

January 8, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held January 8, 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 HEARING ON EXTENSION OF MOBILE HOME PARK MORATORIUM
LOCAL LAW #2-2023 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Motion: Eddy, Second: Russell to open the public hearing. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Supv. Curley asked for comments; there were none. The hearing will remain open.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Stacey Goldstein thanked Rensselaer Co. for the work they did during the snow storm. Albany Co. roads were horrible.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to accept the minutes of 12/11/23. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Maxon, Second: Eddy to accept the minutes of 12/27/23. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

Reports were received from the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Justices.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA – Russell thanked the community for their donations in the used clothing shed. Many people received clothing and the Town received revenue. They are having their organizational meeting on January 2th.

Highway – Campbell -the State may be reducing the money in the CHiPS program. He stated that he looking to replace some dump bodies on a couple trucks. If a new truck is purchased, it will take 3 years to be delivered. He would like to rent a gradall for ditching.

Buildings – Campbell stated that he would like to have a rack system designed for installing and removing sander bodies like Rensselaer Co. has. Eddy stated that the camera that is broken will be fixed on Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS

Tomhannock Fire Protection – Curley stated that he e-mailed the contact at the State Comptroller's office on proceeding with the distribution. S. Goldstein asked him to forward that information to her. He is waiting on a response.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

The Board agreed to bring the resolution to the Agenda. S. Goldstein prepared a resolution for consideration in regards to increasing the terms of the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Highway Superintendent from two years to 4 years. **#27-2024** WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown (the "Board"), desires to achieve administrative efficiencies by increasing the term of office of the Town Supervisor, the Town Superintendent of Highways, the Town Tax Collector, and the Town Clerk positions from two (2) years to four (4) years, subject to voter approval for each such extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Lipinski, Second: Maxon that the term office of the Town Supervisor, the Town Superintendent of Highways, the Town Tax

Collector and the Town Clerk positions shall be increased from two (2) years to four (4) years, subject to voter approval for each such extension; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the extension of each such term of office shall be placed on the ballot for voter approval. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski, Maxon and Eddy; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Local Law #4-2023 (now #1-2024) Senior Citizens Tax Exemption – Motion: Lipinski, Second: Maxon to adopt Local Law #1-2024 (previously labeled #4-2023) amending Local Law #1-2019 to amend the Town of Pittstown Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Law, to update the calculation and sliding scale for exemption purposes. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – None.

Solar Law/Land Use Law Streamline the board review process – S. Goldstein has been speaking with Fred Howard, Zoning Board Chairman, who advised that he would like a 3 month moratorium with the extension of 3 month moratorium if necessary to clarify the review and approval process among the various municipal boards in connection with the regulation of solar systems with the Town Laws and the Zoning and land use regulations. Motion: Curley, Second: Lipinski to hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2-2024 imposing a temporary town-wide moratorium on the installation of Solar Energy Systems, Solar Panel Projects or Solar Farms on February 12th at 6:30 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

CONT. OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM LOCAL LAW#2-2023 – Supv. Curley asked for further comments; there were none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to close the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. and extend the moratorium for 6 months. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Russell – nothing; Lipinski – nothing; Maxon – nothing; Eddy – nothing. Curley advised that he was contacted by a resident who is looking to have the meetings live streamed. The Board discussed in length and decided at this time it is not feasible to proceed. The cost of the reval per month has gone down from \$10,000 to \$7,000; last payment is July. Still have not received the invoice on the street lights; nothing new on the bell; Association of Towns conference in is February; he will be getting specs from the Solid Waste Authority for the trash collection for 2025; we have to go out to bid. There is a meeting on the Brookfield dam on April 16th 9-2 if anyone is interested in going. Our building inspector/code enforcement officer is resigning in May; he is trying to contact other towns to see if they have a part time inspector that is certified which is a requirement.

PUBLIC ACCESS

No one wished to speak

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Maxon, Second: Russell to pay the vouchers on Abstract 1 except voucher 1 and to add in vouchers 16, 17 & 18. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Lipinski, Second: Maxon to pay voucher 1. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski, Maxon & Eddy; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag, Town Clerk

