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The regular meeting of the Jewett Town Board was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Supervisor Carol Muth called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M. Present were Board Members Michael McCrary, Nathan Miles, James Pellitteri attending via Skype, and William Trach. Also present was Robert Mallory, Highway Superintendent, Town Attorney Tal G Rappleyea, Newspaper Reporter Michael Ryan and the Town Clerk. Public present was Town Historian Janet Nicholls, James Harder, an unknown woman who did not sign in accompanied by James Harder and Jeff Prince.

Notice of said meeting was duly sent to the Windham Journal and The Daily Mail on June 2, 2014 to inform the public that videoconferencing will be used for the Town of Jewett Board Meeting to be held on June 11, 2014 at 7pm at 3547 Route 23C Jewett, NY 12444 for the purpose of attendance of Councilman Pellitteri who was joining the meeting from the location of 6656 West 61st St. Arvada CO. and that the public has the right to attend said meeting at either location.

The Supervisor's financial report was given to the Board prior to the meeting and the bank statements were reviewed by Board Members after the signing of the bills.

Minutes of the May 14, 2014 regular meeting were accepted on a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2nd by Councilman Miles and carried.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried, the Interim Building Inspectors report was accepted.

Highway of Superintendents Report as Follows: Superintendent Mallory met with the Governor's task force on storm recovery Wednesday June 11, 2014. They went thru all the project worksheets from Hurricane Irene. The state has to justify that the towns did do their due diligence with the money so the state can be refunded the 25% they paid us. Mr. Mallory has reached out to Greene County Superintendent of Highways, Gary Harvey to find out the schedule for the Carr Rd. Bridge. In the meantime, the Jewett highway department has been mowing, ditching and cutting shoulders. Mr. Mallory informed the Board that he received two new license plates in the mail from DMV. Apparently we are the first on the mountain top to have them. They are official Town of Jewett license plates and will enable the town's vehicles to go anywhere during an emergency situation. Possible town clean up days September 2nd, 3rd and 4th. We will place an ad in the newspaper as well as post the information on the town's website as we get closer to the dates.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2nd by Councilman Miles and carried the Town Board moved to appoint Gregory Kroyer as a member of the Town of Jewett Planning Board starting immediately and ending on December 31, 2015.

Shabby Ranch update: The environmental company has been to Shabby Ranch and has taken samples to the lab. Some results have come back, but not all. The final sample results should be back by Friday or Saturday this week. This pushes back Shabby Ranches' ability to submit the sample results to the abatement / Demo Company. Until they get those results they can't provide the costs to the owners. As soon as the owners know the potential costs, they will make a decision of what direction to take. The environmental company will have the information to the owners by Wednesday of next week, with a guestimated start date of within two weeks of the determination. The cesspool was drained and pumped out. This has been documented with DEC and they will be sending the paperwork to the town. NYSEG has finally responded and issued a job number and will send an engineer to the sight to calculate what they have to do and will notify the owners of when the power will be disconnected. Supervisor Muth related to the Board that at last month's meeting it was determined that the Town would not grant an extension unless progress was made. Clearly Shabby Ranch cannot award the contract to a potential company until the end of June, is the Board willing to extend the deadline to the end of July?

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried to grant Shabby Ranch an extension to July 31, 2014 provided they continue to furnish the Town Supervisor with weekly e-mail updates and reports of progress being made as well as being available to answer any questions or inquiries from the Town of Jewett Code Enforcement Officer.

Jeff Prince took the floor and related to The Board that he is representative of Neal Shabman, who is the co-owner of Shabby Ranch. He would like the Town Board to be aware that according to the partner's agreement, there has to be approval from both owners when anything is done to the property in excess of \$10,000. He also wanted to make The Board aware that Mr. Shabman has a different view of how the property can come into compliance with the Town's code enforcement laws and that is through restoration and not demolition as the Goldman partnership is proposing and trying to move forward with. Tal Rappleyea, attorney for the Town of Jewett asked for a written proposal. Mr. Prince stated he did not have one but will get a written plan to the Town by tomorrow. Mr. Rappleyea stated

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that the Town has been hearing this same proposal for the last couple of months but no plan of action has been taken. The Goldman group has started to take action and has presented the Town with a plan. The town ultimately does not care what plan will be followed and does not prefer one plan over the other. We just care that the end result is that it is safe and is in compliance. Supervisor Muth then took the floor and said, "The Town is looking for compliance, right now there is no compliance and how it is arrived at is irrelevant to us. It's been in this condition for 10 years or more".

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried to accept Mang Insurances proposal of CDPHP health insurance plan 330.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried The Board adopted Resolution #13 of 2014. SUBJECT: Resolution for support of DEP's Maintenance agreement regarding The Pesciatta property as outlined in DEP's letter dated May 14, 2014.

"WHEREAS, DEP is in the final stages of the flood buyout program regarding the Pesciatta property, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jewett supports DEP's maintenance agreement as outlined in their letter dated May 14, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE Muth, McCrary, Miles, Pellitteri and Trach.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried The Board adopted Resolution #14 of 2014. SUBJECT: TOWN SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST GREAT NORTHERN CATSKILLS RUNNING FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 31, 2014

"WHEREAS, The Town of Jewett is desirous of promoting quality events that showcase the beauty of Jewett as well as other areas of the Mountaintop and Greene County;

WHEREAS, running events fulfill such criteria,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Jewett offers a resolution of support for The First Great Northern Catskills Running Festival on August 31, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE Muth, McCrary, Miles, Pellitteri and Trach.

Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event available to Greene County residents only, will be taking place Saturday June 14, 2014 from 8am-12pm at the Greene County Highway Department located at 67 Scott Lane Athens, NY.

A letter was received from the Greene County Sprouts program thanking the town of Jewett for their contribution their summer program.

Six resumes were received for the position of Assistant to the Supervisor. This will be tabled for executive session.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried to approve the bills. General Fund was \$10,670.82 on abstract #6, claim numbers 129-153. The Highway Fund was \$16,296.50 on abstract #6, claim numbers 95-112.

Councilman Trach made a motion, 2nd by Councilman Miles and carried to accept the Supervisors financial report for May.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried the Board went into Executive Session at 8:29 P.M. to discuss personnel matters, "The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation."

A motion was made by Councilman McCrary, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried to come out of Executive Session at 9:57 P.M. A decision was made was to conduct interviews for the position of Assistant to the Supervisor with chosen candidates on Monday June 23, 2014, time subject to interviewers.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2nd by Councilman Trach and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 P.M.

Maya Carl, Town Clerk