

July 11, 2022  
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held July 11, 2022 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included Supervisor, Matthew Curley, Councilpersons, Robert Russell, Tanya Lipinski, Erin Maxon and Jason Eddy. Town Attorney, Stacey Goldstein was also present. Supv. Curley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supv. Curley asked for a moment of silence in memory of his friend and Michelle's brother, Ric Staude who passed away.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Maxon, Second: Lipinski to accept the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS**

Jim Griffin from Keefe Road was confirming that the Town received COVID funds which can be used for road improvements. Supv. Curley stated that the Town is receiving funds, and we will be following the Highway Agreement previously submitted and approved. J. Griffin is still waiting for his road to be widened. Curley will contact P. Campbell.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS**

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy 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 & Highway Superintendent.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**

**ERCSWMA** – Russell – tentative meeting in September.

**Highway** – nothing to report

**Buildings** – Curley – working on getting material for the parking lot at 103; he has spoken to Valley Paving.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Approval of Bell Restoration** – The Board discussed the proposal for the restoration. Motion: Curley; Second: Eddy to accept the proposal for the restoration of the bell from Williamstown Art Conservation Center in the amount of \$12,905.00; \$6452.00 will be paid next month and the remaining when the project is completed. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

#### **FILED RESOLUTIONS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Ethics Board Appointment – Joseph Harlin**

Curley advised that we have a vacancy on the Ethics Board; J. Harlin fits the criteria. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to appoint Joseph Harlin to a 5 year term on the Ethics Board effective today and ends December, 2026. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

##### **Solid Waste Contract Extension**

The Board agreed to bring to the agenda. **#31-2022** Whereas our current contract with Casella, our solid waste collector, ends in December of 2022; and

Whereas, the Town of Pittstown and Casella in the best interest of public policy and in public interest, wish to extend the current contract with Casella for a two-year period; and

Whereas, the existing contract includes language that the price shall be negotiated but any increase shall not exceed the prior year's contract price by up to an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (All Urban Customers", Northeast Urban, all items index) as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for the calculation of the CPI being based upon the preceding 12 month service period, from November to the following October; so therefore

Be It Resolved by Curley, Second: Eddy that the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown contract with Casella for a two-year period, ending December, 2024. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

**MEMBERS PRIVILEGE**

Russell – nothing; Lipinski – nothing; Maxon – reminded S. Goldstein that we are looking for bidding requirement for the fire protection districts. He is also looking into the requirements for an AED machine for the Town Hall; Eddy – nothing; Curley – looking for the highway inventory – M. Hoag stated that she received a list of saws, etc., but she is not sure if that is enough for insurance coverage purposes. Curley advised that the contract has been signed with GAR for the reval; Goldstein approved. We are waiting on smart modular which will be installed in all the street lights when they are replaced; should be 7 to 10 days. The website is up; but we are having e mail issues. He questioned S. Goldstein about the 5g towers; she advised that the Association of Towns has concerns about 5g rollouts; be aware. He has cancelled our contract with Johnson Controls; the system doesn't work; and we are getting charged. Other alternatives have been handed over to E. Maxon to look into. The Town received a thank you from the Valley Falls Library for the COVID funds we shared with them.

**PUBLIC ACCESS**

No one wished to speak

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Motion: Lipinski, Second: Eddy to pay the vouchers on Abstract 7 except for vouchers 207 & 209. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Lipinski to pay voucher 209. Vote: Ayes – Lipinski, Maxon, Eddy & Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Russell. Motion: Maxon, Second: Eddy to pay voucher 207. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski, Maxon & Eddy; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Eddy, Second; Russell to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag  
Town Clerk