

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg Regular Board Meeting January 2, 2007
Organizational Meeting for 2007 Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Tuesday January 2, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilperson Eugene Arsenault.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. William H. Thomas; Town Councilpersons/ Eugene Arsenault, Sterling Goodspeed, Arnold Stevens, and Alyce VanKeuren; Town Clerk/ William Rawson.

At this time the Oath of Office was administered to Highway Supt. Curtis Richards by the Town Clerk.

Guests: On attached list

Mr. Stevens made a motion, with a second from Mr. Goodspeed to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2006 Public Hearing on the proposed Local Laws #1 through 4 of 2006 as written. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from Mr. Ronald Vanselow requesting that he be appointed Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Johnsburg for 2007.
2. A letter from Town Clerk, William Rawson, informing the Town Board that with their assent Norma N. Rawson be appointed Deputy Town Clerk for 2007.

Supv. Thomas announced that as this is the organizational meeting for the year of 2007 there were several annual resolutions and appointments which would be done at this time.

Supv. Thomas made the following appointments for the year of 2007:

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| 1. Budget Officer: | Supervisor William H. Thomas |
| 2. Deputy Supervisor: | Councilwoman Helen O. Cornwall |
| 3. Secretary to the Supervisor: | Cherie Ferguson |
| 4. Town Historian: | Doris Patton |

Supv. Thomas asked the members of the Town Board what action they wished to take regarding the appointment of a Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) for the Town of Johnsburg for 2007 having received the letter from Mr. Ronald Vanselow requesting that he be appointed ZEO for the Town of Johnsburg for 2007. Mr. Arsenault said that it would be good to meet with Mr. James Smith, current ZEO, and Mr. Ronald Vanselow to discuss the appointment and the position; Mr. Goodspeed agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed that Mr. James Smith will be appointed interim Town of Johnsbury Zoning Enforcement Officer. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town of Johnsbury Animal Control Officer will be William H. Mosher for the year of 2007. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Attorney for the Town of Johnsbury will be J. Anthony Jordan for the year of 2007. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Johnsbury will be Norma N. Rawson for the year of 2007. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Mrs. VanKeuren presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed to designate the following polling places in the Town of Johnsbury for the year of 2007, all of which are handicapped accessible:

District # 1: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 2: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 3: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Mrs. VanKeuren presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed to designate the North Creek News-Enterprise as the official newspaper for the Town of Johnsbury for the year of 2007. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Mrs. VanKeuren presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed to designate the following banks as official depositories for the Town of Johnsbury for the year of 2007:

Charter One Bank, North Creek, NY

Evergreen National Bank, Warrensburg, NY

Glens Falls National Bank, Warrensburg, NY

With four members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Abstained – 1 (Arsenault) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas announced that it had been decided during the discussions of the 2007 Town Budget that the Town of Johnsbury would send no delegate to the N.Y.S. Association of Towns annual meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed to adopt the salaries of elected and appointed officials as per the final adopted budget for 2007. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mrs. VanKeuren to set the compensation for mileage for Town Business at 35 cents per mile for the year of 2007. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mrs. VanKeuren and voted on collectively:

- A. Adoption of the Town Officers Bond for the year of 2007;
- B. Authorization of payment in advance of audit of claim for Public Utility Services and Postage;
- C. Authorization of the Supervisor to extend the unexpended balances in their respective accounts for the purpose of encumbering monies;
- D. Authorization of Town Officers to purchase necessary supplies to carry on official duties, in amounts not to exceed the budget;
- E. Authorize the Supervisor to pay the annual dues of the N.Y.S. Association of Towns and the Adirondack association of Towns and Villages, when due;
- F. Authorize the Town Clerk to publish, in two issues, a summary of the 2006 Annual Report of the Supervisor of the Town of Johnsbury.

With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to authorize the placing of Town monies in interest bearing accounts when this can be done without interfering with the operation of Town government. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to schedule two regular Town Board meetings per month in 2007, on the first

Tuesdays, with meetings to be held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY; and on third Tuesdays, with meetings to be held at the Johnsbury Town Library, North Creek, NY at 7:00PM; the next meeting to be on January 16, 2007 at the Town Library at 7:00pm. (A copy of the meeting dates follows). With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Town of Johnsbury Town Board Meetings for 2006		
January	3	Wevertown
January	17	Library
February	7	Wevertown
February	21	Library
March	7	Wevertown
March	21	Library
April	4	Wevertown
April	18	Library
May	2	Wevertown
May	16	Library
June	6	Wevertown
June	20	Library
July	6	Wevertown (Thurs)
July	18	Library
August	1	Wevertown
August	15	Library
September	5	Wevertown
September	19	Library
October	3	Wevertown
October	17	Library

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November 9 - Wevertown (**Thurs**)
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November 21 - Library
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December 5 - Wevertown
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December 19 - Library

*Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
First & Third Tuesdays (unless noted)*

Highway Superintendent Curtis Richards explained that he would name a Deputy Highway Superintendent for the year of 2007 by letter to the Town Board by January 5, 2007 at the latest. Mr. Roger Mosher pointed out that after that date the Town Board could appoint a Deputy Highway Superintendent without consulting the Highway Superintendent.

Supv. Thomas handed out a list of appointments to Standing Committees for the year of 2007 (all appointments are the same as 2006); Supv. Thomas noted that if there are any requests for committee changes please discuss it with him.

2007 STANDING COMMITTEE
JOHNSBURG TOWN BOARD

COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
Highway	Gene Arsenault Arnold Stevens
Solid Waste Management	Gene Arsenault Arnold Stevens
Fire	Gene Arsenault Alyce VanKeuren
Water	Sterling Goodspeed Alyce VanKeuren
Planning & Zoning	Gene Arsenault Alyce VanKeuren
Buildings, Parks & Recreation	Arnold Stevens Sterling Goodspeed

Cemeteries	Sterling Goodspeed Arnold Stevens
Library	Sterling Goodspeed Arnold Stevens
Chester Coordination	Sterling Goodspeed Arnold Stevens
Core Committee	Gene Arsenault Sterling Goodspeed
Johnsburg Pride Coordinating	Sterling Goodspeed Gene Arsenault
Cable TV	Alyce VanKeuren Arnold Stevens
Lighting	Arnold Stevens Sterling Goodspeed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Supv. Thomas reminded the Town Board that interviews for both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at 6:00pm on January 16th. Supv. Thomas asked if the members of the Town Board wished to appoint Ms. Catherine Allen as interim member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow her to act as a member of that board and keep it at full compliment until interviews and an appointment will be made at the January 16th meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to appoint Ms. Catherine Allen as interim member of the Zoning Board of Appeals until a member is appointed at the January 16, 2007 at the regular Town Board meeting. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

NEW BUSINESS

Supv. Thomas requested that the Town Board authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the Comptroller in lieu of accounting by January 20th as had been done in previous years.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the New York State Comptroller in lieu of accounting by January 20th. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board that the liability insurance bill has arrived for the year of 2007 and that there has been a reduction in the cost of the liability and building insurance this year; the premium is \$50,630.68 which results in a decrease of between \$4,000.00 and \$5,000.00 this year.

Supv. Thomas distributed the Supervisor's Monthly Report, for the month of December 2006, to the members of the Town of Johnsburg Town Board.

Mr. Goodspeed asked if a letter could be sent to Mr. John Webber, insurance broker for the Town, asking for an update on his activities regarding the unification of Warren County Health insurance groups in order to obtain more favorable rates for the Town. Supv. Thomas said that he would have a letter sent.

Supv. Thomas asked Mr. Mark Bergman to report on the consensus of the Planning Committee regarding additional Public Hearing sessions on the proposed Local Laws #1 through 4 of 2006, which together will create the Town of Johnsburg Land Use Plan. Mr. Bergman said that it was the consensus opinion of the committee that at least one more session should be held and requested that the Town Board set a date and time as follows, January 11, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, NY, as this would allow Dr. Richard Lamb, the Town's consultant to be present.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Laws #1 through 4 of 2006, which together will create the Town of Johnsburg Land Use Plan and was adjourned at 8:18pm on December 13, 2006 will be reopened on January 11, 2007 at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, NY at 6:00pm for the purpose of receiving further public input on said proposed local laws. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Warrant #1G/Claims #1-9; Highway Fund- Warrant #1H/Claim #1. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Robert Nettle reported on the skating at the Ski Bowl Park. The liner has been installed and attempts have been made to create ice on the rink, but the warm weather has been a problem. Supv. Thomas noted that the work which has been done looks good. Mr. Tim Record asked how many vouchers had been requested for the scheduled tubing event; there have been 45 vouchers requested thus far.

Mr. Roger Mosher asked about progress on the investigation into the question of firewood being taken by town highway employees on Town time. Supv. Thomas noted that Highway Supt. Richards had left the meeting and asked Mr. Mosher to meet with him at his office to discuss this; Mr. Mosher was agreeable to this. Mr. Mosher also asked about plowing at the end of Casterline Road, which he described as a driveway. Supv. Thomas noted that he had discussed this with the property owner and that the Town had plowed to the end of the road for many years and that after ten years of such usage a road becomes a Town Road by use.

Ms. Cherie Ferguson noted that the streetlight at the intersection of Bartman Road and State Route 8 in Bakers Mills which had been authorized by the Town Board was now installed. Mr. Robert Nettle commented that this was a waste of Town monies and added that four new streetlights had been installed in the Glen Creek area. Supv. Thomas explained that the streetlight at the intersection of Bartman Road and State Route 8 in Bakers Mills had been requested and approved due to dangerous sight conditions. Ms. Cherie Ferguson explained that the streetlights were not new but that the placement had been changed due to road construction and that they were now more visible. Mr. Tim Record noted that one of the original reasons for forming municipal governments was to set up lighting districts.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Goodspeed with a second from Mrs. VanKeuren at 7:50pm. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on January 18, 2005 at the Town Library, North Creek, NY; there will be executive session interviews for vacancies on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals beginning at 6:00pm and a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, North Creek, NY, on Tuesday January 16, 2007, at 6:45 pm, for the purpose of considering a proposed Land Use Planning Fee Structure.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk