Regular Meeting
September 11, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pittstown was held September 11, 2017 at the Town Hall, Tomhannock, New York. Those present included Supervisor, Verna Hansen, Councilpersons, Matthew Curley, Tanya Lipinski and Erin Maxon. Councilman, Jason Eddy was absent. Town Attorney, Stacey Goldstein was also present.

Supv. Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of 911 and the passing of former Town Supervisor, Abbott Wiley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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No one from the public wished to speak.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS

Motion: Curley, Second: Maxon to accept the Town Clerk's report as presented. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Reports were received from the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Town Justices, Dog Control, and the Highway Superintendent.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

ERCSWMA – Hansen advised that they are meeting on September 25th at 6:00. The clean-up will be this Saturday. The last one is in October.

Highway – Hansen stated that she has been speaking with Jared Waugh, the Planning Board Chairman, in regards to a person who is interested in a 20-unit housing project across from the Town Hall. It is the same person who was first interested in the same parcel for a green cemetery. Hansen has spoken to our Highway Superintendent who advised that the only way that the Town would accept the road into the development is if it was built according to our Road Law. The Board agreed to support the dedication of the road pursuant that said road met the approval of our Highway Superintendent and was built according to the specifications of our Road Law. Hansen will keep everyone informed.

Buildings – She has received the mixture used to re-point the bricks from Eric Gradoia for the future re-pointing projects so it would match. Eagle Bridge Window is going to look at the curved window in the front of the building. It is tipping. The sign for the front of the building has been ordered. The Highway Dept. will assist in the site work for the placement.

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of Local Law #6-2017 Revised Building Permit Fees – Motion: Maxon; Second: Curley to adopt Local Law #6-2017. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Update on FEMA Storms – Hansen advised that Matt Demars has sent in the final paperwork for the winter storm in March. There is no news in regards to the rainstorms in July.

Zoning Review Committee – Hansen – they met on August 15th; received feedback from the planning board chairman. Their next meeting is September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

FILED RESOLUTIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Tomhannock Fire & West Hoosick Fire Protection Districts Bids

Maxon advised that there was one bid for each district. Motion: Curley, second: Lipinski to accept the bid from West Hoosick Fire Dept. in the amount of $10,157 for the 2018 West Hoosick Fire Protection District. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. There was a bid received from the Valley Falls Fire

Dept. for $38,500 for the Tomhannock Fire Protection District. However, they did not submit all the required paperwork. Supv. Hansen will contact the Mayor. It was tabled until the October meeting.

Update on Shared Services – Hansen – their next meeting is September 14th at 10 a.m. in Brunswick. The County will hold a public hearing sometime in October and then the shared services program will start after that.

2018 Budget – Hansen – she has set up a budget workshop with the bookkeeper for October 10th at 5:30.

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Curley – an honor and a privilege to be here. Lipinski – asked for clarification on the Zoning Board Public Hearing. Maxon – nothing. Hansen – advised that there was a misprint in the Historical Society Newsletter – their meeting will be on September 21st; not the 15th. She stated that the Eastwick Press will now be covering Pittstown. Bells across America will be ringing bells on September 17th at 4 p.m. She received notification that September 17th – 23rd is constitution week and is urging all residents to support the constitution. The month of November is National American Indian Heritage month. October 11th at 11 a.m., Out of the Basement, which is situate in Sterup Square, is having a ribbon cutting for their opening. Maxon & she will be setting up a meeting with emergency responders on October 17th at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS cont. S. Goldstein stated that she wanted to give the board an update on the issues of zoning/code violations on Anders Road. The board needs to pass a resolution which will allow us to proceed. **#34-2017 Resolved:** Whereas, the owner of 275 Anders Road has apparent NYS Code Violations, Section 302.4, Weeds; 304.2, Protective Treatment; 308, Rubbish & Garbage and 302.7, Accessory Structure, and violations of the Town's Land Use Regulations and the Junk Law; and

Whereas, the Code Enforcement Officer has addressed the concerns with the owner of the property by letters dated April 18th and June 6th; and

Whereas, there violations still exist; therefore

Be It Resolved by Curley, Second Maxon that the Town Board authorize the Town Attorney to continue with the proceedings to bring the property into compliance within a 10 day period. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Hansen stated that the zoning committee is looking for a template for the issue of shared driveways and maintenance. There was a discussion with the Town Attorney and the Town Board.

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Paul MacNaughton – he is looking for money to be set aside in the 2018 budget specifically for dirt roads; they need attention; not entire roads, but specific spots on them. We may have to raise taxes to do it. There are more dirt roads than paved.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Motion: Maxon, Second: Curley to pay the vouchers on Abstract 8 except 354, 357 & 356, still hold 316 and amend 384. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none. Motion: Hansen, Second: to pay voucher 354. Vote: Ayes – Lipinski, Maxon & Hansen; Nays – none; Abstains – Curley. Motion: Curley, Second: Lipinski to pay vouchers 356 & 357. Vote: Ayes – Curley, Lipinski and Maxon; Nays – none; Abstains – Hansen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Maxon, Second: Lipinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Vote: Ayes – all; Nays – none.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hoag
Town Clerk