

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held on July 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Killen, Councilors Dinehart, Jones, Parson, Steppe, Deputy Supervisor Stewart, Town Clerk McMichael, Highway Superintendent Martin, Town Engineer Ackart.

GUESTS: Greg Cummings; Larson Design Group, Tim Cutler, Bob Evans, Bill Wolff, Dave Mortensen, John Christensen; *Chronicle Express* Reporter, Doug Paddock.

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Additions to the agenda included an update on the phone system and the bulldozer purchase that was tabled at the June meeting.

RESOLUTION #101-15

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #102-15

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the minutes of the June 30, 2015 special meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #103-15

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

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

General:	\$ 22,334.16
Outside Village	\$ 6,300.82
Highway DB:	\$ 48,029.81
Sewer:	\$ 42,667.82

Water:	\$100,272.34
Branchport Light	\$ 238.73

Supervisor Killen will clarify the amount owed to Feher Rubbish as a second bill was received for Clean-Up Day.

June Utilities:

General:	\$ 870.83
Outside Village:	\$ 180.56
Highway DB	\$ 6,065.44
Sewer:	\$ 535.25
Water:	\$ 1,175.92
Trust:	\$26,119.03

RESOLUTION #104-15

SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Supervisor's Report on the Town's finances for the month of June 2015 be accepted as presented.

RESOLUTION #105-15

PUBLIC HEARING - WATER SYSTEM PLANNING STUDY

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

With proof of notice having been duly published and posted, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 P.M.

The Town is considering submitting an application for funding for a planning grant through the NYS Office of Community Renewal's (OCR) Community Development Block Grant Program to complete an engineering study to determine the scope and cost of improvements needed for the water system.

Greg Cummings, Larson Design Group provided an overview of the Grant Program (attached).

Bill Wolff and Dave Mortensen representing the Branchport Keuka Park Fire District stated their support, emphasizing public safety concerns. Improvements to the water system would address issues of the Fire Departments. Specifics of these issues will be shared with Town Engineer Ackart for inclusion in our application.

Supervisor Killen will keep Mr. Wolff advised of future meetings regarding this matter. Given the proposed Keuka Commons project, a cooperative approach among the Town, Fire District and Keuka College was suggested.

The Public Hearing was left open.

TOWN OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- Construction of the salt storage building is complete.
- The Highway is concentrating work on roads lost in last year's flood.
- Highway Superintendent Martin spoke with the contractor paving State Route 54A. Work will begin in approximately two months from the Steuben County line to Sugar Creek. The road will not be closed, but there will be delays.
- Following review of the Highway Equipment replacement schedule, the Highway Committee emphasized the importance of funding the machine reserve for future purchases.

RESOLUTION #106-15

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A USED BULLDOZER

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Whereas Highway Superintendent Martin was authorized to purchase one used bulldozer in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 by Resolution #83-15 and his request to amend the purchase to a new bulldozer at a cost not-to-exceed \$105,000 was tabled under Resolution #92-15; and

Whereas it is determined by this Board to be reasonable and proper and in the best interests of the efficient functioning of the Highway Department that the Highway Superintendent be granted permission to purchase said item; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the Highway Superintendent be authorized to purchase one new bulldozer in an amount not-to-exceed \$105,000 under OGS Contract Group #40625 Award #22792 with the proceeds for this purchase taken from the Highway Machine Reserve.

TOWN ENGINEER

- Notes of the July 9, 2015 KPSW meeting on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- The Sweeps Program will be painting hydrants for the Water Department on August 8 and 9.
- We are working cooperatively with the Village of Penn Yan on the Indian Pines Pump Station Forcemain Replacement project.

SUPERVISOR

- The NYS Public Service Commission is conducting a study on the State of Telecommunications in NYS. Area hearings are July 28th at SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Utica and July 29th at Binghamton City Hall. Information sessions are 2:00-6:00 and Public Statement hearings are 3:00-7:00 P.M.
- The CareNet Pregnancy Center of Penn Yan 5K Walk/Run fundraiser is scheduled on September 12th at 9:00 A.M.
- The annual KLOC-NYS DEC outlet inspection is July 29th at 11:00 A.M.
- KWIC Policies and Procedures Amendments are due to be approved at the next meeting.
- 2016 Budget Worksheets are due from departments on July 31st. Budget meetings are scheduled July 17th and 31st at 9:00 A.M.
- Congressman Reed sent a letter thanking us for the use of the boardroom for his Town Hall meeting on June 20th.
- KPSW received a letter from Phil Mann alleging damage due to a water main break that has been submitted to Sprague Insurance.
- Supervisor Killen will respond to the letter from Tim Oppel, 2245 Old Pines Trail regarding drainage concerns following consultation with Attorney Graff.
- Lynn Barry, Assembly Avenue presented concerns regarding the Keuka College athletic field scoreboard in writing to the Supervisor and also at the July 9th Zoning Board meeting.
- The June 20th Jerusalem History Club and Bluff Point Association sign dedication ceremony was well attended. Supervisor Killen thanked Town Historian Bob Evans; Annette Toaspern and the Jerusalem History Club; Tom Close and the Bluff Point Association and the Highway Department.
- Empire Telephone plans to install phones at the Town Hall on August 4th at 9:00 A.M.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

AGR ZONING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

AGR Zoning Review Subcommittee members are Tim Cutler, Bob Morse, Lynn Duryea and Ron Rubin.

BRANCHPORT HAMLET SUBCOMMITTEE

- The "Welcome to Branchport" sign has been installed on Route 54A near Sugar Creek.
- A walking trail along Sugar Creek is being discussed.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - WATER SYSTEM PLANNING STUDY

With all persons desiring to be heard, Supervisor Killen closed the hearing at 7:49 P.M.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

RESOLUTION #107-15

WATER SYSTEM PLANNING STUDY

On a motion of Supervisor Killen, seconded by Councilor Dinehart, the following was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem held a public meeting on July 15, 2015 to discuss funding opportunities available through the Office of Home and Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to discuss the necessity of completing an engineering study to determine the scope and cost of necessary water system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are deemed by the Town Board to be of benefit to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to pursue 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$50,000 to assist in the completion of the proposed improvements; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem finds the Water System Improvements Project to be in the public interest; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs that Larson Design Group prepare the appropriate Community Development Block Grant application; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem fully supports the Community Block Grant application and authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to execute the application and all related forms and documents and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the use of 5% of the cost of the engineering study or \$2,500 of Town funds to be used to pay

the local share of the project and further directs that the authorized \$2,500 be appropriated and set aside for the proposed engineering study.

RESOLUTION #108-15
MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that this meeting be interrupted to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation following a five minute recess.

The following information was provided by Supervisor Killen:

The Executive Session convened at 7:55 P.M.

RESOLUTION #109-15
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Dinehart, Jones, Killen, Parson, Steppe
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Board return to regular session.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 8:25 P.M.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM CONCERNS

Councilor Dinehart discussed concerns with the free meal program offered at the Summer Recreation Program.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk