July 9, 2018 the regular town board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m. with Councilmen Raymond, Barber, and Wilbur present. Absent from tonight's meeting was Councilman Greenough and Highway Superintendent Hobus. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. Supervisor Ferguson began the meeting by disagreeing with the previous month's minutes presented. A resolution that was presented at the previous month's meeting was numbered #5-2018 and it will be renumbered during tonight's meeting. He feels the financials are given, although some of the board members do not agree with the format he has been presenting them in. He also feels that the information in the minutes does not accurately reflect the proceeding and suggests using a recording device. The clerk responded that verbatim minutes are not required and that what should be included in the official minutes is town business and how the board votes in decisions. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Old Business: The entryway to the town hall had to be repaired and the town road crew accomplished that during the last month. The painting of the town hall has begun.

**New Business:** Daniel Morin presented to the board a petition that has been signed by the residents located by the Huletts Marina. They are concerned with the speed of vehicles driving through their residential area. They are wondering if the town could place temporary speed bumps to be put in place during the summer season and taken back up for the winter. There are posted speed limits signs but are being disregarded. There was a discussion about the legalities of placing the speed bumps. Because the roads are town owned it is illegal to put speed bumps in. However, the roads can be turned back over to the residents and make them private and then the speed bumps can be installed. Supervisor Ferguson said he would look into it and will give a copy of the petition to the Town Attorney and Mr. Hobus. Mr. Bill Clough addressed the board at tonight's meeting. He was representing Indian Bay about the buoys that were removed this year by the DEC. According to them the buoys need to be registered and since the ones removed weren't they removed them. Mr. Clough made a phone call to DEC and it was recommended that the Town needs to have an ordinance in place stating the speed limit in the bay will be 5 mph. A public hearing needs to be held in the town hall to proceed. All of the documents were given to Sup. Ferguson and he will pass it along to the Town Attorney. The TDI resolution that was given at the February meeting is still being read over by Town Attorney and there will be further updates given at a future meeting. The town hall is in the process of being restored and the floors will be done. Sup. Ferguson wants to bring it back to a place to hold parties for the children.

**Resolutions:** Sup. Ferguson brought to the meeting the resolutions that have been passed at previous month's and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. There are as follows and the dates they were passed:

**Res.** #5-2018 passed on July 9, 2018 titled 2018 Budget Amendment, Highway to renew the 1 year BAN of the 2015 International Truck was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Res.** #6-2018 passed on June 11, 2018 titled **Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution** establishing the standard work day for elected and appointed officials was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

**Res.** #7-2018 passed on February 12, 2018 titled 2018 Budget Amendment, General to fill the vacancy for the Dog Control Officer was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

**Res.** #8-2018 passed on February 12, 2018 titled 2018 Budget Amendment to dissolve the money market accounts was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**Res.** #9-2018 passed on July 9, 2018 titled 2018 Budget Amendment, Highway to approve moving \$40,000 from the Highway Department from the 2011 discrepancy was put forth by Coun. Barber and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor.

**Res.** #10-2018 passed on April 9, 2018 titled 2018 Budget Amendment, General to continue mowing the cemetery located on Pike Brook Road was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Barber. Coun. Wilbur abstained from the vote citing his previous vote in 2017 was Nay and still

feels the same way in 2018 and Coun. Raymond was in favor as long as the Supervisor gets advice from the Town Attorney.

**Res.** #11-2018 passed on April 9, 2018 titled 2018 Budget Amendment, General to use Scott Brown for the contracted mowing for the town cemeteries and was put forth by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Supervisor Ferguson met with the Sewer District 1 recently and it was determined that the user fees will be reduced to \$300 from the previous year amount of \$600 because there is money left over in the account. Sewer District 2 will remain at \$500.

As for an update on the AUD's, it seems Ms. Westscott has the completed 2012 and copies have been given to the supervisor and we can proceed on from there.

Sup. Ferguson announced to the board that he will be giving a quarterly financial statement to the members of the board at the next meeting. He gave the board copies of the bank statements. During last month's meeting the Highway Superintendent requested a vote during this month's meeting in

regards to having an office space erected in the town hall for him to do his paperwork. He has been doing it at a table and the file cabinets for his files in in the hall. There was a motion to move the office to the highway barn and that he can use his cell phone for a hot spot internet connection. There was discussion about the work conditions in the shed as to the cleanliness of it. Coun. Raymond believes that the superintendent should be near the crew if there is ever a problem so he can be reached immediately. Sup. Ferguson thinks that the hall should be used for community activities and not as an office space. There were more discussions about building a tool shed behind the town barn to house the materials that are now kept in the office space in the barn. A roll call vote to have the highway superintendent make the space in the town shed is as follows: Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Greenough-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE The motion passed to have Mr. Hobus put his office in the town shed, and all the members were in favor.

A committee will be put in place to do time card reviews of the highway employees. Sup. Ferguson selected Councilmen Greenough and Barber to review time use.

A review of the health insurance waiver was brought up and tabled at tonight's meeting.

The Verizon phone bills have been expensive and Sup. Ferguson would like to address this with Verizon and has scheduled a potential phone call to them on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. The results of this will be made known at the next meeting.

<u>County Business:</u> Jack McMillan has retired and was replaced by Deborah Donahue and is currently doing a great job.

There was no Highway Superintendent's Report because Mr. Hobus was absent from tonight's meeting. Public Comment: During the public comment section of the meeting it was brought up about having accurate financials on file for the public to view and to include budgeted monies and where the town stands financially to the budget. It is required by town law for the fiscal officer to provide the town board a detailed monthly statement and also the town clerk to have on file in the office. Also brought up was the ability to have access to Spectrum as they are placing lines in Putnam and what are the possibilities of having it in Dresden. We have been given access to Hughes Net through the Phase 3 program but if there is a possibility to have access to Spectrum it would be another option. Supervisor Ferguson responded that he would get in touch with the Putnam Station supervisor for more details. Anda Stipins-Gang would like to have access to the town financials to know what the status is for the town. Supervisor Ferguson asked her when she would like to meet with him and they agreed to meet Monday, July 16, 2018 beginning at 4 p.m. In regards to the town financials, it was brought up that the town board, who audit the monthly bills each meeting, should be aware of how much money is left in each line item account before signing the bills to be paid. Upon further discussion, in was determined that we should all be working together for the common interest of the town and to pursue the best our town can be.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. was made by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Dresden Town Clerk

<u>Attendance:</u> Jeanne Ferguson Daniel Morin Matt Saari-Whitehall Times Bill Clough John Sunkenberg Susan Foster Ives Mark Ives Scott Brown Warren Gordon George Gang Anda Stipins-Gang