

# TOWN OF ESSEX

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Essex, New York 12936

Ronald Jackson  
**Supervisor**  
Alicia Kelly  
**Town Clerk**

**TOWN COUNCIL:**  
Claire LaPine  
James LaForest  
Gretel Schueller  
Kenneth Hughes

March 14, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the salute to the flag.

## Roll Call:

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

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

Supervisor Jackson started the meeting announcing an Apt that Councilor Hughes loaded onto his computer. NACO is asking that everyone load this apt onto their computer. Check and see what Broadband you have. It goes to a computer that compiles all the data and this computer is making a map of the entire country. As the computer will show where things are not accurate.

## Minutes,

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 discussed and with corrections

Councilor Hughes made the motion to except February's minutes. Councilor Schueller seconded. All in favor no nays. Councilor Hughes pointed out an error on December 13, 2018 meeting. Then Councilor Hughes made the motion to except December 13, 2018 Councilor Schueller seconded. All in favor no nays.

## OLD BUSINESS

Pilot test update. WE have finished the pilot test and it will not appear on the agenda again. We have made great water. We are making over the amount of water we use, but still may have to purchase another filter.

Water filtration update: Looked for alternatives to four waterboys but cannot change to three larger waterboys unless we get a grant. Meeting one week from today on the grant.

Beggs park conversion: Ann Ruzow Holland talked to them two weeks ago but we are still where we are, waiting for the state to designate a park.

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Email changes: Supervisor Jackson discussed this with the Board members. Supervisor Jackson asked Councilor Hughes if he was happy with it. Councilor LaPine asked a few questions. Councilor Hughes spoke and explained. Councilor Hughes said we can do it for a year and if we don't like it, we can change.

Supervisor Jackson moved onto the Resolutions.

**Resolution 9A-2019** This resolution is being offered to designate the Press Republican and the Sun (for non-legal notices) as the Official Newspapers for the Town of Essex for the year 2019. {Town Law§64(11)}

Motion Made by: Councilor Hughes      Seconded by: Councilor Schueller

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson LaPine	NO
Councilperson LaForest	YES
Councilperson Schueller	YES
Councilperson Hughes	YES
Supervisor Jackson	YES

Councilor LaForest made a suggestion for an amendment that the Sun is used for non legal required advertisement. Supervisor Jackson asked for a vote on the original amendment to include the Sun.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor LaPine:	NO
Councilor LaForest:	YES
Councilor Schueller:	YES
Councilor Hughes:	YES
Supervisor Jackson:	YES

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- A. Audits of Town Justice, Town Clerk & Supervisor (Billing Clerk) Supervisor Jackson asked if they were finished. Councilor LaPine explained we need a resolution to send the audits in. Supervisor Jackson wrote up the resolution 35 to except the audit of the Town Justice. Councilor Schueller moved the motion, Councilor Hughes seconded

**Roll Call:**

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

- B. The Defibrillators: We agreed in 2017 we will pay for them, \$80,960.87 and we will be reimbursed \$20,960.87 from the Willsboro and Essex EMS. Remaining \$60,000.00 will hopefully be paid by the DASNY Grant if not by Willsboro Essex EMS. Supervisor Jackson asked for a motion to move \$60,000.00 from the General Fund to Line #45404.20. Councilor Hughes made the motion, Councilor Schueller seconded the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

**New Business:**

- A. Supervisor Jackson mentioned the Supervisors Report and Donna Haynes discussed the report. Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board the other reports he had.  
B. Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board that we need a motion to add insurance coverage to our hydrants for \$64.90. Councilor Schueller made the motion, Councilor Hughes seconded. All in favor.

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## RESOLUTION # 33– 2019

Amend the 2018 Budget for Willsboro – Essex EMS from \$12,125 to \$12,500 with the remainder to come from General Funds Unexpended Balance.

Moved By: Councilor Hughes                      Seconded By: Councilor Schueller

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

**Supervisor Jackson announced the Essex Rabies Clinic August 13, 2019 at the Essex Fire Department.**

- C. Supervisor Jackson announced he needs a motion to sign the DOT highway work permit. Councilor Schueller made the motion, Councilor LaForest seconded. All in favor.**
- D. Supervisor Jackson announced he also needs a motion to accept the AUD report Councilor LaForest made the motion, Councilor Schueller seconded. All in favor.**
- E. Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report: Councilor Hughes made the motion, Councilor Schueller seconded. All in favor.**

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Supervisor Jackson discussed the Bill for electricity supplied by Donald Doyle for the Bouquet Schoolhouse. Councilor Schueller made the motion, Councilor Hughes seconded. All in favor.

## RESOLUTION # 34– 2019

A Resolution urging NY State to adopt the proposed Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program (SWAP) that will support Water, Wastewater & Storm Water infrastructure with an annual supplemental funding stream for the Municipalities and Counties of New York. This is similar to the CHIPS program for roads.

Moved By: Councilor Schueller Seconded By: Councilor LaForest

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

- F. Building Rights Supervisor Jackson discussed the concerns of chairman for the Planning Board Cathy Dewolff. Cathy is concerned about building rights being move. Cathy thinks it may become more common and wants the Board and Town Supervisor to be aware of this. Supervisor Jackson discussed this with the Board.
- G. Ice eaters for Town Dock. Supervisor Jackson asked Tina Gardner about a piece coming off the Dock. Supervisor Jackson announced that he had asked Gerald

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Mercury and Gerald explained what the town needs and Supervisor Jackson explained it to the Board. Supervisor Jackson asked for a motion for a purchase of a saw to cut ice Councilor Hughes made the motion, Councilor LaPine Seconded. All in favor.

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

Roll Call:

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

Supervisors County Report: Supervisor Jackson discussed Senator Betty Little wants to purchase a building to train firefighters. A building lot in Elizabethtown has been chosen.  
The State reapproved the addition mortgage tax for Essex County: Supervisor Jackson discussed this with the Board.

Councilor Hughes discussed the problem with the Verizon landline. Supervisor Jackson discussed the problem with the line being buried on a questionable right of way, and not being able to work on it.

Councilor Hughes discussed that the speed sign in Whallonsburg isn't working and people are not slowing down. Supervisor Jackson and the Board discussed this.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Kelly,  
Town Clerk