councilor LaForest moved the motion, Councilor Hughes seconded.

Roll Call

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor: LaPine: NO

Councilor Schueller: ABSENT

Supervisor Jackson: YES

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New Phone Directory information is in everybody's box.

Review our Capital Asset Policy: Supervisor Jackson advised we don't have a Policy. Councilor LaPine has gone through them and Supervisor Jackson has gone through them. Supervisor Jackson discussed this with the Board.

Supervisor's County report. Supervisor Jackson has missed the last two meetings due to hospitalization.

Supervisor Jackson gave the public the opportunity to address the Board. Tina Gardner mentioned we need a replacement on Sewer Committee to replace Gretel Schueller. Tina mentioned the situation on the Planning Board Moratorium, a short discussion with Tina and the Town Board.

Supervisor Jackson mentioned the water and sewer cost will be going up. Councilor Hughes mentioned the problem with the phone situation in Whallonsburg. A short discussion took place.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully yours.

Alicia Kelly,
Town Clerk