

## TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2022 Preliminary Budget, the 2022 Southern Onondaga County Joint Garbage Metal & Refuse Disposal System, and the 2022 Manlius Fire Protection District Contract and the 2022 Delphi Falls Fire Protection District Contract , all town Special Lighting (2), Special Water (13), and Special Drainage (9) Districts. The meeting was held in-person and was also livestreamed via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo; Councilors Sheila Larkin, Ann Christmas, Judy McElhannon, Carl Dennis; Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand; Highway Superintendent B.R. Way; Town Attorney Tim Frateschi; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; County Legislator Dave Knapp; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling; along with 9 residents.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for the loss of three valuable Pompey Residents; Joanne Skeval, Sheldon Stone, and Linda McCrystal who will be sorely missed. A moment of silence was had for National First Responders Day; thankless work that takes real dedication and commitment to save lives.

### TOWN FINANCES

R-189-21 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Larkin to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 316-334, totaling \$18,092.85; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 147-147, totaling \$17,381.00; Special District Abstract Nos. 30-32, totaling \$9,883.39. All in favor. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Rotondo stated the main reason for the Public Hearing is to vote on the 2022 Preliminary Budget. This past September the Board held a Budget Workshop with a Tentative Budget created by the Town's Budget Officer based on budgets compiled by the Town Department Heads. The Board worked through the process and moved the 2022 Budget from Tentative to Preliminary. A Legal Notice to hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. was posted in the newspaper and on bulletin boards around Town. Supervisor Rotondo also stated that there was no need to pass a local law to override the property tax cap because the preliminary budget is below the tax cap.

R-190-21 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to waive the reading of the Legal Notice for the 2022 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-191-21 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to open the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m. on the 2022 Preliminary Budget, the 2022 Southern Onondaga County

Joint Garbage Metal & Refuse Disposal System, and the 2022 Manlius Fire Protection District Contract and the 2022 Delphi Falls Fire Protection District Contract , all town Special Lighting (2), Special Water (13), and Special Drainage (9) Districts. All in favor. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Grenier, Cemetery Road: Is there going to be a property revaluation this upcoming year? Supervisor Rotondo responded there is not going to be a revaluation this year; however money has been set aside for a possible revaluation in 2024 which will depend on Fabius since Pompey and Fabius are part of a combined assessing program. Councilor Larkin recommended moving the \$12,000.00 in funds for the revaluation to the Highway Department for infrastructure.

Seth Shapess, Sweet Road: Are you doing a revaluation? Supervisor Rotondo previously answered this question.

Debbie Grenier, Cemetery Road: Why isn't Pompey Hill Fire listed in the budget? Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand responded that they are not part of the Town's Budget; they are an Independent Elected Board and the Town only collects taxes for them.

R-193-21 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Christmas to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. on the 2022 Preliminary Budget, the 2022 Southern Onondaga County joint Garbage Metal & Refuse Disposal System, and the 2022 Manlius Fire Protection District Contract and the 2022 Delphi Falls Fire Protection District Contract , all town Special Lighting (2), Special Water (13), and Special Drainage (9) Districts. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand mentioned a few minor changes, such as Delphi Falls Fire and Ambulance, which is outside of the towns control. He also had the Board adjust a few line items. Supervisor Rotondo stated that the Town will be switching Health Care Providers, which will result in huge savings, about \$35,000.00. The language in the Town of Pompey Handbook needs to be adjusted in order to align with language in the union contract that will allow for the better coverage with less expense.

R-194-21 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to strike the language in the Town of Pompey Handbook and replace it with the same language in the current Collected Bargaining Agreement. "The individual health insurance plan for retirees shall at all times be equivalent to current full-time employees of the Town". All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent B.R. Way was able to hire a Motor Equipment Operator with a full CDL License. For this to be possible, the Board will have to move a total of \$9,000.00 into the Highway Department Budget. Highway Superintendent B.R. Way would also like a part time

clerk position to be created to be paid \$15.00 per hour, no more than \$9,000.00 per year, 600 hours per year. The Town Board Members are in full support of both of these requests.

The Town Board Members discussed and agreed to move the \$12,000.00 in ARPA funds, which was put aside for the Assessor's Budget for the revaluation, to the Highway Department.

Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand stated that the Town is \$68,000.00 under the tax cap. The tax rate went from \$2.66 to \$2.60 cents.

R-195-21 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to adopt the 2022 General Fund and Highway Fund Budgets. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-196-21 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to accept all Town Special Lighting Districts. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-197-21 Motion by Larkin, seconded by Christmas to accept the 2022 Manlius Fire Protection District Contract and the 2022 Delphi Falls Fire Protection District Contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-198-21 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Larkin to approve all 13 Water Districts. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-199-21 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Christmas to approve all 9 Drainage Districts. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-200-21 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to approve the 2022 Southern Onondaga County Joint Garbage Metal & Refuse Disposal System Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION FUNDING

County Legislator David Knapp gave an update on the Main Street Beautification funding. He was happy to announce that Pompey was approved for the full amount of its proposals for a total of \$315,000.00. Kellish Tire, \$114,300.00; Hilltop Ice Cream, \$21,138.00; commercial building owned by Wayne Clark, \$23,475.00; Pompey Mall, \$135,000.00; the Chrysler house on Academy Hill, \$21,000.00.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Grenier, Cemetery Road: Route 91 was really flooded the other day and asked what the plan is to correct that problem. Supervisor Rotondo stated that Route 91 is a State Road. However, she did stop by and inspected the issue. She also reached out to State D.O.T. Traffic & Safety and expressed her concern that this was not engineered properly, and they need to

come up with a long-term solution to fix this reoccurring problem.

Darlene Harrison, Number 4 Road West: Why is Donnie Chrysler receiving beautification grant money for the house on Academy Street? It's not a business. Supervisor Rotondo stated that the money is to demolish the property which would improve the appearance of the Hamlet; she wishes this question would have been asked directly to David Knapp while he was still at the meeting.

Stan Gorman, Pompey Club: He thought the Pompey Club was eligible for some funds from the beautification grant. Supervisor Rotondo stated that the reason the Pompey Club isn't eligible is because it's not in the Hamlet, which was a requirement.

R-201-21 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Christmas to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the agreements with Excellus. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-202-21 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Rotondo to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Reid  
Pompey Town Clerk