

July 14, 2025
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held July 14, 2025 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 from the public wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6/9/25 & 6/18/25)

Motion: Eddy, Second: Lipinski to accept the June 9th minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to accept the June 18th minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

Motion: Lipinski, Second: Eddy to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Reports were received from the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Town Justices and Dog Control.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA – Russell stated that they are meeting on 7/28 to discuss up coming bids. Will advise next month.

Highway – Campbell advised that the new truck that was ordered in December was to be delivered in May is now scheduled for December. We are still waiting on the delivery of the new dump body that was ordered as well. The panels on the garage door have been replaced. The revamp of the salt shed looks good.

Buildings – Curley & Maxon reported that they are working on the new sign for the highway garage – will be looking into the location and type of sign; checking on the possibility to make it electric. The sign at the end of Tomhannock Road will be basic like the one out in front of the Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

FILED RESOLUTIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Highway Agreement – The board discussed the agreement and the replacement of the culverts. Motion: Maxon, Second: Eddy to accept the 2025 Town Road & Bridge Repair/Remediation Agreement. Vote: Ayes – Lipinski, Maxon, Eddy & Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Russell.

Hunt Road & Clum Road Repair – Campbell stated that there are sections of the two roads that did not hold up during the winter. He needs them repaired and cannot go thru the CHIPS program due to the timing. The Board has the estimates from Peckham's. He will be using the County paving crew and surrounding towns trucks for transporting. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to repair the portions of Hunt Road & Clum Road as proposed at a cost for material not to exceed \$172,708.35. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Lipinski stated that there are some bad pot holes in the pavement on Ryan Gross Road. Campbell advised that he will be patching those this year and do a permanent repair next year.

Reappointment of Assessor 10/1/25 – 9/30/31 – 6 yr. Term – Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to reappoint Roberta Stone to a 6-year term as Sole Assessor for the Town of Pittstown – terms is from 10/1/25 to 9/30/31. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #2-2025 @ 6:45 P.M.

Curley opened the public hearing on proposed Local Law #2 at 6:45p.m. – asked for comments – there were none. The hearing will remain open.

Cont. of New Business - Cyber Security Insurance – Curley stated that he has been working to get cyber security insurance. We cannot get it until we have a server in the basement and we have Multi Factor Authentication. To have this installed it is around \$5,000 – that does not include the cost of the insurance. Motion: Lipinski, Second: Eddy to accept the quote from AIT Computers for the installation of the server and the multi factor authentication at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Vote: Ayes – all; Nay – none. Once installed, we can get the cost of the insurance.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Russell – nothing; Lipinski - nothing; Maxon – nothing; Eddy – nothing. Curley – was contacted by Rensselaer Co. We had to make some changes to our Hazardous Mitigation Plan; waiting on their approval. Lipinski and he attended the Historic Hudson Watershed meeting at the Masonic Temple. We received notification that the Town of Hoosick is redoing their comprehensive plan and has declared themselves lead agency. We received a letter from the State commending our Assessor for successfully completing the reval. We will be getting \$5.00 per parcel for a total of \$5902.01.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Nicole LaMora from Kautz Hollow Road stated her concerns while the Town is growing, our laws need to be modernized; especially with enforcement, compliance and site plan review. The Town has limited access to properties without a warrant. We have no structure compared to other Towns. Eddy questioned if something has occurred to bring this to the Board? She stated that with the proposed upcoming motor cross event, the Town has not been able to inspect the property; code enforcement is not allowed on the property. She feels that active applications should automatically grant access to the property involved.

Justin Welch from Prospect Hill Road questioned the timing of the culvert replacement on Clum Road. Campbell advised he doesn't know at this point; it still has to go out to bid.

Megan Croce from Storm Hill Road reiterated LaMora's concerns. She is a member of the Pittstown Community Association and is concerned with the lack of a noise ordinance in the Town. Decibels & time should be considered. She would also like the Town to consider limiting the number of special use permits a landowner can apply for.

George Hamm – The Town seems to have a lack of enforceable laws. He feels that each land owner has rights. The Town laws need to be clear.

CONT. OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #2-2025 – Supv. Curley asked for comments; there were none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #2-2025 at 7:01 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Lipinski, Second: Eddy to adopt Local Law #2-2025. Vote: Aye – all; Nays – none. M. Hoag stated that she believes our Rules of Procedure states the Board not adopt the Local Law on the same night it is adopted – it gets put on the next month's agenda. Goldstein advised that it will be researched, and if need be, we can adopt it again next month.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to pay the invoices on Abstract 7. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag
Town Clerk