

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Jerusalem Town Board held via zoom platform on January 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. PRESENT were: Supervisor Sisson, Councilors Castner, Jones, Lent, Stewart, Town Clerk McMichael.

GUESTS: Doug Paddock, Tim Cutler, Ron Rubin, Peter Bekisz, Jorgen Overgaard.

Supervisor Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

RESOLUTION #18-21

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #19-21

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting be approved as read.

RESOLUTION #20-21

AUDIT OF CLAIMS 2020 YEAR END

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

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

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

2020 Year End:

General:	\$2,457.06
Highway DB:	\$6,249.25
Sewer:	\$4,022.37
Water:	\$1,865.24

RESOLUTION #21-21

AUDIT OF CLAIMS JANUARY 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Castner, Jones, Lent, Sisson, Stewart

Nays 0

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

January 2021:

General:	\$8,485.44
Outside Village	\$ 370.45
Highway DB:	\$3,255.29
Sewer:	\$1,454.66
Water:	\$3,423.71
Branchport Light	\$ 250.90

December Utilities:

General:	\$ 2,522.65
Outside Village:	\$ 71.10
Sewer:	\$ 72.27
Water:	\$ 518.59
Trust:	\$115,249.00

RESOLUTION #22-21

SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

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

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

TOWN OFFICIALS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- Written Budget Highway report on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

WATER/SEWER REPORT

- Water/Sewer operations have been impacted by COVID.

ASSESSOR

- Report on file.

COUNCIL

- Councilor Lent attended two Association of Towns virtual training sessions.

SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Sisson met with FLEDC Executive Director Steve

Griffin. Mr. Griffin offered available space to the Town, but it does not meet our office needs. Grant funding opportunities he provided will be shared with Larson Design Group to consider for our sewer expansion project.

- Supervisor Sisson, Councilor Jones and CEO DeVoe attended the January Zoning Board meeting, noting an application for 13 variances is under review.
- Town Board members have been contacted regarding statements made by a Planning Board member at their January meeting.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C-2020 ZBA NOTICE AMENDMENT

CEO DeVoe requested changes to proposed Local Law C-2020 amending the ZBA notice requirements. Following further discussion, it was the consensus of the Town Board to keep the local law wording as originally drafted. Local Law C-2020 will be referred to the Yates County Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #23-21

AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR ZONING ASSESSING PLANNING SECRETARY

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

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Lent, Sisson, Stewart
	Nays	2	Castner, Jones

Resolved three (3) additional work hours be approved for the Zoning Assessing Planning Secretary for the current pay period only as requested by the Code Enforcement Officer.

JANUARY COVID PROTOCOL

The January COVID Protocol placing a one-person limit in the Water/Sewer office was discussed. No changes were made to the January Protocol.

RESOLUTION #24-21

AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS

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

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

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York, and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020 said declaration was extended to include: Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, which permits the

governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons, and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous in adopting such resolution while also allowing the assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is authorized to pass such resolution, and that the assessor is instructed to take any such necessary actions in the above-described directives.

RESOLUTION #25-21

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SEWER/WATER DEPT. PICK-UP TRUCK

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

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

Whereas; the 2017 Silverado 1500 truck will be replaced and will no longer be needed; and,

Whereas; the Sewer/Water Dept. budgeted for the purchase of a new truck to replace the 2017 Silverado 1500; and,

Therefore; be it resolved that the Sewer/Water Dept. be authorized to purchase a pick-up truck from Friendly Ford, Inc. 1077 Routes 5 & 20, Geneva, NY in an amount not to exceed \$32,539.60; and,

Be It Further; resolved that monies for this purchase be taken from the 2021 Sewer/Water appropriation; 70 percent 8340.2 and 30 percent 8120.2

RESOLUTION #26-21

2020 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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

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

Resolved the 2020 Year End Budget Modifications be approved.
General A fund

From:	1990.4-Contingent	\$10,466.00
To:	1010.1 Town Board PS	\$ 1.00
	1010.4 Town Board	\$ 320.00
	1355.1 Assessor PS	\$ 1.00
	1910.4 Insurance	\$ 7,411.00
	5010.1 Highway Super. PS	\$ 1.00
	9050.8 Unemployment	\$ 2,732.00

General B fund

From:	9060.8 BCBS	\$322.00
To:	4020.1 Registrar PS	\$ 1.00
	8010.1 Zoning PS	\$321.00

Highway DB fund

From:	5110.4 General Repairs	\$18,703.00
To:	5110.1 General Repairs PS	\$ 5,310.00
	5130.1 Machinery PS	\$ 372.00
	9010.8 NY Retirement	\$ 811.00
	9060.8 BCBS	\$12,210.00

Water fund

From:	1990.4 Contingent	\$1,886.00
To:	8310.1 Administrative PS	\$ 846.00
	8340.2 Transmission/Dist. Equip	\$1,040.00
From:	9789.7 Long-Term Debt/Interest	\$5,000.00
To:	9789.6 Long-Term Debt/Principal	\$5,000.00

Sewer fund

From:	1990.4 Contingent	\$25,239.00
To:	8110.1 Administration PS	\$ 388.00
	8120.1 Sanitary Sewers PS	\$ 1,107.00
	8189.4 Grinder Pumps	\$23,300.00
	8120.2 Sanitary Sewers EQ	\$ 444.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Peter Bekisz stated Keuka College is on track to reopen for the Spring semester with COVID restrictions.
- Keuka College was approved for USDA funding to purchase back Keuka Commons.
- COVID vaccination sites were discussed. Yates County Public Health will set up clinics by priority groups when they receive the vaccines.
- Yates County must adopt a plan by April 1st in response to the Governor's Executive Order #203 NYS Police Reform & Reinventive Collaboration. Public officials are encouraged to attend the

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January 27th meeting and complete the survey.

- Cardinal Disposal has not yet furnished Yates County with proof of insurance required in the Agreement to move the dumpsters to the County site.

With there being no further business, on a motion of Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Sheila McMichael, Town Clerk