

June 12, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held June 12, 2023 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 PROPOSED L.L.#1-2023 – PRIVATE PROPERTY HOME BURIALS @ 6:30 P.M.

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to open the public hearing on proposed Local Law #1-2023. Supv. Curley asked for comments; there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5/8/23)

Motion: Lipinski, Second: Russell to accept the minutes of May 8th as presented.
Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

PUBLIC ACCESS

No one wished to speak.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND THEIR CONSULTANTS

Motion: Curley, 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 – nothing to report. Curley did advised that the hazardous was clean up usually costs about \$20,000; this year due to the ability to turn the paint over to paintcare, the cost was \$12,000.

Highway – Campbell stated that there are holes in the decking on the Ford Road bridge; he has put metal plates on it temporarily. He has contacted Wayne Bonesteel to draw up specifications for the repair. He will contact 3 different bridge contractors to get prices for the repair. He advised the Board that he has had one employee leave and has three others that are looking for other employment due to the amount of money per hour they are being paid. Other Towns are offering more. He stated that if he has no one to plow, the Town may have to look at other alternatives. Eddy stated that they signed the union contract agreeing to that amount per hour. The current contract expires in 2024. He is concerned if the employees do not agree with the amount per hour, what is the union doing for them?

Buildings – nothing.

OLD BUSINESS

Tomhannock Fire District – Dissolution/Distribution

#27-2023 Resolved: Curley, Second: Eddy to reapportion the Tomhannock Fire Protection District and dissolve same after the reapportionment. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski, Eddy & Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Maxon.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Russell – nothing; Lipinski – nothing; Maxon – nothing; Eddy – questioned if the Board were to explore the possibility of making a change in the union contract, how would it happen. S. Goldstein advised that the amendment would need to be ratified by

the union and if they agree, all parties would sign; sections/portions can be added or taken out. It would be a side letter to the agreement. Curley – the reveal is moving forward; nothing on the street light maintenance; the bell restoration has started; we have had citizens call questioning the veterans flags that are hanging from utility poles. The Town is following the same as the Town of Schaghticoke. They, as a Town, are not involved; it is between a private citizen and the Melrose Fire Dept. who have taken on the project. M. Hoag has been given our residents the e mail of the Schaghticoke resident who is in charge there to get more information. He has received a letter from our County Executive in regards to allowing illegal immigrants into the County; he believes we are good due to the fact we have no hotels/housing. He received a letter from a councilman in the Town of Huntington who is looking for Towns to do resolutions to submit to Gov. Hochul to enact voter identification. The Board tabled to the July meeting. He has gotten a sample local law from the Town of Schaghticoke to not allow any more trailer parks in the Town. We have become overwhelmed. He would like S. Goldstein to pursue a local law for us. She advised that any pending applications would not be affected by this law. Lipinski agreed that something needs to be done. Motion: Lipinski, Second: Eddy to hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2-2023, a Local Law establishing a 6 month moratorium on any new mobile home park applications including expansions in the Town of Pittstown on July 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. There is an emergency action plan meeting in October with Brookfield Power. Verna and he attended the last meeting; he would like another board member to attend.

Cont. of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1-2023 –

Supv. Curley asked for further comments; there were none. Motion: Curley, Second Lipinski to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #1-2023 at 7:10 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Bob Bornt talked with R. Russell about the veterans flags. Already discussed; M. Hoag will give him the information after the meeting.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to pay the vouchers on Abstract 6 except for vouchers 146 and 162 and add in 182. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Maxon, Second: Eddy to pay voucher 146. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Lipinski, Maxon, Eddy; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley. Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to pay voucher 162. Vote: Ayes – Lipinski, Maxon, Eddy, Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Russell.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag
Town Clerk