

## TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held their Regular Monthly Meeting on February 3, 2020. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors: Carl Dennis, Judy McElhannon, Councilor Ann Christmas via Skype, Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell, Town Attorney Tim Frateschi, Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand and Town Clerk Nicole Reid along with 32 residents.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Jupiter Community Center in Florida. Councilor Christmas' face was displayed on a laptop facing the residents so that they could see her and vice versa.

Bookkeeper Chartrand gave a report on the January financials and the payment of bills.

R-39-20        Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Rotondo to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 28-70, totaling \$1,403,332.02; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 14-32, totaling \$39,803.44; Special District Abstract Nos. 3-6, totaling \$766,834.83 and Trust & Agency Abstract Nos. 2-3, totaling \$1,492.53. All in favor. Motion carried.

The monthly (December) report and end of the year report of the Supervisor was submitted and reviewed. The Town Clerk and Town Supervisor monthly bank reconciliations were submitted and reviewed.

R-40-20        Motion made by McElhannon, seconded by Dennis to approve the following transfers:

### GENERAL FUND

From:	A599	Appropriated Fund Balance	Salt Shed Roof Recovery	\$3,360.00
	A1220.1	Supervisor	Personal Services	\$3,340.00
	A1420	Attorney	Personal Services	<u>\$38,000.00</u>
			TOTAL	\$44,700.00
To:	A1010.1	Town Board	Personal Service	\$3,340.00
	A1420.4	Attorney	Contractual	\$38,000.00
	A1640.2	Central Garage	Equipment	<u>\$3,360.00</u>
			TOTAL	\$44,700.00

All in favor. Motion Carried.

R-41-20        Motion made by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to accept the January 6, 2020 meetings minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-42-20        Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Rotondo to approve the Monthly Clerk's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-43-20 Motion made by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to approve Clerk Reid's attendance to the 2020 Town Clerk's conference from April 26 thru April 29 in Albany. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Reid gave an explanation on why she opened new bank accounts for Town Clerk and Tax Collector. The previous accounts were not reconciled and were unable to balance. The previous Town Clerk account had a balance of \$400 and the previous Tax Collector account had a balance of \$9000. Both accounts still have outstanding checks that have not cleared.

Clerk Reid stated that she paid the Town of Pompey the full amount due (\$3,843,812.78) for taxes collected. She did not give a year-end clerk's report due to the fact of unbalanced bank accounts and outstanding checks.

Attorney Frateschi gave an update on the Sewer District Agreement with Onondaga County. It's possible that the town sewer would go away and we'd only have county sewer. The county would lease the pipes. He is meeting with the county tomorrow.

R-44-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the contract with Arcadis to provide their services for Engineer for the Town. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-45-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the 2020 Delphi Falls Fire District contract for \$168,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-46-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Dennis to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the 2020 Manlius Fire District Contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-47-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign a contract with Baldwin, Sutphen & Frateschi, PLLC with a retainer of \$3,000 per month, not to exceed \$38,000 to provide their services as Attorney for the Town of Pompey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on the Sheriff's Enhanced Services Contract. Last year, the services cost the town \$45,000. Up to now, the sheriff's deputies have been used to provide security for Town Board meetings and the weekly Justice Courts, plus traffic control at special events and enforcement of traffic laws. The cost per hour for use of this service was \$76.03 last year, which is an overtime rate, and a minimum shift is 4 hours. Two deputies were being used on court nights, one in the building and one on the road. The hourly rate this year has increased to \$82.14. Supervisor Rotondo has scaled back the use: no deputy at Town Board meetings and one deputy on court night in the building. Supervisor Rotondo stated that, going forward, she would like to use the enhanced service when an issue arises such as crime or speeding or accidents and then target the affected area.

Highway Superintendent Purcell gave his monthly report. There were 31 plow trips made in January and the freezing rain has been a large factor for those trips.

R-48-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to execute the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds and for the Town Clerk to send it into the Onondaga County Department of Transportation. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-49-20 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise that pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law 1660 (11) that all vehicles with a gross weight of over five (5) tons per axle are temporarily excluded from the following town highways situate in the Town of Pompey, Onondaga County, New York:

Brickyard Falls Road, Broadfield Road to the Village of Manlius  
Bush Road, Route 91 to Ransom Road  
Frank Long Road, Gates Road to Route 91  
Gardner Road, Cemetery Road to Pratts Falls Road  
Gibbs Road, Broadfield Road to Indian Hill Road  
Gulf Road, Route 20 south to Oran-Delphi Road  
Henderson Road, Gates Road to Taylor Road  
Indian Hill Road, Watervale Road east to spur road  
Jerome Road, Chase Road to Fabius/Pompey town line  
Number 2 Road East & West, Watervale Road east to Oran-Delphi Road  
Number 4 Road East & West, Cemetery Road to Number 5 Road  
Oran Gulf Road, Route 20 north to the Oran spur road  
Oran Station Road, Route 92 to the Manlius/Pompey town line  
Pompey Pines Drive, Pompey Center Road, west  
Purcell Road, #5 Road to Fabius/Pompey town line  
Ransom Road, Route 91 to LaFayette/Pompey town line  
Taylor Road, Route 91 to Route 173.

This exclusion shall take effect immediately upon erection of signs on the section of said highways for which such vehicles are excluded and shall remain in effect until the removal of the signs as directed by the Highway Superintendent.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Code Officer Rodriguez gave an update on how he's been trying to get caught up to the best of his ability. He personally thanked Councilor Christmas and Clerk Reid for all of their help during this difficult transition. He reported that there are 30 files from 2019 that are missing, as well as 19 files from 2018. Code Officer Rodriguez knows for a fact that Pompey is on a list to be audited, so those missing files need to be found. Also missing is an \$800 set of Codes Books. Code Officer Rodriguez made a request to the Board to upgrade the Town cellphone, which is outdated, and to purchase a new computer, not to exceed \$1,000. He also made a request to hire an assistant to help him get caught up.

R-50-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Rotondo to approve the appointment of Lesley King as Clerk 1 to the Codes Enforcement Officer, not to exceed 8 hours per week and to be paid \$12.00 per hour. All in favor. Motion carried.

Historian Ruth Hotaling gave the historical report regarding the completion of 2019 theme, World War II. This year the theme will be post World War II, life after the war for local farmers. The time period will be from the 1950s to 1960s.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on the difficult transition for the first month of being in office. She also gave an update on the town website and thanked Greg Herlihy for surrendering the Town of Pompey's Facebook page password. Supervisor Rotondo also stated to track hours worked, she would like to see part-time employees be paid hourly

versus salary.

R-51-20 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to approve the Deputy Town Clerk to be paid \$14.00 per hour, and to work no more than 20 hours per week. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-52-20 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to authorize all three committees: Planning Board, Zoning Board, and the ECC, to attend the Onondaga County Planning Symposium. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-53-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to approve Supervisor Rotondo to attend the State Comptrollers' Office Advanced Accounting Training in Camillus in May. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on her observations of both Justice Courts. Councilor Dennis and Supervisor Rotondo will work together and try to examine the Justices' books and if they can't, they will have to hire out for an audit.

Supervisor Rotondo gave a report on the Drainage District tax increase. She and Highway Superintendent Purcell will set up a meeting for the people affected by the upcharge.

Supervisor Rotondo announced that NYS Assemblman Al Stirpe will be coming to the Town Hall for a public meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

R-54-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Dennis to allow Supervisor Rotondo to establish a Policy Committee for both public and town, not to exceed more than five people, to review and update existing policies and create new ones. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Public comments:**

Attorney Chris Fisher brought to the board, a petition for a zone change for property address: 8710 Cazenovia Road. The property is currently zoned Farming District, and Salt Point Rentals is proposing the property be zoned Hamlet Commercial. The purpose would be to use this for a business office, showroom and warehouse for Salt Point Services; local home builders and home improvement contractors.

R-55-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to send the petition to the Planning Board and the ECC for their full consideration and to start a process for a public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alma Hartnett wanted to know the status on updating the website and the status on an audit. She asked if the County Comptroller will be attending a Town Board meeting. Supervisor Rotondo responded that the County Comptroller was supposed to be at this current meeting but unfortunately had to cancel.

Lamp Post Village resident Tom remarked that the large garbage bins from Dependable Disposal are an eye-sore if not put away properly. Too many people are leaving the bins out by

the road. Regarding the Town website, he also remarked that the Town could reach out to the schools to see if any students could get volunteer hours by helping with upkeep of the website.

R-56-20 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Dennis to go into Executive Session from Regular Session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss the employment history for a particular employee. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-57-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to return to Regular Session at 8:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-58-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Rotondo to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Reid  
Pompey Town Clerk