

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Monthly Meeting on August 3, 2020. In attendance were Supervisor Renee Rotondo; Councilors Ann Christmas, Sheila Larkin, Judy McElhannon, Carl Dennis via Zoom; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell; Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand via Zoom; Codes Officer Bob Rodriguez; Attorney for the Town Tim Frateschi; Town Clerk Nicole Reid via Zoom; Clerk 1 Maryann Pfohl; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling; along with 4 residents. For the publics viewing, the video conferencing meeting was hosted via zoom and by livestreaming on the Town of Pompey Facebook page.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Rotondo took a few moments to acknowledge and recognize the recent passings of Linda Skeele, Norm Putnam, Donald Hotaling, Helen Lotocha, Richard Sangermano, John Barnwell. A brief moment of silence was had in their honor.

Bookkeeper Chartrand gave a report on the July financials. He also advised the Board of the percentage of year to date spending as of the end of July: General Fund: 47%; Highway: 40%.

R-134-20 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to approve the reconciliation of bank statements for the Supervisor, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk bank accounts for the months of April, May, June, and July. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-135-20 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Larkin to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 221-248, totaling \$21,842.63; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 119-135, totaling \$20,378.35; Special District Fund Nos. 24-26, totaling \$50,105.46; Trust and Agency Abstract No. 8, totaling \$495.02. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-136-20 Motion by Larkin, seconded by McElhannon to set the budget workshop for September 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-137-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Christmas to approve the July 6, 2020 minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Purcell reported that it has been a busy month working on road resurfacing, mowing road signs and shoulders, and lots of tree work. Supervisor Rotondo thanked Tom and his crew for all their help with prepping the Town Hall parking lot so that the Justice Courts could safely reopen.

R-138-20 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to readopt Local Law 2020-1 zone change on Route 92.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Rotondo	Yes
Councilor Christmas	Yes
Councilor Dennis	Yes
Councilor Larkin	Yes
Councilor McElhannon	Yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Dennis thanked John Shaheen for his hard work investigating and compiling a drafted report on the changes to be made regarding the replacement of the 26-year-old town furnaces. The goal is to reduce heating and cooling costs by replacing the propane furnaces, standard air conditioner equipment as well as the propane fire and hot water heater with high efficiency air force heat pumps.

Councilor Larkin recapped that she and Supervisor Rotondo met this past week and narrowed down the important aspects of what the town needs regarding IT. She has a meeting this upcoming Friday and is hoping that a solution will be finalized by next week.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on COVID in August. The town will continue to operate by appointment only, as most other towns are also doing. The Justice Courts have reopened; one person may come in at a time.

R-139-20 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to send in the speed reduction request for Windy Hill Lane. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Board Chair John Shaheen gave an overview of a Solar System Overlay District. (A copy is attached). Town Attorney Tim Frateschi explained that this would need a public hearing since it is a local law. He is hesitant to hold a public hearing until restrictions have been lifted so that residents can have the opportunity to attend the meeting and be able to voice their comments. The Board agrees that holding off on a public hearing is the best decision because they are anticipating a large turnout and would like the public to be able to participate.

Public Comment:

Pompey Center Road resident Mr. Gillette is being harassed by a group of people who are renting a house on Pompey Center Road. He has called the State Police more than once. He said that they are dealing drugs and the police can't do anything because they can't catch them. The Johnsons from across the street have put their house up for sale because they can't deal with it anymore. Mr. Gillette says if the police or the town can't do anything to help, then he is selling his house too. John Shaheen recommends putting up trail cameras to try to get proof of the illegal activity that is being conducted. Codes Officer will be citing the owner on four separate things and hopefully this will start the process of removing the tenants from the property. Supervisor Rotondo remarked that she has reached out for special detail to be monitoring the area over the next couple of weeks.

R-140-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Larkin to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Reid
Pompey Town Clerk