

**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

October 10, 2019 Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. with the salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

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

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

Supervisor Jackson mentioned the changes in the budget. Then changed to the minutes of the meeting:

September's minutes are tabled.

Then they discussed the Bills

Supervisor Jackson turned the meeting over to Account Clerk Angel Forbes to discuss the changes in the budget.

The following changes were made after the Tentative Budget Meeting on October 3, 2019:

12201.01.13- Secretary's salary was decreased from \$17,618 to \$16,074 due to a mathematical error.

51324.01- Garage, CE was increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 due to appropriating funds in the correct account.

90108.01- State Retirement was decreased from \$7360 to \$6776 due to a change in salaries.

90108.03- State Retirement was increased from \$27,260 to \$27,620 due to change in salaries.

90608.03- Medical Insurance was increased from \$102,146 to \$119,402 due to mathematical error.

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90108.11 State Retirement was increased from \$1,303 to \$1,393 due to change in salaries.

We are currently using \$26,191 fund balance to meet the 2% cap. We also have \$15,481.98 in Cap Space from last year that we can use some, if not all, reduce the fund balance.

Old Business:

Water filtration update: No update but the State said we can pay Cedarwood for running trials.

Change in email system: Angel Forbes got some information on the email system. Councilor Hughes spoke to explain the cost.

Computers are in and installed

Library Problems: We have the building evaluation from Cedarwood. Supervisor Jackson and Colleen Van Hoven spoke about the library and the cost of the work that needs to be done. Slate has been fixed. Bradley French planted the trees. Supervisor Jackson discussed about putting a vent in with a fan into the basement to dry the basement out.

Rebuilding the porch will be in the Planning Board meeting in November.

Union Negotiation. Two rounds of negotiation have taken place.

Supervisor Jackson has spoken with Cathy Person about the Enhanced update and said she would have to look into the company for Enhanced. Next month we should have some answers.

Supervisor Jackson discussed with the DEC to reduce our phosphate level.

Supervisor Jackson spoke with Verizon about setting up a meeting about the phone situation in Whallonsburg, still uncertain about a meeting.

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Supervisor Jackson announced we were unsuccessful about getting the grant for the ECHO parking lot. Lauren Murphy recommended getting funding from Adirondack Trust and to raise money to buy the parking lot and to get the money for the charging station.

Supervisor Jackson asked the Board if they objected to the charging station. They all agreed to it.

Supervisor Jackson discussed the situation at the transfer station with the bulky container and people having to haul bulky items to Lewis. Mentioned that its cheaper to haul things to Lewis than the double punch for the larger items.

New Business:

Supervisor's report, Water and Wastewater report, Code Officer's report and Highway Superintendent's report are all available at the Town Clerks Office. The reports will be filed with the minutes.

Resolution #49-2019

Give the Supervisor permission to sign a five-year Ice and Snow Contract with NYS DOT.

Moved By: Councilor Hughes

Seconded By: Councilor LaPine

Roll Call:

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

Opioid Lawsuit: We don't have to do anything to be a part of it.
November's Town Board Meeting will be November 7, 2019. The Budget meeting will be first.

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Appoint Karol Kempster as alternate to the Planning Board.

Moved By: Councilor Hughes Seconded By: Councilor LaForest

Roll Call:

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

The State Comptroller sent the Town its annual financial stress informational paper.

Financial stress is zero, environmental stress has dropped from 26 to 13.

We have an applicant for the ZBA: Beth Powell Faragan

Moved by: Councilor Hughes Seconded by: Councilor LaForest

All in favor.

M&T Bank is happy with collateral for the plow truck.

Alltech needs to make repairs to three detectors on 2nd floor of Town Hall.

Water /Wastewater truck decals discussed and approved.

Abstract of Bills

Moved by: Councilor: LaForest Seconded by: Councilor LaPine

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County Report: Supervisor Jackson discussed the report, commented that there were no Town of Essex properties foreclosed on.

Supervisor Jackson gave the public the opportunity to address the Board: Tina Gardner brought to the Board's attention that the panels need inspection in both buildings. Also announced because of the deck on the library she cannot get the key into the box so Tina will be unable to shut off water at the library if needed.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Respectfully yours,

Alicia Kelly,
Town Clerk