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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-December 5, 2019

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed the following board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Steven Streicher-Councilman
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
John Lant-Deputy Supervisor
John McEachron-Councilman

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

Supervisor Johnson said he would like to present a plaque to Councilman Streicher. Steve has served on the Town Board, with distinction, for the past eight years and most significantly, the liaison to Gavin Park. We all know what a great park Gavin Park is and Steve has a lot to do with making the park as great as it is.

Presented to Steve Streicher, Wilton Town Board, in recognition and appreciation of your eight years as Town Councilman and Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Our best wishes on your future endeavors. Wilton Town Board.

Supervisor Johnson said Steve has been a great asset to him and the town. Anytime Steve was asked for anything, he was always there for us. **Councilman Streicher** said it's been a great honor to serve on the Town Board and represent the residents of the Town. The time went by very quickly and he said he had a full head of hair when he started. The department heads and employees make this town a great place to live, work and be a part of.

Deputy Supervisor Lant presented a plaque to Supervisor Johnson.

*Presented to **Arthur J. Johnson** by the Wilton Town Board*

In recognition of your Dedication, Contribution and Loyal Service while serving as the Town Supervisor.

Your experience, knowledge and hard work has steered the town of Wilton in the right direction. In your role as Town Assessor for thirteen years, Deputy Supervisor for eight years and as Supervisor for seventeen years; your thirty-eight years of service and leadership has guided the town for the future and has made the town of Wilton a great place to live, work and raise a family. We are all fortunate to have experienced your accomplishments.

The Town Board, the employees of the town and its residents thank you for your service.

Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy Retirement

Deputy Supervisor Lant said it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with Supervisor Johnson as well as being a friend. The many years of friendship means a lot.

Supervisor Johnson said it's been a great run but as the old saying goes, all good things must come to an end and unfortunately, that end has come. He said he has enjoyed his eighteen years on the Town Board immensely. **Supervisor Johnson** thanked the majority of the residents who re-elected him for nine terms. He said it is an honor and is proud to have had the opportunity to serve as Supervisor of this great town. He thanked the current town board and prior town boards for their hard work, cooperation and support over the years. Together we have accomplished many great things we all can be proud of. Wilton is a better place through our efforts. He said he would be remiss if he did not recognize and thank our Town employees. They are the backbone of town government. Wilton employees, from top to bottom, are second to none and have always gone above and beyond whenever necessary. A personal, special thanks to Nancy Riely, who has been with him since the beginning and has always had his back. Also, thank you to our volunteers who serve on our various boards. They sacrifice their personal time, give back to the community and contribute significantly to the success of the town. The person most likely to regret my retirement is my wife, Sandy. He said he wishes the best to the new incoming Supervisor, John Lant, new town board members, Ray O'Connor and Erinn Kolligian, for a seamless transition and continue make this great town ever greater. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe and Happy New Year.

Public Comment Session

Scott Kingsley, 105 Traver Road said he is a native and forty four year resident of the Town of Wilton. He thanked Supervisor Johnson and Councilman Streicher on their last board meeting and an end to this chapter of their public service career. Supervisor Johnson may not realize this, but he is responsible for getting me involved in politics back in 2001 after moving back to Wilton. He said after he and his wife got married, they came back to Wilton. Mr. Kingsley said he attended a Town Board meeting to see what was going on. On the agenda, there were interviews for the Wilton Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Kingsley asked for an interview and was granted one. He didn't get the position but he did receive a call the next day about a place on the Wilton Republican Committee. Twenty years later, he said he would like to thank Supervisor Johnson for that. Councilman Streicher had a great eight years and

thanked him for his service. Congratulations to Supervisor-Elect Lant. He said he is looking forward to working with him and the Town Board in future years.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #284

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Purple Heart Community

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

RESOLUTION #285

WHEREAS, the people to the Town of Wilton have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their county and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving the families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; 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 way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a

result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS, December 5th has been officially designated as the day in the Town of Wilton to remember and recognized veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Wilton Town Council hereby proclaims the Town of Wilton as a Purple Heart Town, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform who were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Road Dedication-Pine Bark Place

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

RESOLUTION #286

WHEREAS VanVeghten Construction, LLC, 627 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 has offered to dedicate to the Town of Wilton roadway and/or portions of roadway;

Pine Bark Place: Station 0+00 to Station 11+35 and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to accept the offer of dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town hereby accepts the offer of dedication of roads subject to acceptance

and approval by the Town Highway Superintendent.

2. The Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the dedication including, the execution of any and all documents in form approved by Town Counsel.

3. The Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Highway Superintendent and Town Counsel are authorized and directed to take such additional actions and execute such documents as they deem necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor the motion passed 5-0.

Road Dedication-Berkeley Way and Monterey Court

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

RESOLUTION #287

WHEREAS, Sonoma Grove, LLC, 1743 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065 has offered to dedicate to the Town of Wilton roadways and or portions of roadways;

Berkeley Way: Station 17+00 to Station 38+00

Monterey Court: Station 0+00 to Station 7+50 and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to accept the offer of dedication

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town hereby accepts the offer of dedication of the roads subject to

acceptance and approval by the Town Highway Superintendent.

2. The Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the dedication, including the execution of any and all documents in form approved by Town Counsel.

3. The Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Highway Superintendent and Town Counsel are authorized and directed to take such additional actions and execute such documents as they deem necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0

Waterline Extension

Michael Mooney, WWSA said he was present with Frank Havranak. Mr. Havranak and other residents on Davidson Drive have met over the past few months to start a water district extension to service their street. The first step was to ask residents if they are interested in tying into the water and a preliminary estimate of the cost. There are nineteen properties in the district, 13 properties have voted yes to the extension. One property is owned by the State of New York and he said he believes they will participate but it is a matter of getting the paperwork to the right place. Five property owners did not respond. The next process is creating the maps, plans and report. The WWSA has commissioned the work and it should be completed in two to three months. After the maps, plans and reports are completed, they will be available for viewing. A formal petition will go to the homeowners and if over 50% of the assessed value in that area vote yes, that will form a district and the district will be created. The financial part of it, the WWSA board will finance the project and get reimbursed through the tax bills. **Supervisor Johnson** said it is up to the town to create the taxing district. **Mr. Mooney** said the town will create the taxing district and add the district fee onto the tax bills annually. **Councilman McEachron** asked how many years will it be spread out. **Mr. Mooney** said twenty years. **Councilman Streicher** asked how much does it cost to hook into the water. **Mr. Mooney** said in this case with the waterline extension going down the street, it will be \$850 per year. It does seem like a lot of money but if a well goes bad and they are all on points, points are no longer allowed in New York State. We have a case on Northern Pines Road where a sale did not go through and they have to hook into the water. Typically the cost is \$3,200 buy in fee if the water is already in front of the home. This is much more because we have to run an eight inch water main. The main alone is approximately \$100 per foot. **Councilman Bogardus** asked if there will be fire hydrants installed. **Mr. Mooney** said there will be. A resident asked if the \$3,200 is a fee to hook in, not the fee charged by a plumbing company who hooks you in. **Mr. Mooney**

said that is correct. In this particular case they will pay that and get a water bill like everyone else. This group is going to cover all of their own costs to tie in. There will be no impact to any other residents. **Councilman McEachron** asked if the \$3,200 hook in fee is tied into the \$850 annual fee. **Mr. Mooney** said it is. **Deputy Supervisor Lant** asked if the line is run to the foundation. **Mr. Mooney** said it is to the corner of the garage. **Supervisor Johnson** said once you have 50% of the formal petition signed, WWSA will come back before the board. **Mr. Mooney** said that is correct. A resident asked if the \$850 per year gets the residents in the district all hooked up and running. **Mr. Mooney** said it gets the waterline to the corner of their house and a meter inspection. They will need to hook to their internal plumbing, from the corner of the house into their house. We have preliminary estimates. The purpose of the maps, plans and reports are to calculate the correct fees.

Committee Reports

Councilman Bogardus thanked Supervisor Johnson for making Wilton what it is today. Your leadership has taken Wilton and moved it forward to the great place it is today, a well-balanced and diverse town that is one of the jewels of Saratoga County. We have farming, commercial, retail, residential and hamlet areas. Leadership has always been your forte. Your calm and even demeanor speaks volumes. When individuals speak at meetings and berate you for your lack of insight and direction, you are able to maintain your professionalism and allowing others a voice to speak, never responding negatively to their misinformed or biased opinions. Once again, thank you for the many years of dedicated service to the Town of Wilton. We wish you and your family luck in future endeavors.

Councilman Bogardus thanked Councilman Streicher for helping him transition into the role of Councilman. Your level headedness and approach to all matters before the board is second to none. Thank you for being a role model and wish you and your family success in the future and thank you for helping the Town of Wilton to be the great place it is.

Council McEachron thanked Supervisor Johnson and Councilman Streicher for their service.

Supervisor Johnson noted a letter was received from Saratoga County Soil and Water Conservation District thanking the Town of Wilton for allowing them to use our conference room for their meeting.

Councilman McEachron thanked Highway Superintendent Woodcock and his staff for the great job they did on the last big snow storm.

Supervisor Johnson said the tree lighting ceremony is at Gavin Park on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. It's always a great event and good way to ring in the holiday season.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2019 Budget Transfers

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

RESOLUTION #288

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2019 budget transfers requested and listed in the Comptroller's

12/05/2019 Report (attached) 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 5-0.

2.) Personnel

a.

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

RESOLUTION #289

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve outside employment for Marcus Hart per the description provided.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

b.

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

RESOLUTION #290

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve overnight travel for the Association of Town Conference in New York City, February 16-19, 2020 for the following;

Duane Bogardus
Ryan Riper
Susan Baldwin
1 Planning Department Member
1 Zoning Department Member

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Other

a.

Highway Superintendent Woodcock asked this for this item to be taken off the report.

b.

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

RESOLUTION #291

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a diagnostic scanner for vehicles and related software.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED, the estimated cost will be approximately \$10,000 and using current period available resources for the purchase.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Streicher** and seconded by **Councilman McEachron** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, Steve Streicher

Deputy Supervisor, John Lant

Councilman, John McEachron

Councilman Duane Bogardus