

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held their monthly meeting on March 7, 2016. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh, Councilors Carl Dennis and Greg Herlihy, Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell, Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand, Attorney Jeff Brown and Town Clerk Ann Christmas.

Absent: Councilors Giovanni LaFace and Victor Lafrenz

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Amy Spencer Brown, John Windhausen and Mary Gridley who recently passed away and for our service men and women.

The monthly report of the Supervisor was submitted and reviewed. Justice Court fines are average, the franchise fees are on target, rent was received from the Town of Fabius for the Assessor's Office, one-half snow and ice removal money was received from the County. Abstract 2 was high because of the payments to Pompey Hill Fire District, Southern Onondaga Trash Service and Cavac; the Highway Department is down because there hasn't been much overtime this year. Overall we are in great shape.

Bookkeeper Chartrand reported that a board member last month questioned him on what the Senior Citizens do with the money we give to them. He has received a detailed list of where the money goes from the Fabius Pompey Senior Citizens and will attach it to the voucher.

The year-end report has been filed with New York State.

Bookkeeper Chartrand also informed the Town Board that there is a new requirement for retirement reporting. Individuals who are in the retirement system can either continue doing the three month calendar and sign it or they can fill out a form, sign it and return it to him for filing.

R-35-16 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to approve the audit of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Supervisor's records for 2015. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Purcell reported that the new 2016 Western Star truck arrived and has been put into use. Everything is going well. So far this year they have gone out 69 times. The fuel savings is great this year. It is a good break from last winter.

Rick Penhall, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he has sent a letter to Don Chrysler concerning the old "Paul Long house" on Cherry Street and to Betty Hammond (she is deceased) concerning her property on Henneberry Road. There is much water damage and decay in both residences as well as infestations of rats and cats. Mike Smith, the Chief of the Pompey Hill Fire Department, has informed him that he will not send in any firemen should there be a fire at either location. Mr. Penhall stated that it is his opinion that both houses should be demolished. He showed the signs that he would like the Town Board to authorize him to put up on both of these houses.

Mr. Penhall also reported that he has completed a number of fire inspections per the request of the Town Board at the February meeting. He also has received the placards for the building permits that he issued from the time the law took place last June until the first of the year. He has sent letters out to the applicants asking them to complete the required truss form. This form will need to be completed and returned to him before a certificate of occupancy will be issued. He has taken one individual to court over junk cars on his property. Susan Holowchak contacted him. She is in Florida. Her property is up for sale and will not be operating as a business any longer. A couple of businesses are starting up again. He is checking to see if they are allowed.

Attorney Brown reported that he had written a letter to Onondaga County Real Property about the costs that we incur being added back to the home owners' tax bill. He hasn't heard back from them so we can assume that the costs can be added onto the tax bills. We can post the buildings as unsafe. The postings will be done under NYS Building Code.

Councilor Dennis stated that he felt we should post both of the properties and then send letters to the property owners informing them of the town's intentions. Councilor Herlihy stated that we have received many requests to have something done to the properties. It

was agreed that we will post the property this month. Attorney Brown will work on a formal resolution to present to the Town Board at the April meeting.

R-36-16 Made by Herlihy, seconded by Dennis that the Code Enforcement Officer is directed to post the Long and Hammond properties pursuant to the NYS Building Code and we will review this at the April meeting where a resolution will be presented from the Town Attorney re demolition of the properties. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh informed the Town Board that a number of vehicles in the area of Pompey Pines have been broken into and items have been taken. The Sheriff's Department has been working tirelessly on this. Deputy Shawn McAndrew, who attends our Town Board meetings, was involved in this. He informed the Town Board and those in attendance on what transpired while he was on duty patrolling that area on February 27, 2016. He was patrolling the area around 2:10 a.m. on February 27th when he noticed a dome light on in a car; there were fresh footprints in the snow. He followed the footprints. He called for reinforcements when he saw the 25 vehicles that had been tampered with. At 2:37 a.m. an individual was apprehended along a hedgerow between Pompey Pines and Hartsfield subdivisions. All in attendance thanked Deputy McAndrew for his work on this.

Supervisor Marsh will write a letter to the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department thanking and complimenting the officers who helped to apprehend this individual.

Supervisor Marsh stated that she had received a thank you from The Preserve Homeowners Association for the quick response of the Highway Department on February 16th in The Preserve where there was a combination of snow and rain. The Highway Department had been out plowing and the catch basins had filled up with snow and then it started raining. They opened up the catch basins and this took care of the problems. That day we received 2 inches of rain.

Supervisor Marsh brought the Town Board members up to date on the storage cages to be installed in the back room. She has received one quote from Atlas Fence and Butler Fence is coming on March 8th to give us a quote. This is being done to have a secure location for our

confidential records.

Supervisor Marsh spoke to those in attendance about Consensus. Councilor Herlihy has gone to several meetings with Supervisor Marsh concerning this. She has talked to County Legislator David Knapp many times about this. When they know more a meeting will be scheduled for the southern tier towns. Councilor Dennis stated that the Highway Department has done shared services with other municipalities for years; we share the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer with Fabius; our swim program director works with other towns to have their children take part in it; the Tax Collector collects taxes for the residents of the town that live in the Fayetteville-Manlius school district as well as the Town and County taxes, so we have been practicing Consensus for years. The one plus in the report was the trash district that we were a part of from the beginning. Councilor Herlihy stated that he feels the Town Board is very penny conscious and we are a very well run municipality. Our tax rate shows that.

Supervisor Marsh has spoken recently to County Legislator David Knapp and Legislator Chris Ryan about working with Verizon to turn the equipment on in Pompey Hill so that some of the residents on Henneberry Road and those around Pompey Hill will be able to get internet. Jesse Walser has spoken to the State Broadband Office. He asked if the Town would please contact them as well. The Governor has created the \$500,000 Broadband Program. One part of the program would be to access to broadband speeds of at least 100 mbps; 25 mbps in remote areas of the state. Supervisor Marsh said that the Town is going in with the County on this program. Councilor Herlihy asked Jesse if he got cell service at his house. Yes he does but the data costs are extremely expensive. Councilor Herlihy commented that his Time Warner bill is very expensive too. He will bring in his bill next month and go over it with Jesse.

Supervisor Marsh had received an email from a resident on the corner of Sevier and Sweet. They were asking for the easement to be removed. Highway Superintendent Purcell informed Supervisor Marsh that this is a telephone easement and that they would have to contact the telephone company.

Attorney Brown informed the Town Board that he has been working with Code Enforcement Officer Penhall on some zoning issues. He also

updated everyone on the Verizon lawsuit. Discussions are still ongoing between Verizon and Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA). OCWA controls the water tower. They are not sure about the access to put the array on the tower. If they can obtain access they will need to come back to the Town before anything is done.

Attorney Brown spoke to the Town Board about an opportunity increase the Veterans' Exemption. The Town of Manlius just did this. He will do a draft for next month's meeting where it will be discussed.

R-37-16 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to appoint Ann Christmas as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Mary Purcell as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-38-16 Made by Herlihy, seconded by Dennis to approve the monthly report and bank reconciliations of the Town Clerk and Supervisor. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-39-16 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 79-120, totaling \$56,764.26; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 36-52, totaling \$192,859.26; Special District Abstract Nos. 10-13, totaling \$14,209.88; and Trust & Agency Abstract Nos. 3-10, totaling \$32,440.81. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Marsh informed the Town Board that she has received a Community Development request concerning a handicap lift to be installed at the Delphi Falls Parish House. The lift would be on the outside of the building so that the handicap can attend meetings, dinners, etc. Bob DeMore and David Knapp have told her that Community Development would pay up to \$50,000.00. The Town of Spafford did a similar project a couple of years ago. Accessibility Solutions is the only company that can do this type of job. Twenty-five percent of the project must be in in-kind services.

R-40-16 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to hold a Public Hearing on March 18, 2016, at 5 p.m. to consider the Community Development project. All in favor. Motion carried.

- R-41-16 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to go into Executive Session at 8 p.m. to discuss the financial history of a particular person. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-32-16 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to return to Regular Session from Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-33-16 Made by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk