

December 9, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held December 9, 2024 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included Supervisor, Matthew Curley, Councilpersons, Robert Russell, Tanya Lipinski, Erin Maxon and Jason Eddy. 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.

PUBLIC ACCESS

No one wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Eddy, Second: Russell to accept the November 12th minutes as presented.

Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

Motion: Maxon, Second: Eddy to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none. Reports were received from the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Code Enforcement Officer, Town Justices, Dog Control & Highway Superintendent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA - Russell stated their Organizational Meeting will be on January 9th.

Highway - Campbell advised that they are done stock piling materials using the COVID money. He would like to replace truck #14. He had emailed the Board with the details. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to purchase a 2024 4-wheel drive International Dump Truck from H.L. Gage which includes a dump body from T&T Sales at a cost not to exceed \$278,613.59 with financing from Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital for \$65,306.13 each year for 5 years. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

Buildings - Curley advised that our stand by generator has not been working. G&D Refrigeration contacted the representative who is coming to address the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Norman Lane - Campbell stated that the proposal has been dropped. There is no benefit to the Town of Pittstown residents.

Mobile Home Park Law - Lipinski has sent the members her proposal. The board discussed their opinions in depth. It was tabled so that each member can review what she is proposing. Lipinski also agreed that she will review the law from the Town of Schaghticoke to incorporate what we would like to see.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

Extension of the Service Agreement with ERCSWMA - #39-2024

WHEREAS, the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority manages MSW programs, Recycling Programs, Household hazardous waste programs and Education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority service agreements are all coming to an end in the next three months at staggered dates for their member communities, and the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors has determined that due to large projects currently in progress, that it would be in the best interest and benefit of the member municipality's to extend these service agreements one year to further pursue these projects; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority service agreements would remain unchanged to the current agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract by and between Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority and the Town of Pittstown be executed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Lipinski, Second: Eddy that the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown at their Regular Town Board Meeting on November 9, 2024 extend the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority to extend their service agreement one (1) year from the end of the current agreement. Vote: Ayes - Russell, Lipinski, Maxon & Eddy; Nays - none; Abstains - Curley.

NEW BUSINESS

GAR ASSOCIATES. Reassessment Project 2025 - Authorize to Sign - Curley stated that the Board allocated money in the 2025 budget to continue with GAR Associates to attempt to keep our equalization rate at 100% due to the fluctuating market. It will cover December 2024, all of 2025 and January thru July 2026. Motion: Lipinski, Second: Maxon to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Professional Service Agreement with GAR Associates. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Russell - nothing; Lipinski - thanked Campbell for the work done on Lewis Road; she received compliments. She was contacted by the historical society about putting up something on the windows by their display. The sun is fading it. She will research the best option. Maxon - nothing; Eddy - nothing; Curley - still working on hazardous mitigation; reminder Association of Towns Conference is February 16th-19th; the truck body that we are purchasing with COVID money needs a Purchase Order and a resolution to submit. **#39-2024** WHEREAS, the Town of Pittstown has remaining COVID money to use as needed, and

WHEREAS, the highway superintendent would like to purchase a Body Replacement for truck #7;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Eddy, Second: Maxon to purchase a Body Replacement for Truck #7 from Trius, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$113,820.00 under Sourcwell Contract #062222-AEB using the received COVID monies. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

Curley advised that we received a letter from the State Comptroller's Office that we have transferred function from one local government to another local government when we transferred fire protection service from us to the Melrose & Johnsonville Fire Districts. We have saved money so we have to adjust the costs & savings so we will have to pass a local law to override the tax levy limit. There will be no change in the budget. Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law # 3-2024, a local law to

override the tax levy limit at a Special Meeting on December 23, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none. Curley also advised that we will be paying the remaining invoices for 2024 at that special meeting. Goldstein stated that even though we authorized the Supervisor to hire Craig Crist as special counsel for the Zoning Board for the Halse application, Craig would like his letter agreement signed effective November 12, 2024. Motion: Eddy, Second: Russell to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter-agreement from Craig Crist hiring him as special counsel effective November 12, 2024 in regards to the Halse application before the zoning board. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none. Curley advised that there was an issue with trash collection on Humphrey Way from the last storm; the road was not passable. Humphrey Way is the only Way in the Town that the trash company travels. Curley went to Humphrey Way; it is in horrible shape. The trash company should not have to service it. The Ways in Town are not maintained by the Town; they are maintained by the landowners. M. Hoag advised the landowner that called about the trash not getting picked up that the trash company may not service them much longer. Regardless of the weather, the road is not safe for them to travel. Curley stated that Brookfield is holding a public meeting on December 19th at the Johnsonville Fire House for a question and answer for the residents of River Road. S. Goldstein advised that the Village of Valley Falls Board met with the Office of the State Comptroller and Rensselaer County in their pursuit to obtain ambulance service for 2025 thru a charge on their town and county bill for the Village residents on the Pittstown side. They were advised that due to timing, it would not happen. The village has contracted with Hoosic Valley Ambulance for 2025.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Lipinski, Second: Eddy to pay vouchers on Abstract 12 except for vouchers 356 & 377. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to pay voucher 356. Vote: Ayes - Russell, Lipinski, Eddy & Curley; Nays - none; Abstains - Maxon. Motion: Maxon, Second: Russell to pay voucher 377. Vote: Ayes - Russell, Lipinski, Maxon & Eddy; Nays - none; Abstains - Curley.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag
Town Clerk