

September 11, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held September 11, 2023 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included, Supervisor, Matthew Curley, Councilpersons Tanya Lipinski, Erin Maxon and Jason Eddy. Councilman, Robert Russell was absent. Highway Superintendent, Paul Campbell and Town Attorney, Stacey Goldstein was also present. Supv. Curley called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #3-2023 AMENDED DOG LAW @ 6:30 P.M.

Motion: Eddy, Second: Lipinski to open the public hearing on Local Law #3-2023 at 6:30 p.m. Vote: Ayes - all; nays none. Supv. Curley asked for comments; there were none.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Dale Akin from the Valley Falls Library spoke in regards to their budget and they have a \$17,000 short fall. They are asking for the Town to consider increase their 2024 contribution to the library to fill that void. He advised the Board of their expenses, the programs and services they offer, and the increase in the public use of the library. Akin did advise the Board that Diver Library and the Valley Falls Library cannot be combined due to deed restrictions that were included as part of the libraries obtaining the properties. Curley advised that the Board will review their request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Eddy, Second: Lipinski to accept the August 14th minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA - Russell was absent; Curley advised that they are having their public hearing on their budget on October 25th; no increase.

Highway - Campbell advised that he will have the surplus list next month. The loader is on its way to the dealership in Clifton Park.

Buildings - Campbell advised that the door opener has been installed at the garage.

OLD BUSINESS

Tomhannock Fire Protection - Goldstein advised that there will be a delay in distribution due to the timing of the tax rolls. The chart that has been done will be beneficial to residents to see why this is being done. Curley spoke to a Johnsonville Fire Commissioner and is waiting to hear back from a Melrose Commissioner to meet with Goldstein and our Assessor and himself.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

National American Indian Heritage Month - #27-2023 Whereas, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities have been planned.

NOW THEREFORE, I Matthew Curley by virtue of my authority as Supervisor of the Town of Pittstown do hereby proclaim November 2023 as National American Indian Heritage Month, in this town and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, or activities. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

National Constitution Week - #28-2023 WHEREAS, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17-23 as "Constitution Week". Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 West Hoosick Fire Protection

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to go out to bid for the 2024 West Hoosick Fire Protection District; which sealed bids are due by October 5th at 1:00 p.m. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Lipinski - nothing; Maxon - nothing; Eddy - working with Lou on repair of the one camera. Would like to move forward with the support of the voter identification. Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for voter identification. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none. Curley - the Assessor met with the State and GAR in regards to the reval; we are on schedule. He won't sign the street light maintenance agreement until the invoice for the install has been paid; which we haven't received. We are still waiting on dry weather for the painting of the wooden frame on the bell. He advised that it was not in the minutes of the August meeting that the Board dissolved the Tomhannock Fire Protection District and reallocate the properties. Motion: Curley, Second: Lipinski to dissolve the Tomhannock Fire Protection District and reallocate based off of property location to the closest fire district. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none. He advised that Jason and he met with an attorney to assist with the union's request for a renegotiations of their wages. He would like to hire him. **#29-2023** WHEREAS, the Town

Board of the Town of Pittstown (the "Board") engages in various discussion and negotiations with Teamsters Local 294 (the "Union"), from time to time;

WHEREAS, the Board desire to appoint Glen P. Doherty, Esq. of Hodgson Russ, as special labor counsel to assist the Board with any such Union related discussions and negotiations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by: Lipinski, Second: Eddy that Matthew Curley, as Supervisor of the Town of Pittstown, 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 Glen P. Doherty, Esq. of Hodgson Russ, as special labor counsel; and

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

CONT. OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3-2023

Curley asked for further comments; there were none. Motion: Maxon, Second: Lipinski to close the public hearing on proposed Local law #3-2023 at 7:00 p.m. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none.

PUBLIC ACCESS

No one wished to speak

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Lipinski, Second: Eddy to pay the vouchers on Abstract 9 except for vouchers 225 & 226. Vote: Ayes - all; Nays - none. Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to pay voucher 225. Vote: Ayes - Lipinski, Maxon and Eddy; Nays - none; Abstains - Curley. Motion: Eddy; Second: Curley to pay voucher 226. Vote: Ayes - Lipinski, Eddy and Curley; Nays - none; Abstains - Maxon.

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