

November 12, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held November 12, 2024 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included, Supervisor, Matthew Curley, Councilpersons, Robert Russell and Jason Eddy. Councilpersons, Tanya Lipinski and Erin Maxon were absent. 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 – 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET @ 6:30 P.M.

Supv. Curley asked for comments – there were none. The hearing will remain open.

PUBLIC ACCESS

No one wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (10/15/24 & 10/28/24)

Motion: Eddy, Second: Russell to accept the October 15th minutes as presented.

Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to accept the October 28th minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA – Russell reported they are meeting on Thursday.

Highway – Campbell stated that he is getting prices on a new dump truck. He would like to finance. The new excavator & skid steer have been delivered; being paid for out of the grader grant money we received. Supv. Curley advised him that additional COVID money needs to be spent; Campbell is ordering a dump body and stock piling gravel. Supv. Curley asked about the battery shut offs for the equipment; the paper from NYMIR needs to be signed and returned. Campbell advised that they are installing them this week – there are 4 of them. The last clean up is this Saturday; he would like everything cleaned up and emptied so they have a fresh start in the Spring.

Buildings – Campbell advised that they are almost done with the salt shed repairs. He would like the ceiling fans replaced in the garage; he will wait until next year's budget. The grader has a broken drive motor; repairs are in the area of \$8,000; he had to fix; it is used every day.

OLD BUSINESS

Updated Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy – Supv. Curley advised that the policy was sent to the union rep.; we heard nothing back. Campbell said he did and all is good. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to adopt the updated Town of Pittstown DOT-FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy as approved by the Teamsters, the Shop Steward and the town attorney on behalf of the Town of Pittstown. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Update on Proposed Norman Lane – Goldstein stated that the quote for the title search was between \$400 & \$500. The Board tabled to discuss further as to how to proceed.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

None

CONT. OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025 BUDGET - Supv. Curley asked for further comments; there were none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to close the public hearing on the 2025 Preliminary Budget at 6:50. Vote: Ayes - all; nays – none.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of 2025 Final Budget – Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to adopt the 2025 Preliminary Budget as the 2025 Final Budget. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

East Pittstown Cemetery Repairs – Supv. Curley stated that pictures and the estimate for the repairs for the cemetery were sent to the district attorney’s office looking for the repairs to be done by the accused. The estimate was \$4,500. We received notification from the Rensselaer Co. Probation Dept. that the defendant will pay \$2250 by the end of 2030. He feels the repairs should still be done even though we do not get the full amount reimbursed. Vote: Curley, Second: Russell to accept the estimate from Grave Stones Matter in the amount of \$4,500 to repair the stones damaged at the East Pittstown Cemetery. Vote: Ayes – all Nays – none.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Russell – nothing; Eddy – nothing; Curley – still working on the hazardous mitigation; the Association of Towns meeting is February 16 – 19 if anyone on the Board is interested; still wants to work on the Zoning enforcement. He said the Town needs to hire special counsel for the motor cross application coming before the Zoning Board.

#38-2024 – WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pittstown (“ZBA”) has received an application from Christopher Halse and/or Boondocks Moto (the “Applicant”) for the development of a project related to moto cross and other uses, to be located at 1780 Tamarac Road, located in the Town of Pittstown (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Fred Howard, Chairman of the ZBA, requested that the Town Board appoint special counsel to assist the ZBA with review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown has approved the request to appoint special counsel to assist the ZBA with review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to appoint Craig Crist, Esq. as special counsel to the ZBA related to the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Curley; Second: Eddy that Matthew Curley, as Supervisor of the Town, for and on its behalf, and subject to the approval of the terms of a retainer or engagement letter, shall be and hereby is authorized to engage Craig Crist, Esq. as special counsel to the ZBA for review of the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Matthew Curley, as Supervisor of the Town, is hereby authorized to execute all documents that may be required to effectuate retaining or engaging said special counsel. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

PUBLIC ACCESS – no one wished to speak

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to pay all the vouchers on Abstract 11. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hoag, Town Clerk

