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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-August 5, 2021

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed Mary Jenks, mother of Abigail Jenks and Senator Daphne Jordan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Councilman O'Connor who was absent.

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Maria Moran, Comptroller and Town Counsel, Mark Schachner.

Public Comment

There was none.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #157

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2021 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Family of Specialist Abigail Jenks

Councilman Bogardus said since he learned of the passing of Abigail, he was involved early on. He said he worked with the family and the military to coordinate the services. He thanked the Town Board for the latitude he was given to set up the procession from the airport. He said he was allowed to do what he thought was the right thing for one of our own. It is tough to lose a child and tougher to lose an active service person who is there to protect our community. He said it is with great honor Supervisor Lant has asked him to read the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America was founded on the principles of liberty, opportunity and justice for all, and we recognize the men and women of our Armed Forces who have valiantly defended these values throughout our Nation's history. These remarkable individuals have helped to make our Nation secure and to advance the cause of freedom worldwide. By answering the call of duty and risking their lives to protect their fellow countrymen, these patriots have inspired our Nation with their courage, compassion and dedication.

WHEREAS, **Specialist Abigail Rose "Abby" Jenks** was born on November 18, 2000 in Pensacola, Florida, and

WHEREAS, **Abigail Rose Jenks** was a 2018 graduate of Saratoga Springs High School where she was an outstanding student and a resident of the Town of Wilton, and

WHEREAS, **Abigail Rose Jenks** enlisted in the United States Army in October, 2018, and

WHEREAS, **Abigail Rose Jenks** trained as a Fire Support Specialist at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

and completed the course at Fort Benning, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, **Abigail Rose Jenks** was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina with the 82nd Airborne Division. **Specialist Abigail Rose Jenks** served as a Forward Observer assigned to Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, and

WHEREAS, **Abigail Rose Jenks** was killed on April 19, 2021, while participating in an Airborne training operation from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter over Sicily Drop Zone on Fort Bragg, and

WHEREAS, **Abigail Rose Jenks** military career was tragically cut short however; she earned the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Army Parachutist Badge. Specialist Jenks was subsequently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, and

WHEREAS, through the years, our veterans have returned home from their duties to become active and responsible citizens in their communities, further contributing to the growth and development of our Nation, **Abigail Rose Jenks** was not given that opportunity, and

WHEREAS, **Abigail Rose Jenks** was laid to rest in the Greenfield Cemetery in Greenfield, New York on May 2, 2021 at the age of 20, her ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton honors the memory of **Specialist Abigail Rose Jenks** as an outstanding member of the community, one can only imagine what she could have accomplished had she served her full voluntary enlistment; now therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, that the 5th day of August 2021 is hereby dedicated to the memory of **Abigail Rose Jenks** in grateful recognition on behalf of all in the Town of Wilton.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Wilton this 5th day of August, 2021.

Senator Daphne Jordan-Legislative Proclamation

Senator Jordan said it is an honor to be with everyone tonight to posthumously honor United States Army Specialist Abigail Jenks for her incredible, faithful and patriotic service to a grateful nation. She said she is also here to honor the Town of Wilton for becoming the latest Purple Heart Community in the 43rd Senate District. First and foremost, she said she wanted to recognize Abby Jenks. Her mom, Mary Jenks as well as her brother Anthony are here tonight.

LEGISLATIVE PROCLAMATION

Honoring US Army Specialist Abigail Jenks posthumously for her incredible service to our nation

WHEREAS, *Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals, that, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service; and*

WHEREAS, *Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, the New York State Senate, I, New York State Senator Daphne Jordan, honor US Army Specialist Abigail Jenks*

posthumously for her incredible service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, *Abigail Jenks was born on November 18, 2000 in Pensacola, FL to Mary Jenks and Anthony Taglianetti; and*

WHEREAS, *Abigail Jenks grew up in the Greenfield-Saratoga area, and had a passion for animals, participating in the local 4-H Club; and*

WHEREAS, *After graduating from Saratoga Springs High School in 2018, Abigail Jenks enlisted in the US Army, and became a paratrooper at Fort Bragg in June of 2019, completing advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Georgia; and*

WHEREAS, *Abigail Jenks was a fire support specialist, serving as a forward observer with the Brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment; and*

WHEREAS, *Sadly, US Army Specialist Abigail Jenks passed away on April 19th, 2021 during training while performing a static-line parachute jump from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter when she suffered a fatal injury; and*

WHEREAS, *US Army Specialist Abigail Jenks was known by her family and peers as a hardworking, confident paratrooper, who loves art, animals, and always showed compassion for her fellow paratroopers; and*

WHEREAS, For her service to our country, US Army Specialist Abigail Jenks was awarded Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, the Army Parachutist Badge, and was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Abby was engaged to be married to her Fiancé Sgt. Shane Allen Warren Grant of Fort Bragg, NC; now, therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Daphne Jordan, honor US Army Specialist Abigail Jenks posthumously for her incredible service to our nation.

Senator Jordan said she cannot imagine what the Jenks family has been through the last few months. She said she hopes it gives the family support knowing there is an entire community behind them and recognizes Abigail for her service to our nation.

Purple Heart Community

Senator Jordan said she wanted to recognize and congratulate the Town of Wilton on becoming the latest Purple Heart Community in the 43rd Senate District. The Purple Heart is the oldest and among the most venerated military decorations awarded in the name of the President, to those wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. Military. It was created by General George Washington, to honor and thank the brave soldiers who fought under his command for America's Independence. The Purple Heart has been awarded to just about two million American patriots who have been wounded in battle or killed in action. America's Purple Heart recipients are our nation's best and bravest. It is our privilege and our duty to recognize and honor them. During our recent legislative session, my Bipartisan Legislation establishing August 7, 2021 as Purple Heart Day in New York, was passed by the State Senate. Next year it will have to be passed in both houses to become state law. Becoming a local Purple heart community and observing Purple Heart Day are important ways we can send a heartfelt statewide message of how much America's heroes mean to us and how grateful we are for their honorable, faithful service and their courage and selfless sacrifice. The 43rd Senate District contains sixty municipalities. Out of those sixty, fifty have now become Purple Heart Communities, with more on the way. All four counties in the 43rd District are Purple Heart Counties. Saratoga, Rensselaer, Washington and Columbia Counties have all passed resolutions and become Purple Heart Counties. This non-partisan, grass roots effort to establish Purple Heart Communities affirms local communities respect and recognition of these incredible American Heroes. She congratulated the Town of Wilton and presented the proclamation to recognize the milestone of becoming a Purple Heart Community.

**RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF WILTON AS
THEY BECOME A PURPLE HEART
COMMUNITY AND HONORING OUR
NATION'S HEROES**

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorable in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, deserve a special salute from the New York State Senate, and from the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The people of the Town of Wilton have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces, especially those who have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded by enemy fire while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have paid a high price for freedom by leaving their families and communities, placing themselves in harm's way in order to protect our nation ; and

WHEREAS, The organization now known as the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the Purple Heart Medal, and it is the only veterans service organization comprised strictly of combat veterans; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and the most importantly-make sure we never forget their service to our country; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is building a network of Purple

Heart Highways, Counties, Cities, Towns and Institutions in a web connecting all entities with the goal of forever honoring those men and women who made the sacrifice for our freedoms and received the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the Town of Wilton who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, By adopting a resolution on December 5, 2019 to become a Purple Heart Community, the Town of Wilton continues to display the patriotism and pride that our upstate communities have for the men and women of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Many residents in the Town of Wilton have earned a Purple Heart Medal as they fought to defend our freedoms, and it is of the utmost importance that the Town of Wilton is designated as a Purple Heart Community to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York Senator Daphne Jordan, am proud to commend the Town of Wilton as they become a Purple Heart Community to honor the service and sacrifices of our nation's heroes who were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

Daphne Jordan, New York State Senator, 43rd Senate District.

Delegan Pond Footbridge Bid

Supervisor Lant said the town received two bids for the Delegan Pond Footbridge.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #158

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Delegan Pond Footbridge low bid from ConTech for \$39, 063.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Speed Limit Reduction Request

Supervisor Lant said the town has sent referrals for the Parkhurst, Gailor Road and Wilton Greenfield Road intersection. He said he spoke to Chad Cooke, Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works. Supervisor Lant said he would like to see a four-way stop sign and the speed limit reduced.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #159

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the referral to Saratoga County Public Works for a speed limit reduction request on Wilton Greenfield Road from the Greenfield Town Line to Parkhurst Road, a speed limit reduction request on Gailor Road from Parkhurst Road to Route 9, a speed limit reduction request on Parkhurst Road from Corinth Mountain Road to Route 9 and a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Wilton Greenfield Road and Parkhurst Road.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Klepetar Family Woodland Conservation Easement

Maria Trabka, Saratoga Plan said there is a budget. Saratoga Plan is a non-profit conservation organization. It protects land in a few different ways. It helps municipalities with good planning to protect open spaces and farmland. It also accepts title to property and opens preserves for the public to enjoy. We also have conservation easements which are permanent, legal restrictions placed on land. In the case of a conservation easement, our job is to make sure the terms of the easement are followed forever and enforce them, if there is ever a violation. Typically, a portion of the development rights are retired on a property forever. She said she has worked with the Klepetars for a number of years on their property. They have just over 450 acres on Strakos Road and Parkhurst Road. Most of the property is on the Palmertown Ridge. The area has been identified as a very important area for ecology, water quality with

several tributaries of the Snook Kill running through and the Spring Run as well. There are major stream systems that are protected by the forest and land. It has been identified as a place species would be able to find habitat with the climate changes. It is a 62 square mile area between Route 9 and Route 9N, Saratoga Springs and the Hudson River. Key pieces are already protected like the Daniels Road State Forest, Green Tree Lake Preserve, Lincoln Mountain State Forest and Moreau Lake State Park within this area. This particular property fits and connects other places which are already protected. The four towns, Wilton, Moreau, Corinth, Greenfield, Skidmore College, New York State DEC, New York State Office of Parks and Recreation, Saratoga PLAN and the Open Space Institute to form the Palmertown Partners Guidance Committee. We've been working together for a couple of years to protect the forest of the Palmertown Range and to develop a master plan for a recreational trail system that accommodates users of all stripes, those in a wheelchair, on a snowmobile, horse, walking or mountain biking. We are now working on specific trail designs. There is a community forest property of 200 acres that is going to be acquired and the Town of Wilton was in on the county grant application to build a parking lot.

Councilman Bogardus asked what the acreage breakdown is between the Town of Greenfield and the Town of Wilton. Ms. Trabka said it is 65 acres in Greenfield. Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked if there are four towns involved on this project. Ms. Trabka said just two towns. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said the only question he really has is the town's money. The project is requesting \$25,000 in taxpayer's money. Councilman Bogardus asked if that is \$25,000 for the whole project or our share, as opposed to Greenfield's share? Ms. Trabka said it is a \$544,000 to purchase the conservation easement and put the stewardship fund aside to make sure we can always take care of the property. Deputy Supervisor said we just did a conservation with the Vincek property, which was highly developable, and there was no taxpayer money involved. We endorsed it and approved it. He said he is curious as to why there is money involved now. We also endorsed a conservation easement on the Tooker property, and it wasn't for this much money. Ms. Trabka said this is an unusual conservation easement in that the landowners are willing to allow the public to access it and build a trail system. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said the Vincek Farm does not allow the public on it, but the Klepetar property will. The Klepetar properties cannot be developed. Ms. Trabka said there is one house on the Klepetar property, and they are reserving the right to build a second house on the property. It has a hunting cabin on it now and they also can harvest timber. Councilwoman Kolligian said the \$25,000 is a one-time payment for property to be used by the public. Ms. Trabka said a conservation easement is perpetual, forever. The two things Saratoga PLAN is asking for is endorsing a grant application to Saratoga County. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he has no problem with that. Saratoga PLAN would be asking for \$100,000 towards the \$544,000 project. The landowners are willing to bargain sale their easement for half it's value. A preliminary appraisal was done for \$420,000 and they are willing to donate \$210,000. That leaves us with \$230,000 we have to raise privately or by writing grants. This particular project, New York State has just established a new program for forest conservation easements. This project was used as an example to the state legislators as the type of project this new fund would fund. We are expected the state to release an RFP this year which we could apply for. We will be doing private fundraising, as well. We are asking the town for about 2% of the project. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said that is not the issue, in the past we have contributed but the amount has grown. This project is requesting \$25,000; it was \$0 for the Vincek family and \$10,000 for the Tooker easement. He said he did not want this to become a trend where more will be requested next year. Once you start the trend, when does it end. Councilwoman Kolligian asked how many acres are on the Tooker easement. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said it was more than 50 acres of prime real estate. Mr. Riper said the appraisal is for the conservation easement. The appraisers set the value of the project. It was similar to the Vincek Farm, the appraisers come up with the developable capabilities of the property with the value of having water and sewer available. This property being up on the Palmertown Range is less valuable. Councilman Bogardus asked how much the Town of Greenfield is contributing. Is our share and Greenfield's share both \$25,000? Ms. Trabka said Greenfield declined to

put any money towards the project. They don't have any money in their Open Space Recreation Fund. Councilman Bogardus asked if the Town of Wilton is shouldering Greenfield's shortfall. Ms. Trabka said the town would really be helping Saratoga PLAN. Councilman Bogardus said he really loves the concept and the plan. Deputy Supervisor McEachron agreed. Ms. Trabka said the Town of Malta is currently putting up \$100,000 for a farm project with no public access. Every town is different. Discussion was held about the endorsement of the project and the funding. Councilwoman Kolligian asked Deputy Supervisor McEachron if the problem is the value, how much they are asking? Deputy Supervisor McEachron said we are spending town money and no other town is spending it. We are in the middle of a crisis, and we didn't fund this much money on the last two conservation easements. He said he didn't want to set a precedence for the next project. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if it is the \$25,000? Could we match what we did for the Tooker Farm, which was \$10,000. Supervisor Lant said he has been driving around town after the rainstorms and we are in a situation where we have to spend a lot of money on roads. There's been a lot of damage. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said it couldn't come at a worse time. Supervisor Lant said COVID-19 is here and is affecting us again. Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked if \$25,000 is detrimental for this project to go through? Ms. Trabka said it is \$25,000 more that we will have to raise. Councilman Bogardus said Saratoga PLAN doesn't know how much money they will get from the grants. Ms. Trabka said they can't do the project until all of the money is raised. We will keep applying for everything we can. Councilwoman Kolligian said the \$209,886 is yet to be raised. Ms. Trabka said that is correct. Councilman Bogardus asked if there are any other lands in Wilton where we will have the same situation. Ms. Trabka said she hoped so. Councilman Bogardus said his concern is Saratoga PLAN is asking the town for money for this segment of it. He said he knows there is a proposed trail along the backside of Route 9 behind the Jeep dealership. Ms. Trabka said there is. Councilman Bogardus asked if she will be requesting funding for that. Ms. Trabka said she hasn't gotten that far yet. This project is 50 miles of trails and it's going to take a long time. Councilman Bogardus said he supports this but there is only so many times you can come to the well. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said we can always fund it any time in the future. This isn't something they need right now. If they fall short, maybe the towns can get together. Ms. Trabka said as opportunities arise that this will be eligible for, we will keep going. Supervisor Lant said he would like to move the project forward but wait and see what happens over the next few months regarding funding. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said it's not a lot of money but doesn't want to set a precedence for future projects. He said with all of the things going on in the world right now he didn't feel as though funding the project is a good idea at this time but certainly would like to see the project move forward. If, in a year down the road, the project runs short of money we can certainly revisit this. Councilman Bogardus said his concern today is they are here asking for X amount of dollars and in a month, they could come back and ask for X amount of dollars for another segment of this and so on. Councilwoman Kolligian said the money the town puts up for this project does not go to the Klepetars, it goes to Saratoga PLAN for future maintenance. It was the same for the Vincek Farm. The Vinceks received monies but not from the town.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #160

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton is committed to conserving its quality of life and its life-sustaining natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton recognizes the ecological, scenic, public health,

environmental services, and economic development benefits of the Palmertown Range;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton actively serves on the Guidance Committee as a Palmertown Partner with other municipalities, state agencies, Saratoga County, Skidmore College, Open Space Institute, and Saratoga PLAN collaborating together to implement the recommendations in the 2018 Southern Palmertown Conservation, Recreation and Economic Development Strategy (Palmertown Strategy);

WHEREAS, the Palmertown Strategy's recommendations are based on conserving woodlands for their environmental services such as groundwater recharge, air purification, outdoor recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat, climate resiliency, and economic development potential;

WHEREAS, Thomas and Joanne Klepetar, town residents on Parkhurst Road, wish to place a permanent conservation easement on 435+/- acres of their forested land in the Palmertown Range and allow public access trails;

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN (preserving land and nature), an accredited nonprofit land trust qualified to hold and uphold conservation easements, is willing and able to accept and enforce the terms of the easement;

WHEREAS, the Klepetar family's land possesses many conservation values, including climate resiliency for native plants and animals, and provides a key linkage from

Strakos Road to Lincoln Mountain State Forest in the planned Sarah B. Foulke Friendship Trails network;

WHEREAS, conserving forested lands in the Palmertown Range and managing them for outdoor recreation and public access compatible with sustaining the land's conservation attributes aligns with the Town of Wilton's Open Space, Recreation and Pathways Plan, Saratoga County's Green Infrastructure Plan, New York State's Open Space Plan, and Saratoga PLAN's Countywide Landscape Analysis and Conservation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Town of Wilton Town Board at a regularly scheduled meeting held on August 5, 2021, voted to endorse conservation of the Klepetar Family Woodlands by Saratoga PLAN, supports the use of Saratoga County Open Space funds for this project, and will accept county funds for this project and transfer them to Saratoga PLAN.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Reappointment-Park and Recreation Commission

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #161

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Ken Bishop to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three-year term of 07/1/2021-06/30/2024.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Resignation-Board of Assessment Review

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #162

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of William Campola from the Board of Assessment Review, with regret.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Hazardous Waste Day-Informational

Supervisor Lant said Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Pre-registration is required. It is on our website and outlines what is and is not accepted. It will be in the local paper as well as on our Facebook page.

Acceptance of Federal Funding ARPA 2021

Supervisor Lant said a few of us watched a webinar regarding the ARPA 2021 Federal Funding. We have received the monies. We will need a motion to accept the funds.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #163

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Federal Funding, ARPA 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he said he met with Councilwoman Kolligian and sent the board information about the Maintenance Department Plan.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #164

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Town Maintenance Department Plan to include the sharing of Town Hall and Gavin Park Maintenance Staff, when agreed upon by the two department Supervisors.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Councilwoman Kolligian said she would like to go back to item 13. Saratoga County hosted a webinar regarding the ARPA funds. There is a lot of work to do and be done. The guidance has changed three times since May, when the funds were received. We have until 2024 to decide where to use them. She said we may want to set up a workshop for the fall. The webinar is going to be sent out again and she said she would like to view it again. She said she would like to set up a workshop, so we are all on the same page. This way we know what expenditures are eligible and what is not. Supervisor Lant said we need to make sure we know what the residents want. Councilwoman Kolligian said some of the things they talked about thankfully did not apply to the Town of Wilton. It does tie our hands a bit since we are fiscally responsible. A workshop would highlight some of the things our residents are looking for like broadband.

Supervisor Lant thanked the Highway Department. We received a lot of rain over the past few days. A lot of time and hard work was put in to keep areas safe.

Supervisor Lant said AIM Services had a Croquet Tournament at Gavin Park and raised \$70,000. He thanked the Town Board for the approval to use Gavin Park. John King and Kurt Haas did a lot of work to make the event successful. Supervisor Lant thanked Greenfield Fire Department and Wilton Fire Department who were both present to raise our great American Flag.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron thanked the Klepetars for their generosity.

Supervisor Lant said the County Board of Supervisors is pushing for Broadband. We thought about doing it ourselves but would rather get the funding from the county. Another major problem we have is cell service in the town. It appears to be getting worse. He said he has been told the towers are too far apart for the new G-5. Councilwoman Kolligian said both are very important with our schools and emergency services. As the usage increases, our accessibility declines. Supervisor Lant said the county has formed a task force.

Supervisor Lant said he sat in on several meetings last week regarding COVID-19. He said the county health officials believe it may get worse. He said people should do a little more research on the shots and consider getting vaccinated for your loved ones. Councilwoman Kolligian said we are currently at 33% breakthrough on a 7 day rolling average, even for vaccinated people. Supervisor Lant said we had a COVID-19 death in the Town of Wilton yesterday.

Comptroller's Report**1.) 2020 Budget Transfers**

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #165

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 budget transfers, items 1 and 5-13 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 8/5/2021 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.) Budget Amendments

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #166

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 budget transfers, requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 8/5/2021 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

3.) Sales Tax

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #167

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the payment of the town's portion of the 2022 county sales tax in cash.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

4.) Personnel

a.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #168

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of William Lemanski, for the part-time Recreation Maintenance Worker position at Gavin Park only, effective August 6, 2021 at \$18 per hour with no benefits.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

b.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #169

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Joseph Welden, for the full -time Maintenance Worker effective August 6, 2021 at \$15.53 per hour with full benefits.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

c.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #170

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Victoria Herkalo, for the part-time cleaner position at the town hall complex only, effective August 10, 2021 at \$15.50 per hour.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

d.

1.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #171

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the moving Zackry Infield from the full-time laborer position to the vacant MEO position with the start date contingent upon town's receipt of a passing result of pre-duty testing, at a base rate of \$19.11 per hour with full benefits.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #172

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the moving Michael Orton from the full-time seasonal laborer to the vacant full-time laborer position at the Step 1 rate of \$16.00 per hour with full benefits.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

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On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #173

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Steven Diehl to the vacant mechanic's position at the Step 1 hourly rate of \$24.62 per hour with full benefits, effective August 9, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John Lant

Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

Councilman, Duane Bogardus

Councilwoman, Erinn Kolligian