

May 8, 2017
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held May 8, 2017 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included Supervisor, Verna Hansen, Councilpersons, Matthew Curley, Tanya Lipinski, Erin Maxon and Jason Eddy. Highway Superintendent, Matthew Demars and Town Attorney, Stacey Goldstein were also present.

Supv. Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to accept the April 10th minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Curley, Second: Maxon to accept the April 13th minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes – Curley, Maxon and Hansen; Nays – none; Abstains – Lipinski and Eddy.

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Doyle Clum from Anders Road stated that he would like Anders Road paved. He is willing to get a petition to raise taxes to get it done.

Mary Eddy from Pete Hansen Lane stated that she cannot sell her house due to the conditions of the road; Kautz Hollow is just as bad.

Michelle Rodda from Pete Hansen Lane stated that the road does not last after the work is completed. The material being used is different than before. She feels that Pete Hansen Lane is avoided.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

Motion: Curley, Second: Eddy to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Supv. Hansen stated that the dog enumeration is going well. Reports were received from the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Town Justices, Dog Control, Highway Superintendent and Planning Board Chairman. Supv. Hansen stated that John Weir, DCO from the Town of Schaghticoke, will be covering for our DCO in June because he is having knee surgery. J. Weir advised that there will be no charge for his services; he and Austin cover for each other.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4-2017 @ 6:45 P.M. – AMENDMENT TO MOBILE HOME PARK LAW – Supv. Hansen asked for comments; there were none. She would like to also add in the law to add in an age limit on mobile homes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA – Hansen – the clean-up went well; very busy. The next one is May 20th. M. Curley thanked Verna and Bob Russell for their help with the hazardous clean up.

Highway – M. Demars gave a review of the work being done and scheduled to be done. He did advise that he is having a problem with log trucks driving on our dirt roads; we get them done and then they come thru, and they ruin what we have done. The highway committee will be looking into restricting when the logging companies can travel the dirt roads. Supv. Hansen will contact the Association of Towns.

Buildings – Supv. Hansen advised that the bids are due tomorrow for the re-pointing of the bricks on the Town Hall building.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Update – committee will be meeting on the 16th and again on June 8th; everyone is invited. They are working on the issues of shared driveways as well.

Adoption of Local Law #2-2017 – Establishing Expiration Periods for Special Use Permits/Area Variances – Supv. Hansen asked for any further comments. There were none. Motion: Hansen, Second: Eddy to close the public hearing on Local Law #2-2017. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Hansen, Second: Curley to adopt Local Law #2-2017. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

Audit of Justice Books - #31-2017 Whereas, pursuant to Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, the Town Justice provide their annual court records and dockets to the respective town auditing board, and

Whereas, that such records to audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings, be it hereby

Resolved: Hansen, Second: Lipinski that the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown hereby acknowledges that the required audit was conducted by Councilwoman, Tanya Lipinski and Supervisor, Verna Hanse on April 25, 2017. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Bond Counsel for Bond/Highway Garage - #32-2017 Whereas, the Town of Pittstown had currently contracted with Karen Martell from Lemery Greisler for outside legal services for the BAN for the Highway Garage; and

Whereas, Karen Martell has retired and therefore the Town is in need of Bond Counsel for the upcoming Bond for the Highway Garage; therefore

Be It Resolved by Hansen, Second: Maxon that the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown contract with Hodgson Ross as special outside Bond Counsel for the refinancing of the Bond for the Highway Garage and authorize the Supervisor to execute and deliver the retainer.

Re-Financing for Highway Garage - #33-2017 Whereas, the Town of Pittstown currently has a BAN for the re-financing of the Town of Pittstown Highway Garage; and

Whereas, the BAN is going to expire in May and further re-financing will be required; therefore,

Be it Resolved: Hansen, Second: Maxon that the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown authorizes the Supervisor to execute and deliver the 5-year Statutory Installment Bond with a 2.75% interest rate with Key Bank located at 555 Patroon Creek Blvd, Albany, NY 12206. The Bond will have a principal payment once a year and an interest payment twice a year. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Local Law #3-2017 – Opt-out Solar Tax Exemption – Supv. Hansen asked for further comments from the public in regards to the proposed law. There were none. Motion: Hansen, Second: Curley to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #3-2017. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Hansen, Second: Curley to adopt Local Law #3-2017. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

2018-2020 Union Contract – The Board agreed to bring to the agenda. Motion: Maxon, Second: Lipinski to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018-2020 Union Contract between the Town of Pittstown and the Teamsters 294. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Hansen thanked Eddy for his work with the negotiations.

Surplus Equipment – The Board agreed to bring to the agenda. Demars stated that he has equipment he would like to declare surplus. Motion: Eddy, Second: Lipinski to declare the 1995 International dump truck, 2010 F350 pick-up truck, Miller tow behind stick welder/generator and advertise same with Auctions International. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

New Highway Employee – Hansen questioned when Demars would be replacing Glenn Rifenburg who is retiring. He advised it would be sometime in June. Hansen would like to discuss the highway department in general at the June meeting.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Curley – nothing. Lipinski – stated that the Court Clerk and Town Clerks' audits went very well; she thanked them for their excellent work. Maxon – stated that the union contract that was negotiated will help the Town over the next 3 years – good job done. Eddy – stated that the highway department has big challenges; all concerns of the residents and of the highway department are valid. The Town is in no way avoiding certain roads. Hansen – the dog enumeration is going well; there are a lot of dogs not currently licensed. A reminder card will be out soon. The Memorial Day Parade is in Johnsonville on the 25th – line-up is at 6:15; she would like everyone to participate. The newsletter is out.

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No one wished to speak.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Eddy, Second: Maxon to pay all the vouchers on Abstract 5 except for vouchers 162, 163 and 164 and to add in vouchers 202 and 203. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Hansen, Second: Erin to pay voucher 162. Vote: Ayes – Lipinski, Maxon, Eddy & Hansen; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley. Motion: Curley, Second: Maxon to pay voucher 163. Vote: Ayes – Curley, Lipinski, Maxon, and Hansen; Nays – none; Abstains – Eddy. Motion: Eddy, Second: Curley to pay voucher 164. Vote: Ayes – Curley, Lipinski, Maxon and Eddy; Nays – none; Abstains – Hansen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hansen, Second: Maxon to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Hoag
Town Clerk