

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

November 08, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:52 p.m.

We won't salute to the flag a second time as that was done at the opening of the Budget Meeting that was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call:

Present

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

Supervisor Jackson offered the public the opportunity to address the board. Andy Buchanan spoke and thanked the Board for agreeing on the MOU. Patty Gardner spoke that the Whallonsburg Grange should purchase their own transfer station tickets and be sure their reports to the town are in on time. Patty commented that the Grange should come to the board and ask permission before doing any changes to the building.

Minutes: The Special Budget meeting on October 4, 2018 Councilor LaForest moved the motion to approve the minutes, Councilor Hughes seconded the motion, all in favor no nays. October 11, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting approved with corrections. Councilor Hughes made the motion. Councilor LaForest seconded. All in favor, no nays.

Old Business:

- A. Pilot Test: Water testing is good except we are backwashing too often. DOH thinks we should have ultra violet treatment. Right now we don't need ultra violet treatment as the bugs the ultra violet kills are not in Lake Champlain at this time

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- B. Beggs Park Conversion: The appraisal is good, we are moving forward. We also need to extend Ann's contract.
- C. DEC Smart Growth Grant for Comprehensive Plan: Waiting.
- D. Street light Upgrade: Waiting. Short discussion on the lighting.
- E. Second floor of Town Hall construction planning: Supervisor Jackson discussed his conversation with Lauren Murphy.
- F. Possible lawsuit against the Town Planning Board: Nothing new.
- G. Enforcement action by Code Officer: Waiting on something from Judge Sayward.
- H. Hartford Steam and Boiler Report on Sewer Plant & Pump Station: The report is almost done.
- I. Transfer site problem list: AED not required. They already have a first aid kit there. A fire extinguisher is already there. Bradley French said he can fix the fence. They have lighting in the trailer and a light will be installed outside. Instead of an awning the town is going to supply hats. A new water cooler will have to be brought from the company. Hand sanitizer the transfer station already has.

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October 11, 2018, Regular Town Board

RESOLUTION # 50 A – 2018

Rescind Resolution #50 – 2018 dated May 10, 2018 and replace it with #50 A – 2018

Accept as attached the standard work day for NYS & LRS purposes.

Moved By: Councilor LaForest Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

Councilor Hughes: YES

Councilor LaForest: YES

Councilor LaPine: YES

Councilor Schueller: YES

Supervisor Jackson: YES

Supervisor Jackson discussed with the board a write in, Tourism Enhancement Fund. Spend the funding on time line. Councilor Hughes made the motion. Councilor LaForest seconded. All in favor, no nays.

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New Business:

RESOLUTION # 66– 2018

Give the Supervisor permission to sign the 2019 Contract with the North Country SPCA to provide a dog pound, as needed, for the Town of Essex for a contract price of \$1,026.63

Moved By: Councilor LaForest

Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

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

RESOLUTION # 68– 2018

Adopt the Town of Essex 2019 Preliminary Budget as attached now being the Adopted 2019 Budget.

Moved By: Councilor LaForest

Seconded By: Councilor Hughes

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

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RESOLUTION # 69– 2018

Accept the attached Water / Sewer Levy for unpaid 2018 Water / Sewer bills

Moved By: Councilor LaForest Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

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

RESOLUTION # 70– 2018

Declare our Gradeall surplus so it can be sold for scrap.

Moved By: Councilor LaForest Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

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

Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Town Board, the notification from Willsboro terminating the agreement to provide Codes Enforcement and Building Inspector to Essex effective 01/01/19. Supervisor Jackson

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discussed with the Board the applicants for the job. Councilor Schueller and Councilor LaForest volunteered to interview.

Discussion on the half dead spruce tree, Taylor 's has made an offer to replace the tree in the spring. They will pay half the cost of the tree and install it for free. Supervisor Jackson asked for a motion for Taylor's to replace the tree for half price and install it free at the time it can be planted. Councilor Hughes made the motion, Councilor Schueller seconded. All in favor no nays.

Supervisor Jackson discussed that Robert from the County wants us to change IT to .gov. If we change over, there are fees which Supervisor Jackson discussed with the Board. Councilor Hughes volunteered to research it more. Supervisor Jackson added that we'll discuss it more next month.

Next discussion is to extend Ann Ruzow contract for another year. Councilor LaPine moved the motion, Councilor Hughes seconded. All in favor I no nays.

Planning Board:

Accept Derrick Wrisley resignation. Councilor Hughes made a motion to accept Derricks resignation. Councilor LaForest seconded the motion. All in favor I no nays.

Councilor LaForest made the motion, Councilor LaPine seconded for Jan Fortune to move from Alternate to Planning Board. All in favor no nays. A vote for Anita Shapiro as Alternate for the Planning Board, Councilor LaForest moved the motion. Councilor Schueller seconded. All in favor no nays.

Supervisor Jackson started a discussed to accept the Records Destruction Authorization. Councilor LaForest made the motion to accept it, Councilor LaPine seconded All in favor no nays.

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Supervisor Jackson discussed that Essex Initiative wants to set up a box to collect toys for children and people can fill out application if people are interested to receive a gift for their children.

Supervisor Jackson named off a list of reports filed.

Supervisors report

Highway report

Water /Sewer report

Planning Board report and the

Grange is up to date.

Abstract of Bills: moved by Councilor LaPine, seconded by Councilor LaForest. All in Favor no nays.

Supervisor 's County Report

Board of Supervisors approved a Resource Officer for the schools that are willing to pay half the cost. They will be in any school that wants it for twenty hours a week.

NCCC is looking for a new President.

Supervisor Jackson offered the public the opportunity to address the Board. No one spoke.

Supervisor Jackson called meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Kelly,
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