

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held on July 20, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Sisson, Councilors Jones, Lent, Purdy, Town Clerk McMichael, Highway Superintendent Hurd.

GUESTS: Tim Cutler, Jim, Bird, Bonnie Clawson, Terry Webster, Michael Monahan, Michael O'Connell of Larson Design Group, Doug Paddock.

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add the following resolutions:

- Resolution - Highway DB Budget Amendment - Wheeled Excavator Purchase
- Resolution - Peasantman Triathlon Letter of Support

RESOLUTION #89-22

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
 Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #90-22

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
 Nays 0

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

General:	\$ 16,428.14
Outside Village	\$ 2,200.41
Highway DB:	\$499,693.83
Capital:	\$ 406.50
Sewer:	\$ 63,273.51
Water:	\$ 5,122.13
Trust:	\$ 40.00

June Utilities:

General:	\$ 6,904.95
Outside Village:	\$ 31.22
Sewer:	\$ 184.12
Water:	\$ 206.81

Trust: \$23,331.70

RESOLUTION #91-22

SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Report on the Town's finances for the month of June 2022 be accepted as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG SEWER PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

With proof of notice having been duly published and posted, Supervisor Sisson opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M., asking for comments on the Town's application for \$50,000 in New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning funds to conduct a Sewer System Improvements Study.

Michael O'Connell of Larson Design Group made a presentation on the CDBG Program (attached). If awarded the grant, our local match will be \$2,500. An updated sewer study is needed as the last one was done in 2014. The focus of the study will be outdated pumps, infiltration and inflow, and prioritizing possible extensions and future projects.

Bonnie Clawson, 510 Ritchey Blvd. questioned mandatory connection as she has a newer septic system. She is concerned with the cost of public sewer, but would consider connecting in the future.

Tim Cutler, 4620 Vine Road stated the 2016 proposed Sewer Ext. #4 study area included Ritchey Blvd., Branchport and West Bluff Drive areas. An income study was not done at that time, but may be needed.

Michael Monahan, 318 Ritchey Blvd. polled his neighbors to determine interest in sewer on Ritchey Blvd. and presented the list to the Board.

RESOLUTION #92-22

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS STUDY

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
Nays 0

With all persons desiring to be heard, the public hearing on the CDBG Sewer System Improvements Study was closed at 7:22 P.M.

TOWN OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- The cross-over pipe was installed on Italy Friend Road. Next week will be West Bluff Drive, then Stever Hill.
- More barricades will be placed on the East Bluff Drive road failure site. Supervisor Sisson received a request to open seasonal roads because of this road being closed.

WATER/SEWER REPORT

- -Councilor Lent reported the Keuka Park Water Rehab Phase 2 capital project pre-construction meeting was held July 6th and work began July 18th.
- We continue to work with LyonSmith Brewery on required sewer testing. Samples will now include PH and be taken consistently.
- 13 service calls resulted in replacing 7 grinder pumps on East Bluff Drive over the holiday weekend. A 2" meter in the 6" sewer line was a choke point that was bypassed. A plan to eliminate this 2" meter will be developed to create better sewer flow.
- The Water/Sewer Department needs some guidance to ensure our lines are winterized in the area of the West Lake Road, Penn Yan slope failure.
- Hydrant flushing is 25% complete. Pulteney drawing 600 gallons/minute through our system on Tuesday and Thursday for 6-8 hours/day complicates the flushing schedule.
- A hydrant near Jud's Nursery on 54a currently out-of-service will be repaired/replaced. We were not able to identify the cause.
- Councilors Purdy and Lent and Supervisor Sisson registered for a webinar today covering the inner workings of Fire Hydrant and Gate Valve systems; which allow for long-term reliability of water systems.

COUNCIL

- Councilor Purdy is gathering information to hold a joint meeting of the Town, Planning and Zoning Boards and County Legislators to discuss preserving the character of the Town. Roles of the various boards will be added to the next edition of the Jerusalem Journal.
- Clean-Up Day was successful. Supervisor Sisson extended a thank you to the Mennonite Community for helping out.

SUPERVISOR

- Jack Wheeler resigned from the Planning Board.
- Jim Bird resigned from the Zoning Board.

- Keuka College is hosting the Krossin Keuka event on Saturday, July 30th at Point Neamo. Lake Avenue from North Avenue to Hickory Street (South Avenue) will be closed at 5:00 A.M. until the conclusion of the event.

RESOLUTION #93-22

SEQR TYPE II DETERMINATION - PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS STUDY

On a motion of Councilor Purdy, seconded by Councilor Lent, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
 Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerusalem administers the municipal sewer system serving the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of conducting an engineering study to evaluate the condition of the municipal sewer system, collect information, identify needs, study alternatives and costs to address identified needs, and compile engineering reports; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the need to complete SEQR proceedings for this project; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

“(18) information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF JERUSALEM THAT the proposed sewer system improvements study project is declared to be a Type II action for State Environmental Quality Review Act purposes, and no further action will be required.

RESOLUTION #94-22

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENT - JIM BIRD

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy

Nays 0

RESOLVED that Jim Bird be appointed to fill the vacant Town Board position created by Steve Castner's resignation from the Board. This appointment shall be effective until 12/31/2022.

Councilor Purdy stated the Jerusalem Republican Committee also nominated Mr. Bird as the Republican candidate on the November ballot for the remainder of the term through 12/31/2023.

RESOLUTION #95-22

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT - MICHAEL HILLER

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
Nays 0

Whereas Resolution #85-22 directed an ad be placed seeking applicants for the Planning Board vacancy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved Michael Hiller be appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Board through December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION #96-22

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT - JOHN KRIESE

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
Nays 0

Whereas John Wheeler resigned his position on the Planning Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved John Kriese be appointed to fill the unexpired term through December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION #97-22

RECREATION PROGRAM APPOINTMENT - RACHEL POBLETE

On a motion of Councilor Purdy, seconded by Councilor Lent, the following was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
Nays 0

Resolved Rachel Poblete be appointed as Recreation Assistant for the Jerusalem Recreation Program at an hourly rate of \$13.20/hr.

RESOLUTION #98-22

ACCEPT EASEMENTS - WATER REHAB PHASE 2 CAPITAL PROJECT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
 Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerusalem, by its officers or representatives, has engaged in discussions with Robert Brown and with Keuka College regarding the Town's obtaining water and utility easements from them over portions of their respective premises located in the Town of Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, Town of Jerusalem officials have recommended to the Town Board that Robert Brown and Keuka College each grant to the Town a water and utility easement over their respective lands; and

WHEREAS, said easements have been offered by Robert Brown and Keuka College to the Town of Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem is desirous of accepting said offered easements on behalf of said Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem has examined said instruments and finds the consideration described above to be fair and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Jerusalem does hereby accept the Easement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 from Robert Brown and the Easement attached hereto as Exhibit 2 from Keuka College in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in said instruments and approves the recording of both in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Yates, the fee for said recording to be borne by the Town, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor was authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry forth the intent of this resolution, including but not limited to the execution of all documents necessary to complete the conveyance of the premises referenced herein.

RESOLUTION #99-22

BUDGET AMENDMENT - HIGHWAY DB - WHEELED EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
 Nays 0

Whereas, Resolution #50-22 authorized the purchase of a wheeled excavator from the Highway Machine Reserve Fund; and

Whereas, said excavator was delivered to the highway department;
and

Whereas, Highway Superintendent Hurd authorized the invoice for
payment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Highway DB budget be amended to reflect transfer
of funds out of the Highway Capital Reserve for purchase as follows

Increase DB 5130.2 (Machinery)	\$311,875.00
Increase DB (Use of Fund Balance)	\$311,875.00

RESOLUTION #100-22

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PEASANTMAN TRIATHLON

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Jones, Lent, Sisson, Purdy
 Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisor be authorized to send a letter of
permission for the Peasantman triathlon to be held on August 21,
2022 as required for their NYSDOT Permit 33a.

COUNTY REPORT

Legislator Doug Paddock presented the County report:

- Conor Clancy was recognized for his "Hometown Heroes" veteran project and Morgan Andersen received the Distinguished Youth Award.
- The County Historian is planning events for next year's County Bicentennial celebration. The Town was asked to refurbish the older historic markers for the celebration.
- Yates/Schuyler County Household Hazardous Waste Day is July 23.
- A broadband project update.
- Charlie Bishop was appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent.
- The DAR Yates Chapter was recognized.
- The alternative veterans tax exemption local law was adopted
- Italy Hill Road will be closed 8/15-9/2 for a culvert replacement project.
- A Committee was established to review becoming a Constitutional County.
- Consultants will be interviewed tomorrow as part of the Farmland Protection Plan update.
- There was a brief discussion on the recent Tree Top Cidery Special Use application, protection under Ag & Markets and the Yates County Certified Ag District.

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- An engineering firm was engaged to design the West Lake Road failure repair. Supervisor Sisson was referred to the Legislative Chair for further information.

With there being no further business, on a motion of Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Purdy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk