

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held via Zoom platform on April 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Sisson, Councilors Castner, Jones, Martin, Stewart, Town Clerk McMichael.

GUESTS: John Christensen; *Chronicle Express* Reporter, Ron Rubin, Tim Cutler.

Supervisor Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:19 P.M.

RESOLUTION #58-20

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Castner, Jones, Martin, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Resolved the Esperanza Mansion liquor license be added to the agenda.

RESOLUTION #59-20

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Castner, Jones, Martin, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #60-20

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Castner, Jones, Martin, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	0	

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

General:	\$ 46,807.12
Outside Village	\$ 1,256.17
Highway DB:	\$221,911.98
Sewer:	\$ 59,101.26
Water:	\$ 10,994.78
Branchport Light	\$ 250.81

March Utilities:

General:	\$1,211.92
Outside Village:	\$ 71.30
Sewer:	\$ 137.30

Water: \$ 193.81
Trust: \$22,615.75

RESOLUTION #61-20
SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Castner, Jones, Martin, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Report on the Town's finances for the month of March 2020 be accepted as presented.

TOWN OFFICIALS
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- Councilor Jones reported the new plow truck was delivered.
- Ditching is underway with 2 crews working 2 10-hour days/week.
- Highway Superintendent Hurd is conducting site visits and consulting with Yates County Soil & Water regarding requests for additional parking areas around the bluff. Meeting with property owners is on hold under COVID-19 restrictions.

WATER/SEWER REPORT

- An emergency repair is needed on 515' of sewer main on Lake Avenue at a cost of \$20,600 plus incidentals.

ASSESSOR

- Report on file.
- The tentative roll is complete and submitted to the County.
- Data collection continues. NYMIR will be consulted on Assessor Fischer's request to allow his daughter to accompany him during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COUNCIL

- Clean-Up Day is tentatively scheduled June 20, 2020, 8:30-1:30.
- Councilor Jones noted concerns with our application referrals to Yates County Planning Board as we have legal opinion on file our referrals are done prematurely. Planning Board Chair Cutler explained there is a 3-phase process; Planning Board preliminary review, 2 Planning Board members meet with office staff to make recommendations to the Planning Board for final action.
- The May Planning Board meeting will be held utilizing a platform similar to Zoom meetings.
- The Governor delayed all public hearings until after June 1st.

- Councilor Castner is still trying to contact Matt Leach to discuss the finances and maintenance of Friend Cemetery.

SUPERVISOR

- Cardinal will receive garbage at the Highway Barn, 2672 Guyanoga Road on Saturdays from 8-12 beginning April 18.
 - \$2 1-13 gallon bag
 - \$4 14-30 gallon bag
 - \$8 31-55 gallon bag
 - Recyclables free
- Supervisor Sisson will notify Renee Bloom, Keuka Housing Council that a meeting to discuss their proposed development is delayed until the pandemic is cleared.
- Supervisor Sisson expressed his disappointment over the lack of cooperation received from staff during the pandemic. Directives included to notify him when staff are reporting to work, maintaining detailed log sheets for possible reimbursement, on-site essential work only, be efficient, do not wander throughout the building and wear a mask if 6' separation cannot be maintained; but are not being followed. Staff were issued lap top computers for remote access to minimize the need to come to the office. A plan to move us forward to the digital age will be developed. Our goal is to protect the staff and minimize risk to their families.
- County Legislator Cutler stated there will be challenges ahead. The County estimates \$1-2M loss in sales tax revenue and \$1.2M funding reduction in the State budget.
- Meetings with the Finger Lakes Museum continue to identify possible funding sources. The Museum needs public sewer.
- A meeting with the Keuka Park Association and Keuka College to discuss using sidewalks within the College campus will be scheduled.

RESOLUTION #62-20

WAIVE 30-DAY REVIEW – ESPERANZA MANSION LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Castner, Jones, Martin, Sisson, Stewart
 Nays 0

Whereas Esperanza Mansion and Inn, LLC intends to file a liquor license application for the premises located at 3456 State Route 54A and has requested the Town expedite the processing of their application; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved the Town Board hereby waives the 30-day notice period mandated by the New York State Liquor Authority and directs Supervisor Sisson to submit a letter to this effect.

With there being no further business, on a motion of Supervisor Sisson, seconded by Councilor Martin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk