

October 15, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held October 15, 2024 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included, Supervisor, Matthew Curley, Councilpersons Erin Maxon and Jason Eddy. Councilperson, Tanya Lipinski and Robert Russell were absent. Highway Superintendent, Paul Campbell & 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 - VILLAGE OF VALLEY FALLS AMBULANCE @ 6:30

Supv. Curley asked for comments. John Sassatelli, Village Trustee stated he was here to answer any questions, reminded the Board that they are looking to obtain an ambulance service for the Pittstown residents of the Village, and thanked the Board for their support. The hearing will remain open.

PUBLIC ACCESS

No one wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/9/24)

Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to accept the September 9th minutes as presented.

Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & CONSULTANTS

Motion: Maxon, 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 & Highway Superintendent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA - Russell was absent. Curley advised that they are meeting on their tentative budget October 16th at 6:00.

Highway - Campbell stated that he is getting prices on a new dump truck.

Buildings - Campbell stated that they are not done rebuilding the salt shed - hopefully work on this week.

OLD BUSINESS

Updated Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy - Campbell asked Goldstein if she was okay with the updated medical marijuana section. She stated she is okay with it but would like it to have stronger language. The Board wants the Union Representative to review before they adopt it.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Purchase of Excavator & Skidsteer - Campbell had previously submitted the quotes to the Board for the purchases. Motion: Curley; Second: Maxon to authorize the purchase of a 299D3 Compact Track Loader from Southworth Milton at a cost after trade not to exceed \$77,355.00 and authorize the purchase of a 308 Excavator at a cost after trade not to exceed \$112,600. The monies are coming from the grant money for

a grader that we applied for back in 2018 that we just received. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

Proposed Norman Lane Survey - Campbell would like to pave Norman Lane; a portion is owned by Dale Ryan who is willing to sell it to the Town. A survey needs to be done. Goldstein stated that a title search would need to be done. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to authorize Goldstein to get an estimate of the cost of the title search and allow her to order same as long as the cost does not exceed \$500.00 and if so, proceed with the survey at a cost not to exceed \$2,200.00. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

CONT. OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VILLAGE OF VALLEY FALLS AMB.

Supv. Curley asked for comments; there were none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to close the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - DISSOLUTION PLAN & REALLOCATION TOMHANNOCK FIRE @ 6:45 P.M. Supv. Curley opened the public hearing and asked for comments. Michael Ouimet questioned if the Board received the resolution that Melrose Fire adopted; Supv. Curley confirmed we did. Curley advised we are receiving Johnsonville's tomorrow. Dave Valyou questioned if the Board had the addresses. He was advised that they were attached to their resolution they submitted. Goldstein will reach out to the Assessor to confirm. Melrose will contact the County as well.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Maxon - nothing; Eddy - nothing; Curley - He is continuing to work on the Hazardous Mitigation. He would like to discuss Pittstown enforcement on laws/codes; tabled until next month. The Association of Towns in NYC is February 14th- 19th if anyone wishes to go let him know.

CONT. OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOMHANNOCK. FIRE

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to adopt the Plan of Dissolution of Tomhannock Fire Protection District subject to the final property list for each district from the County and the Assessor. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to close the public hearing on the Dissolution Plan & Reallocation of Tomhannock Fire at 7:00 p.m. Vote - all; Nays - none.

#37-2024 WHEREAS, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Board (the "Board") of the Town of Pittstown (the "Town") on June 12, 2023, the Board resolved to reapportion the boundaries of the Tomhannock Fire Protection District (the "TFPD"), by reallocating properties to either the Johnsonville Fire District ("JFD") or the Melrose Fire District ("MFD") based on proximity to each, and then to dissolve the TFPD thereafter (collectively, the "Reallocation");

WHEREAS, at the such meeting on June 12, 2023, the Board scheduled a public hearing which was held on August 14, 2023, with respect to the dissolution of the TFPD and the Reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the timeline, process of dissolution and Reallocation was discussed at such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, dissolution and Reallocation discussions with Rensselaer County, Office of State Comptroller ("OSC"), and JFD and MFD continued throughout 2023 and 2024; and

WHEREAS, at the request of OSC, the Board adopted two resolutions extending the boundaries of each of JFD and MFD at a regularly meeting of the Board on May 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 17-a of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Board scheduled a public hearing on the Plan of Dissolution (the "Plan"), at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on October 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to adopt the Plan, and implement the dissolution of the TFPD and the Reallocation for the provision of more efficient fire protection services within the Town, effective as of January 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Plan is hereby adopted, effective as of January 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Matthew Curley, as Supervisor of the Town of Pittstown, for and on its behalf, is hereby authorized to execute all documents that may be required to effectuate the dissolution, the Reallocation and implement the Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the Reallocation, the TFPD shall be dissolved, and the Plan implemented, and any and all ancillary items incidental thereto shall be authorized, and any prior actions in support of the dissolution, Reallocation and the Plan are hereby ratified, authorized and confirmed.

Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Voucher #293, ERCSWMA will not be included in the monthly vouchers; it is now a pre-paid utility bill. Motion: Maxon, Second: Eddy to pay the vouchers on Abstract 10. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag
Town Clerk

