

February 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Jewett Town Board was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Supervisor Carol Muth called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Present were Board Members Michael McCrary, James Pellitteri and William Trach. Board member Steve Jacobs was absent. Also present was Robert Mallory, Highway Superintendent, Tal G. Rappleyea, Attorney for the Town of Jewett, Newspaper Reporter, Mike Ryan, Don Muth Interim Building Inspector, Nancy Bower Town Assessor, Janet Nicholls Town Historian, Donna Bernard Planning Board Chair and the Town Clerk. Public present was Werner Pscherer.

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 January 9, 2012 regular meeting were accepted on a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried.

Town Assessor, Nancy Bower gave an update of the revaluation process. The revaluation is done and full disclosure notices will go out at the end of the month.

Superintendent of Highways report as follows: Two large projects are in the works for this summer. Contact has been made with The State Emergency Management Office for funding for The Griffin Road project. Wright Road has approval for the culvert to be changed and Delaware Engineering was brought in to take a look. Superintendent Mallory requested plans by mid-May. The Board requested bids on a tractor for the next meeting.

The Zoning Officers Report was not received for the month of January. The Town Supervisor reached out to the Zoning Officer and has not heard from him. Town Supervisor will reach out to him again.

On a motion by Councilman Pellitteri, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried, the Interim Building Inspectors report was accepted.

Town Historian Janet Nicholls gave her annual report to The Town Board. Last year she had responded to four letters and shared with The Board what she has been working on. Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmen Trach and carried, The Town Historians report was accepted.

The Flooring that will be placed in the upstairs part of the Senior Center in the Town Hall will begin on 2/16/13. Carpeting will be done as soon as the flooring is completed.

The outdoor lighting has been installed and completed.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried to accept the insurance policy from NYSIR.

On a motion by Councilman Pellitteri, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McCrary and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #5 of 2013. Subject: SUPPORT FOR NYS-CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES

**"WHEREAS**, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

**WHEREAS**, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures; and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Jewett Town Board supports the passage of said Bills.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jewett hereby supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represents constituents in the Town of Jewett support the passage of said Bills."

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

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried to accept The Jewett Fire Department annual report.

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Councilman Pellitteri made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McCrary and carried to accept The East Jewett Fire Department annual report.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #6 of 2013. Subject: TOWN SUPPORT FOR ANTHEM SPORTS FOR THE CATSKILLS CYCLING RACE AND THE HUNTER SPRING AND FALL CLASSICS.

**“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**, cycling events fulfill such criteria,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jewett offers a resolution of support for Anthem Sports for the Catskills Cycling Race of August 2-4, 2013 and The Hunter Spring and Fall Classics to be held May 2, 2013 and September 7, 2013, respectively”.

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

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #7 of 2013. Subject: Calling for repeal of the enactment of the New York Safe Act.

**“WHEREAS**, the right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed under the second amendment of the US Constitution and that this is regarded as an inalienable right; and

**WHEREAS**, those representing the people at the state level did not have an opportunity to receive input from their constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, there was no urgency to pass the NY SAFE ACT without the maturing process and for public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation does nothing to take guns out of the hands of violent criminals; and

**WHEREAS**, the NY SAFE ACT imposes a series of financial and other burdens on the backs of law-abiding citizens and businesses;

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Town of Jewett urges repeal of the NY SAFE ACT which is unconstitutional; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that public hearings be held as required in order to arrive at solutions that are constitutional, workable, effective and fair; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor A Cuomo, Senator Dean Skelos, Senator Cecilia Tkacyk, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker Peter Lopez and NYS Association of Counties; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jewett Town Board requests in writing views and actions of those named above in support or opposition of the NY SAFE ACT.”

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

Councilman Pellitteri made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried to appoint Wayne Bunce as a member to the BAR, replacing Laurie Hanenberg with the term starting immediately and ending 9/30/15.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried The Board accepted Gene Beers resignation as member of the Planning Board as well as Greene County Planning Board representative.

Councilman Pellitteri made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Trach and carried The Board accepted Joan Kutchers resignation as member of the Planning Board.

Councilman Trach made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McCrary and carried The Board reappointed Daniel Emel to the Planning Board, taking the place of Joan Kutcher with the term beginning immediately and ending 12/31/2016.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board moved to appoint Susan Hintz-Epstein as the Assistant to the Chairperson of The Planning Board, with a salary of \$600 per year.

The Town Board shall hold a Public Hearing at a regular Meeting thereof to be March 13, 2013 at 7pm for the purpose of considering and enacting a local law establishing the positions of alternate members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals in the Town of Jewett. Copies of the proposed local law are available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board moved to switch insurance carriers for the Town Assessor from Blue Shield of Northeastern NY to CDPHP.

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Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried to accept The Supervisors financial report for December.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried to approve the bills. General Fund was \$39,707.74 on abstract #2, claim numbers 19-53. The Highway Fund was \$13,105.74 on abstract #2, claim numbers 10-25.

Councilman McCrary made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried to approve CWC training for Planning and Zoning Board Members, at no cost to the town.

Planning Board Chairperson, Donna Bernard was on hand to discuss TREC Land Company and their plans for building on the old drive in site. Supervisor Muth will contact Kyle Burns and have him contact Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea as the next requirement in his steps.

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried the Board went into Executive Session at 9:37 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."

On a motion by Councilman McCrary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Pellitteri and carried the Board came out of Executive Session at 10:19 P.M. The Board narrowed down applicants for the Code Enforcement position to four candidates to interview on February 20, 2013 at 5pm.

Councilman Trach made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McCrary and carried to extend Interim Building Inspector, Donald Muth for one more month officially ending on March 31, 2013.

Councilman Pellitteri made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman McCrary and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 P.M.

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Maya Carl, Town Clerk