

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held on May 15, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Sisson, Councilors Bird, Jones, Lent, Purdy, Town Clerk McMichael, Highway Superintendent Hurd.

GUESTS: Bill Bohnert, Joe Matthews, Ted Hall, Jon Nelson, Steve Schmidt, Tina Churches, Bruce Churches, Joe Miran, Jacqui Smith, Merry Serio, Ms. DePew Tears, Doug Paddock.

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

RESOLUTION #73-24

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 April 17, 2024 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #74-24

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bird, Jones, Lent, Sisson
 Nays 0
 Abstain 1 Purdy

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

General:	\$28,127.07
Outside Village	\$ 2,704.54
Highway DB:	\$27,938.09
Sewer:	\$79,694.50
Water:	\$75,482.80
Branchport Light	\$ 386.37

April Utilities:

General:	\$ 6,930.32
Outside Village:	\$ 45.31
Highway DB:	\$135,000.00
Sewer:	\$ 523.69
Water:	\$ 791.01
Light:	\$ 395.89

RESOLUTION #75-24
SUPERVISOR REPORT

On a motion of Councilor Lent, 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 April 2024 be accepted as presented.

TOWN OFFICIALS
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Yates County Soil & Water hydroseeded on Scott Road.
- We are getting the sand pit closed up.
- Weather permitting, work on the end of the Bluff should be done this week.
- The 284 Agreement will be amended next month to recognize additional CHIPS monies.
- A guard rail was installed on Coates Road.
- New employee, Danny Kerrick is working out great.
- Mowing will start on Monday.

RESOLUTION #76-24
GRANT WRITER RFP

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

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

Resolved Councilor Purdy draft a Request for Proposal to provide municipal grant writing services for the Town of Jerusalem, particularly for public water and sewer infrastructure, effective January 1, 2025.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Sisson stated the Water/Sewer meeting will resume when the \$1.3 M water rehabilitation project is ready to discuss.

COUNCIL

- Councilor Bird stated the Zoning Review Committee held its last meeting. He will be sending out their proposed amendments for feedback. He is also working on definitions with Code Officer McKinley.
- Grievance Day is May 28th.
- An appearance ticket issued by Code Officer McKinley was heard in Town Court on Monday. The defendant complied and plead guilty.

- Councilor Jones stated Clean Up Day will be Saturday, June 15th, 8:30-12:30. Information is posted on the website and ads placed in the Chronicle Express.
- Councilor Bird stated the performance review form was shared with employees for their input. Input from the Highway Department is forthcoming.
- Councilor Purdy provided further information that the County Board of Elections Commissioners plan to handle the coordination with towns for transitioning to even-year elections.

RESOLUTION #77-24

REFER PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AMENDMENT TO ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN

On a motion of, seconded by, the following was

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

Whereas the Code Enforcement Officer is requesting an amendment to make the property maintenance code clearer with the intent to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to take care of violations of this section in a timely manner; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the proposed property maintenance code amendment be referred to Attorney Graff to draft into local law.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B-2024 CHAPTER 147 MOORING OF AMENDMENT

Following further discussion of proposed Local Law B-2024 Chapter 147 Mooring of, substantial changes were made. Councilor Jones will follow up with the Sheriff's Department regarding enforcement. Comments he receives and the changes will be sent back to Attorney Graff to redraft the local law.

466 Ritchey Blvd. Encroachment License Agreement

Highway Superintendent Hurd's report stating he is in agreement that the encroaching garage at 466 Ritchey Blvd. can remain has been submitted to Attorney Graff.

Councilor Bird noted we have also identified zoning issues with this property. The family was instructed to consult with Code Enforcement Officer McKinley on the matter.

RESOLUTION #78-24

PETITION TO CHANGE SPEED LIMIT - COUNTY HOUSE ROAD

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

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

Whereas a petition was presented due to concerns regarding travel on County House Road from Yatesville Road to Guyanoga Road to reduce the speed limit; and

Whereas the Board deemed it necessary to have DOT conduct a speed study on said road; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that a NYSDOT form TE-9a be submitted to the Yates County Highway Superintendent for further consideration.

RESOLUTION #79-24

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE RICHARDSON, PULLEN & BUCK, P.C. RETAINER AGREEMENT - VILLAGE WASTEWATER CONTRACT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Bird, Jones, Lent, Sisson
 Nays 0
 Abstain 1 Purdy

Resolved the Supervisor be authorized to execute the agreement with Richardson, Pullen & Buck, P.C. for wastewater contract negotiations with the Town of Milo and the Village of Penn Yan at the same hourly rate as the wholesale water contract authorized via Resolution #54-24.

RESOLUTION #80-24

APPOINT RECREATION PROGRAM STAFF

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 following appointments and hourly rate for the Jerusalem Recreation Employees be made as follows:

Recreation Leader	Kelsey Knapton	\$16.00/hr.
Rec. Assistant	Rachel Poblete	\$15.25/hr.
Rec. Assistant	Jayden Hollister	\$15.25/hr.

RESOLUTION #81-24

AUTHORIZE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS 2024 HIGHWAY SCHOOL

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

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

Resolved the Highway Superintendent be authorized to attend the Association of Towns 2024 Highway School on June 3-5, 2024 in Ithaca, NY at a cost of \$125.00, with the expense being funded by the 5010.4 account.

RESOLUTION #82-24

APPOINT ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER

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

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

Resolved Dave Hostutler, 9074 East Bluff Drive, Penn Yan be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Michael Monahan as an alternate on the Zoning Board through December 31, 2024.

RESOLUTION #83-24

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BKPFD FIRE BOAT PURCHASE

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

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

Whereas the Branchport/Keuka Park Fire Department (BKPFD) is seeking congressional funding through the Community Funding Program to purchase a fire boat to protect the citizens and property of Keuka Lake; and

Whereas the Town Board agrees there is a need to protect the people and the property that is on the Bluff and the lake as determined by the comprehensive study done by the BKPFD; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the Supervisor be authorized to submit a letter of support to the Fire Department to purchase a fire boat.

RESOLUTION #84-24

KEUKA LAKE TRIATHLON

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

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

Whereas Keuka Triathlon is requesting permission to hold an event on June 9, 2024; and

Whereas races within a township do not require filing a NYSDOT Permit 33a if the township issues a permit for the event; and

Whereas the bicycle race course starting and ending at 26 North Avenue, Keuka Park, travels throughout the Town; now, therefore, be it

Resolved the Supervisor be authorized to send a letter granting permission for the Keuka Triathlon event as requested.

RESOLUTION #85-24

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PEASANTMAN TRIATHLON

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 Supervisor be authorized to send a letter of permission for the Peasantman triathlon to be held on August 18, 2024 as required for their NYSDOT Permit 33a.

COUNTY REPORT

Legislator Paddock presented the County report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Schmidt stated he is taking over the Branchport Cemetery duties from Dick Ackerman.

Ted Hall stated he has a 100-year family history here and thanked the Town for their work.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Sisson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Sheila McMichael