

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held on August 15, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Jones, Councilors Folts, Parson, Steppe, Deputy Supervisor Stewart, Town Attorney Bailey, Town Clerk McMichael, Acting Highway Superintendent Martin, Town Engineer Ackart.

Excused: Councilor Killen

GUESTS: Taylor Fitch, Doug Paddock, Matthew Piczak, Jim Bedient, Art Carcone, Vernon Brand; Assessor, Elaine Nesbit; Zoning Assessing & Planning Clerk, John Phillips; Code Enforcement Officer, and several other unidentified guests.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION #143-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilor Parson, seconded by Councilor Folts, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Folts, Jones, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the minutes of the July 11, 2012 Special meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #144-12

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilor Steppe, seconded by Councilor Parson, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Folts, Jones, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #145-12

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilor Steppe, seconded by Councilor Folts, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Folts, Jones, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the bills be paid as presented in the following amounts:

General:	\$ 23,092.51
Outside Village	\$ 573.65
Highway DB:	\$149,569.56
Sewer:	\$ 78,511.70
Water:	\$ 4,082.52

Trust: \$ 2,510.00
B'port Light: \$ 230.27

Councilor Parson noted the July 31, 2012 Fehrer Rubbish Removal invoice for Clean-Up Day in the amount of \$85.00 will be processed as part of this audit of claims.

July Utilities:

General: \$ 5,035.83
Outside Village: \$ 32.39
Sewer: \$36,696.86
Water: \$ 104.65

RESOLUTION #146-12

SUPERVISOR REPORT

On a motion of Councilor Parson, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Folts, Jones, Parson, Steppe
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Report on the Town's finances for the month of July 2012 be accepted as presented.

ASSESSOR PRESENTATION

Assessor Brand made a presentation on the following:

- office plans to revamp the current filing system
- assessment filings to date
- data collection project versus using an outside consultant contractor in preparation of a full revaluation
- various tasks including sales book, building permits, non-profits, commercial values and building a paperless (or near) environment by scanning documents
- request for full-time employment effective January 1, 2013 as proposed to the Assessment Committee. Mr. Brand will e-mail his proposed Memorandum of Understanding to the Town Board.
- the annual cycle of assessing activities:
 - 7/1/2011 Valuation Date
 - 3/1/2012 Taxable Status Date
 - 5/22/2012 Grievance Day
 - 7/1/2012 Final Roll
 - 9/2012 School property tax bills
 - 1/2013 Town/County property tax bills

Zoning Assessing & Planning Clerk Nesbit commented on the importance of data collection and maintaining an equalization rate near/at 100% of market value to ensure fairness and equity.

Councilor Parson commended Mr. Brand for doing a good job.

Mr. Brand and Mrs. Nesbit left the meeting following their presentation.

TOWN OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- Highway Superintendent Martin is preparing the paperwork for the CHIPS funding.

TOWN ENGINEER

- Written report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

COUNCIL

- The Highway Committee (Councilors Steppe and Parson) met to review the equipment replacement schedule for the 2013 budget cycle.
- Councilor Parson stated Patti Loveland, 3907 Central Avenue submitted a letter dated July 24, 2012 to the Town commending Code Enforcement Officer Phillips and Zoning Assessing & Planning Clerk Nesbit for their assistance in preparing her to appear before the Zoning Board related to a stop work order. He asked that a copy of the letter be placed in their personnel files.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

ZONING REVIEW/54A SUBCOMMITTEE:

A Public Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2012 at the Town Office.

YATES COUNTY MARCELLUS SHALE TASK FORCE

The Task Force will be meeting in September.

RIGHT TO FARM SUBCOMMITTEE/AGRICULTURAL FEE SUBCOMMITTEE

The draft Right to Farm law has been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Boards for review.

The Subcommittee met on August 7 to discuss our building permit fees and proposed a resolution for consideration.

CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION:

Supervisor Jones is addressing an issue related to one of the property owners not receiving the required paperwork to apply under the Main Street Program as part of the Consolidated Funding Application.

CONSERVATION/RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE:

The Conservation/Renewable Energy Committee is hosting an energy forum for residents to learn more about implementation of renewable energy at home, farm or business on September 18 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. at the Branchport Fire Hall. A field day renewable energy tour will launch from Brookside Farm, 2944 Corwin Rd., Branchport, NY and visit four farms on September 22, 2012 from 9:00am-1:00pm

FINGER LAKES MUSEUM DISCOVERY CAMPUS

The Finger Lakes Museum Discovery Campus groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for August 16 at 3:30.

2013 BUDGETS

The tentative Town, Water and Sewer budgets will be delivered to the Town Clerk between September 1-15.

RESOLUTION #147-12

PROCLAMATION - CONSTITUTION WEEK SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2012

On a motion of Supervisor Jones, seconded by Councilor Parson, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Folts, Jones, Parson, Steppe
Nays 0

WHEREAS, Our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, It is of the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to effectively support, preserve and defend it against all enemies.

WHEREAS, The two hundred and twenty fourth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides an historic opportunity for all Americans to remember the achievements of the Framers of the Constitution and the rights, privileges, and responsibilities they afforded us in this unique document, and

WHEREAS, The independence guaranteed to American citizens, whether by birth or naturalization, should be celebrated by appropriate

ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, as designated by proclamation of the President of the United States of America in accordance with Public Law 915, now

THEREFORE, I, Daryl Jones by virtue of the authority vested in me as Jerusalem Supervisor in the State of New York, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK in the Town of Jerusalem, and urge all our citizens to reflect during that week on the many benefits of our Federal Constitution and the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship.

DISCUSSION - AGRICULTURE ACCESSORY BUILDING PERMIT FEE

Supervisor Jones recommended the building permit fee for all accessory structures be reduced because agricultural buildings receive a 10-year exemption that the other structures do not. Councilor Parson stated this was considered by the Committee, but the Code Enforcement Officer is not required to perform as many inspections on agricultural structures. Also, the Town's Comprehensive Plan supports the farming industry.

RESOLUTION #148-12

AGRICULTURE ACCESSORY BUILDING PERMIT FEE

On a motion of Councilor Parson, seconded by Councilor Folts, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes 3	Folts, Parson, Steppe
	Nays 1	Jones

WHEREAS THE COST OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR AN AGRICULTURE ACCESSORY BUILDING IS THREE TIMES HIGHER IN THE TOWN OF JERUSALEM THAN IN ANY OF THE SURROUNDING TOWNS IN OUR AREA.

WHEREAS THE TOWN OF JERUSALEM STATED IN ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS CURRENT FARMING INDUSTRY RECOGNIZING ITS VALUABLE AND AESTHETIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TOWN

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COST FOR AN AGRICULTURE ACCESSORY BUILDING PERMIT FEE BE REVISED FROM FIFTEEN CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT TO FIVE CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT WITH A CAP OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TOTAL COST FOR AN AGRICULTURE ACCESSORY BUILDING. AGRICULTURE ACCESSORY BUILDING SHALL BE DETERMINED AS PART OF AN AGRICULTURE EXEMPTION PROPERTY. THIS REVISION SHALL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 2ND. 2013

RESOLUTION #149-12

TEMPORARY COVERAGE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

On a motion of Councilor Parson, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Folts, Jones, Parson, Steppe
Nays 0

WHEREAS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK SEPT. 9TH 2012 AND WHEREAS THE TOWN OF JERUSALEM WILL HAVE AN OCCASIONAL NEED FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS BE ALLOCATED AT A RATE OF TWENTY DOLLARS AN HOUR FOR THE SERVICES OF ART CARCONE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS STARTING SEPT. 9TH. 2012 CONTINGENT UPON AN APPROVED APPLICATION ON FILE AT YATES COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE, AND

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THESE SERVICES WILL BE ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE ZAP CLERK (ELAINE NESBIT).

RESOLUTION #150-12

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Jones, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Folts, Jones, Parson, Steppe
Nays 0

Resolved that this meeting be interrupted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Teamsters Union contract negotiation.

The Executive Session convened at 8:20 P.M.

The following information was supplied by Deputy Supervisor Stewart:

RESOLUTION #151-12

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On a motion of Councilperson Folts, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Folts, Parson, Jones, Simmons, Stewart
Nays 0

Resolved that the Board return to regular session.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:22 P.M.

With there being no further business, on a motion of Councilor Folts, seconded by Councilor Steppe, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk