

August 12, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held August 12, 2024 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included, Supervisor Matthew Curley, Councilpersons Robert Russell, Tanya Lipinski & Erin Maxon.

Highway Superintendent, Paul Campbell and Town Attorney, Stacey Goldstein were also present. Supv. Curley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Hal Gilbar from Quaker Road stated that there are two road signs missing. He gave the names to P. Campbell who advised that we have a new sign vendor; he will get them replaced. Gilbar also questioned how the town handles junk yards without a permit. He was advised to contact Dave Crowther, Code Enforcement; he can assist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7/8/24 & 7/17/24)

Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to accept the minutes of 7/8/24 as presented. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski and Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Maxon. Motion: Lipinski, Second: Maxon to accept the 7/17/24 minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

Motion: Curley, Second: Lipinski to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Reports were received from Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Code Enforcement Officer, Town Justices & Dog Control.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA – Russell – nothing to report.

Highway – Campbell stated that he sent emails to the Board looking for approval to buy a saw that goes on the boom mower. Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to purchase a Samaz circular saw PTS 3 attachment for the boom mower from Skott Farm & Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$6,350.00. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Campbell is also looking to proceed with purchasing land from Dale Ryan to continue payment to the end of Norman Lane. He will talk with Goldstein on how to proceed. He is still working on the salt shed.

COUNCILMAN EDDY ARRIVED AT 6:49 DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT

OLD BUSINESS

The Board agreed to bring the issue of the Village of Valley Falls and ambulance service to the Agenda. S. Goldstein stated that the Office of State Comptroller is looking into see if the mapping district included the portion of the Village in the Town of Pittstown; which it should not have; the Town did not approve or create it back in 2004; the Town of Schaghticoke did for their portion. The Village is meeting on the 15th and their plan is to submit a formal request by resolution to the Town of Pittstown to ask us to collect the ambulance service tax for the village residents in their Town/County bill. The Town Board agreed to proceed once the official request is received.

The Board also agreed to discuss the redistribution of the Tomhannock Fire Protection District. S. Goldstein stated that she hasn't heard anything after the Office

of State Comptroller stated they have additional questions; she believes they have everything they need to proceed.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

HIRING DAN VINCELETTE, ESQ - ARTICLE 7 PROCEEDINGS - TAX GRIEVANCES #32-2024 WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown (the "Board") engages in various discussions and negotiations to defend Article 7 Tax Grievances (the "Tax Grievances"), from time to time;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint Daniel Vincelette, Esq. of The Vincelette law Firm, as special tax grievance counsel to assist the Board with any such Tax Grievance related discussions, negotiations, and litigation defense;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Lipinski, Second: Maxon, that Matthew Curley, as Supervisor of the Town of Pittstown, for and on its behalf, and subject to the approval of the terms of a retainer or engagement, letter, shall be and hereby is authorized to engage Daniel Vincelette, esq. of The Vincelette Law Firm, as special tax grievance counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Matthew Curley, as Supervisor of the Town of Pittstown, is hereby authorized to execute all documents that may be required to effectuate retaining or engaging said special counsel. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Adoption of 2020 International Codes – Curley advised that he is working on the hazardous mitigation renewal; the codes need to be adopted. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to adopt the 2020 International Codes. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

NEW BUSINESS

Hiring of Specialized Lawn Care – Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to accept the quote from Specialized Lawn Care for the mowing of the Town Hall, Tomhannock Cemetery & East Pittstown Cemetery for the remainder of 2024. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

2024 Poll Site Agreement with Board of Elections – District 5 – S. Goldstein advised that the Board of Elections is asking for verification of our polling sites. She was concerned that they were asking for the Town to commit to all the polling sites; which we could not do. They are just looking for District 5, the Town Hall. Motion: Maxon, Second: Lipinski to authorize Supv. Curley to execute and deliver the Poll Site Agreement for District 5. Ayes – all; Nays – none.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Russell – nothing; Lipinski – stated that she took several different local mobile home park laws from various towns throughout NYS and submitted a draft to S. Goldstein for review. Goldstein stated that she cleaned up what she had received and came up with the draft which is what has been submitted to the Board. Curley stated that he was looking to use what the Town of Schaghticoke has. The Board will review what was submitted and will be discussed at next month's meeting. Maxon – nothing. Eddy – nothing. Curley – has been working on the Hazardous Mitigation which is a requirement if we ever need FEMA assistance. He thanked M. Hoag for her help.

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No one wished to speak.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Lipinski, Second: Curley to pay the vouchers on Abstract 8 except for vouchers 230, 231 and 232. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Maxon, Second: Eddy to pay voucher 230. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski, Maxon & Eddy; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to pay voucher 231. Vote: Ayes – Lipinski, Maxon, Eddy & Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Russell. Motion: Curley,

Second: Lipinski to pay voucher 232. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski, Eddy & Curley;
Nays – none; Abstains – Maxon.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Vote: Ayes
– all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hoag
Town Clerk