

October 11, 2022  
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held October 11, 2022 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included Supervisor, Matthew Curley, Councilpersons, Robert Russell, Erin Maxon & Jason Eddy. Councilwoman, Tanya Lipinski was absent. Town Attorney, Stacey Goldstein was also present. Highway Superintendent, Paul Campbell was absent due to a family matter. Supv. Curley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/12/22)**

Motion: Maxon, Second: Russell to accept the minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup> as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

**PUBLIC ACCESS**

John Malm from Riverview Drive submitted a letter and photos of a tree that is diseased and leaning towards his house. It is in the Town's right of way and needs to come down before it falls down.

**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 the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Code Enforcement, Town Justices, and Dog Control.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**

**ERCSWMA** – Russell – nothing to report. Curley advised that he is looking to hold a meeting in Melrose on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

**Highway** – nothing to report – Campbell absent.

**Buildings** – Curley advised that the standby generator has been installed; the propane tanks should be installed on Wednesday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**FILED RESOLUTIONS**

The Board agreed to bring the JCAP resolution to the agenda. **#32-2022** Resolved: Maxon; Second: Eddy that the Board of the Town of Pittstown authorizes the Town of Pittstown Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$1,500. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays - none – none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of the 2023 Fire Protection Bids** – Curley advised that one bid was received for the West Hoosick Fire Protection District – West Hoosick Fire Dept. - \$16,019. Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to accept the bid from the West Hoosick Fire Dept. for the 2023 West Hoosick Fire Protection District in the amount of \$16,019; with the option of yearly renewals up to 5 years. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Eddy & Curley; Abstains – Maxon. Curley advised that two bids were received for the Tomhannock Fire Protection District – Johnsonville Fire Dept. \$45,023 and Melrose Fire Dept. \$34,000. Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to accept the bid of \$34,000 from the Melrose Fire Dept. for the 2023 Tomhannock Fire Protection District with the option of yearly renewals up to 5 years. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Eddy & Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Maxon.

**MEMBERS PRIVILEGE**

Russell – nothing; Maxon – nothing; Eddy – nothing; Curley – waiting on the highway inventory – M. Hoag stated that she has spoken with one of the part time employees to see if they are interested. The fire alarm is at the garage; waiting on hook up. The reval project is in the works. We are still waiting on the modules for the street lights. The webmaster has notified him that our domain name is up for renewal; there were a few options. Motion: Curley, Second: Maxon to renew the Town's domain name

for 5 years at a cost of \$220.00. He reminded the board of the Association of Towns meeting if anyone wanted to attend.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS**

Howie Toftegaard from Gifford Road is concerned about our ambulance protection and the need for ALS and paramedics; not ELS which is what we currently have. He is not familiar with the terms, but when injured, the ELS could not provide any pain medication. Maxon advised that Cambridge is ALS and Hoosick is getting the training soon. The PVEC is having a difficult time with staffing and is cannot find help for ALS. He questioned why Hoosick Valley Rescue does not come into Pittstown; the Board advised that he would have to contact them for that information. Curley advised that Rensselaer Co. had set up a meeting but then cancelled and never rescheduled a joint meeting with the Towns in regards to providing ALS. Curley advised that the problem with staffing is state wide.

#### **AUDIT OF BILLS**

Motion: Curley, Second: Russell to pay the vouchers on Abstract 10 except for vouchers 317, 318, 332 & 353. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to pay vouchers 317 & 318. Vote: Ayes – Russell, Maxon & Eddy; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to pay vouchers 332 & 353. Vote: Ayes – Maxon, Eddy & Curley; Nays – none; Abstains – Russell. There was a discussion in regards to voucher 343 for interpreting services for the Court. The Board agreed that the town taxpayers should not have the burden of paying for an interpreter. S. Goldstein will look into who has the responsibility to pay for their services.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag  
Town Clerk