

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held on September 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Sisson, Councilors Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Town Clerk McMichael, Highway Superintendent Hurd.

GUESTS: Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler, Natalie Payne, Bob Brace

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

**RESOLUTION #122-23**

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson
	Nays	0	

Resolved the following be added to the Agenda:

1. Approve Keuka Park and Indian Pines Pump Stations Project
2. Amend Resolution #5-23 Policies Related to Sewer & Water Dept.
3. Authorize KPSW Training - New York Rural Water Association:

**RESOLUTION #123-23**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting be approved as read.

**RESOLUTION #124-23**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson
	Nays	0	

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

General:	\$ 12,292.92
Outside Village	\$ 1,775.27
Highway DB:	\$174,501.69
Sewer:	\$ 59,961.73
Water:	\$112,987.68
Capital	\$ 105.00

August Utilities:

General:	\$ 3,463.65
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Outside Village:	\$	45.27
Sewer:	\$	412.93
Water:	\$	918.74
Trust:		\$25,490.57

RESOLUTION #125-23

SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Supervisor's Report on the Town's finances for the month of August 2023 be accepted as presented.

TOWN OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.
- Winter preparations are underway.
- A cross-over pipe will be installed at 2813 West Bluff Drive.

COUNCILOR

- Councilor Lent emailed notes from the September 5<sup>th</sup> Water/Sewer staff meeting.
- Councilor Bird scheduled times to accompany the Assessor and Data Collector to gather shoreline property data via boat.
- The Code Enforcement Officer has been closing out open building permits. He is also working with the Town of Torrey CEO to develop a citation process.

SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Sisson attended the ceremony announcing federal funding recipients; \$2M to the Finger Lakes Museum and \$1.6M to Keuka College.
- He continues to assist the Water/Sewer Department. Large rocks appear to be the main cause of recent water main breaks wearing through the pipe.

PRESENTATION - SAUNDERS FINGER LAKES MUSEUM

Natalie Payne updated the Board on the Museum's projects and capital campaign contributions. 3373 Guyanoga Road was purchased and will be demolished as it was determined it is not worth renovating. The Museum wants to work cooperatively with the Town and give back to the Community. They welcome the public to walk

the site and trails. Ms. Payne stated potential investors would like to see local support of the Museum.

OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA #1-23 4870 EAST BLUFF DRIVE PRIVATE ROAD  
CEO verification of conditions on Open Development Area #1-23 at 4870 East Bluff private road have not been verified to date.

RESOLUTION #126-23  
SCHEDULE 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Resolved the 2024 Tentative Budget be presented and a budget workshop be scheduled for September 27, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION #127-23  
CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION - SEPTEMBER 17 - 23

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  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 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, and

WHEREAS, The 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, Jamie Sisson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Jerusalem Supervisor, County of Yates, 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 the American Citizens.

RESOLUTION #128-23

YATES COUNTY SOIL & WATER AGREEMENT

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Resolved the Supervisor be authorized to execute the Yates County Soil & Water Conservation District Agreement for Services for 2024 at an annual cost of \$24,098.00.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW APPOINTMENT

Ed Webb is not seeking reappointment to the BAR and Bill Pinckney has resigned his position. Mr. Pinckney has served since 1978.

ROUTE 54A TRAFFIC - SPEED REQUEST

William Burg, 2490 Route 54A presented the Town with concerns regarding travel on Route 54A from the West Lake Road intersection to the Penn Yan Village limits. Following discussion, the Board did not feel having DOT conduct a speed study of this area on Route 54A was warranted as it is related to our summer traffic influx.

RESOLUTION #129-23

REQUEST ATTORNEY DRAFT LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Whereas on August 14, 2023, the Yates County Legislature adopted Local Law 1-2023 increasing the income limits for the Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens (low-income senior property tax exemption - RP-467) for county taxes; and

Resolved that Attorney Graff draft a local law increasing our limits so the Town and County are at the same exemption limits for the Senior Citizens Exemption.

RESOLUTION #130-23

TABLE FENCE REGULATIONS LOCAL LAW

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Resolved the local law regulating fences be tabled as it was determined additional regulations are not wanted.

RESOLUTION #131-23

REQUEST ATTORNEY DRAFT LOCAL LAW - CHAPTER 131 SEWER AMENDMENT

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Whereas Resolution #89-23 Amend 2023 Water and Sewer Rate Schedule reduced the minimum water consumption from 40,000 to 32,000 gallons annually; and

Whereas Chapter 131 Sewers §131-26 Unit basis to be used. states one unit per 40,000 gallons; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Attorney Graff draft a local law reducing the one unit minimum in Chapter 131 Sewers.

RESOLUTION #132-23

APPROVE KEUKA PARK AND INDIAN PINES PUMP STATIONS PROJECT

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Whereas the Town desires to overhaul the Keuka Park and Indian Pines Pump Stations consisting of pumps, generators and control panels installation; and

Whereas Resolution #107-23 designates Siewert Equipment as the Gorman-Rupp pump sole source provider; and

Whereas Kinsley Power Systems participates in the national government contract program, Sourcewell; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Town Board authorizes the overhaul of the pump stations as stated in the August 30, 2023 proposals from Siewert Equipment and Kinsley Power Systems at a cost not-to-exceed

\$380,000.00 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and, be it further

Resolved that the following service contracts for both stations be authorized:

- 5-year annual service contract for the generators - \$8,430.00
- Remote monitoring via cellular based service for the generators, service pumps and control systems - \$7,000.00 first year, then \$600.00 annually thereafter.

RESOLUTION #133-23

AMEND RESOLUTION #5-23 POLICIES RELATED TO KEUKA PARK SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Be it resolved that Resolution #5-23 Policies - Related to Keuka Park Sewer & Water Department be amended to schedule regular water and sewer committee meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the Town offices.

RESOLUTION #134-23

AUTHORIZE KPSW TRAINING - NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

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

ADOPTED       Ayes       5   Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson  
                  Nays        0

Whereas; New York Rural Water Association is hosting a Water/Wastewater training session on Line Location/Leak Detection workshop at Fairfield Inn & Suites, 3270 NYS Rte. 417, Olean, NY 14760 on October 3, 2023.

Whereas; a pre-registered 2023 Association Member cost is free.

Whereas; instruction, training expenses were approved in the 2023 budget;

Therefore, be it resolved to authorize attendance for one person from the Water & Sewer Department to attend the NYWRA workshop.

COUNTY REPORT

Legislator Doug Paddock presented the County report.

Legislator Tim Cutler added the County Finance Committee will consider opening discussions of a Sales Tax Sharing arrangement with the Towns and Villages.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Brace inquired about the status of the boat parties in the Crescent Beach area. The residents were reaching out to Senator O'Mara. The Town has not received any further information.

RESOLUTION #135-23

EXECUTIVE SESSION - COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF CIVIL SERVICE LAW

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson
	Nays	0	

Resolved that this meeting be interrupted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of Civil Service Law.

The Executive Session convened at 8:13 P.M.

RESOLUTION #136-23

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Board return to regular session.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:05 P.M.

RESOLUTION #137-23

SALARY ADJUSTMENT - WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS/WASTEWATER MAINTAINERS

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Sisson
	Nays	0	

Resolved to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 118 setting the hourly wage of all Water System Operators/Wastewater Maintainers at \$23.00, effective September 21, 2023.

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With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at  
9:06 P.M.

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Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk