

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held a Special Meeting on March 18, 2020. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors: Carl Dennis, Judy McElhannon, Sheila Larkin, Councilor Ann Christmas via Skype, Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell, Attorney for the Town Timothy Frateschi, Accountant 1 Thomas Chartrand and Bridie Larkin video recorder.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Christmas attended the meeting via Skype, pursuant to OML Section 103. She attended the meeting while being in a public place in Florida.. Councilor Christmas' face was displayed on a laptop facing the video camera so that she could be seen by the camera and vice versa.

Supervisor Rotondo took a few moments to explain the purpose of this special meeting which was to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak in the county. For this reason, the meeting was closed to the public. She asked Attorney for the Town Tim Frateschi to elaborate on the procedure for public meetings that applies when the public is not permitted to attend. For this meeting, public access is being provided via live streaming on the Town of Facebook page and by video-recording the proceedings. The video recording will be uploaded to the Town's YouTube account and then made available on the Town's website. Notices of this Special Meeting were posted at the Pompey & Delphi Post offices, the Pompey Mall and the front door of the Town Hall, as well as the Town Website and Facebook. Supervisor Rotondo thanked Sheila Larkin and those working with her for all the tech work done.

Accountant 1 Chartrand presented the Town board with an Abstract of Vouchers to be paid.

R-72-20 Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Rotondo to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 107-116, totaling \$7,977.45; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 51, totaling \$28,213.16; Special District Abstract Nos. 9-11, totaling \$2,399.79. All in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Frateschi presented the Board with a Resolution and explained its terms: what it means and does not mean to declare a local state of emergency and what other Onondaga towns are doing to respond to COVID-19. Supervisor Rotondo shared what steps had already been taken to date to safeguard town employees and the public. She thanked Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell for his cooperation in making closure decisions.

R-73-20 Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Larkin to accept the Resolution for Emergency Response to COVID-19.

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared a global health pandemic related to the

Coronavirus (COVID-19, or the "Emergency");

Whereas, the State of New York has implemented a policy whereby municipal staff be reduced by fifty

-percent (50%) for non-essential staff;

Whereas , the Town of Pompey values its employees and during this Emergency situation desires to pay all full time and part-time employees whether they work at home or at their place of business;

Whereas , the Town Board desires to delegate as much authority as is allowed under State Law to the Supervisor during the Emergency;

Now, be it resolved that: the Town Board hereby declares that a local State of Emergency is effective for up to a thirty (30) day period pursuant to Executive Law Sections 24 and 25.

Now, be it resolved that : the Town of Pompey will compensate both its part-time and full-time employees their regular compensation during the Emergency;

And be it further resolved , that non-essential employees will be allowed to work from home and accept assignments from Department heads as the Department heads deem appropriate;

And be it further resolved , that the Town Board delegate, to the greatest extent possible, to the Town Supervisor the authority to cancel meetings and take any and all steps necessary to respond to the

Emergency as she deems appropriate, including restricting access to Town Hall to reduce the spread of the Virus ;

And be it further resolved , that the Town Board suspends all public access to Town meetings, including the Town Board meetings, Planning Board meetings and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings;

And be it further resolved , that, except for the State of Emergency declaration, this resolution shall be effective through April 6, 2020 unless extended by the Town Board.

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-74-20 Motion made by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Chartrand

Accountant 1