

TOWN OF POMPEY BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Monthly Meeting on August 8, 2018. In attendance: Supervisor Carole Marsh; Councilors Carl Dennis, Greg Herlihy and Sheila Larkin; Town Attorney Jeff Brown; Town Engineer Steve Snell, Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand and Town Clerk Ann Christmas.

Absent: Councilor LaFace; Highway Superintendent Purcell

Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by a moment of silence for our service men and women, for all who protect us and also for long time resident Florence Maines.

Bookkeeper Chartrand reviewed with the Town Board the winter severity money we will receive from Onondaga County. We will receive \$150,605.46 for snowplowing 2017-2018 season. County Legislator David Knapp appealed to the State about the numbers for 2015-2016 and 2016-17. In 2015-16 the numbers went up 16.8% or an additional \$21,968.47 due us and in 2016-17 the numbers went up 94.2% or an additional \$125,642.53 due to Pompey Highway Fund.

The monthly report of the Supervisor was submitted and reviewed. Town Clerk fees were good; Justice Court fines are doing better but are down \$3,000.00 from the budgeted amount. The mortgage tax is down \$20,000. Bookkeeper Chartrand did an audit for Perma and we received back \$4,484.00. The large expenditure in the highway budget is due to the paving and this will be applied to CHIPS.

R-104-18 Motion by Marsh, seconded by Dennis to approve the following transfer:

GENERAL FUND

From: A1220.1	Supervisor	Personal Services	\$300.00
To: A1220.4	Supervisor	Contractual	\$300.00

HIGHWAY FUND

From: DA599	Surplus	Sale of Equipment	\$7,000.00
To: DA5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	\$7,000.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-105-18 Motion by Marsh, seconded by Dennis to hold a Public Hearing on September 5, 2018 at 7 p.m. to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2018 a local law to override the tax levy limit established in N.Y. General Municipal Law § 3-c. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-106-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Marsh to hold a budget workshop on September 24, 2018 at 6 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper Chartrand updated the Town Board on SOTS. There will be an increase in the charges. There will be one service level for everyone. SOTS used to pay \$80,000.00 per month to the old hauler and the new charge is \$133,000.00 per month. SOTS will be sending out numerous fliers concerning the changes to be made. All residential properties will pay around \$300.00 per year. Recycling will be every other

week.

UMR, our insurance carrier, will charge \$100.00 per year for letters of credible service that need to be sent out to all who receive health insurance.

Bookkeeper Chartrand reviewed the Gulf Road Project. Town Engineer Snell doesn't think that there will be much engineering left to do. The total spent on the Gulf Road is \$420,000.00 out of a total of \$700,000.00 bonded. We could use \$150,000.00 from the winter severity to reduce the bond amount. We will need to renew the bond on October 4th. Attorney Brown will start working on the bond now.

R-107-18 Motion by Herlihy, seconded by Dennis to use \$150,000.00 from the winter severity to reduce the amount of the bond. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-108-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to authorize Attorney Brown to engage bond counsel to renew the bond for one year at an amount of \$270,000.00 down from \$700,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bookkeeper Chartrand spoke to the Town Board about NYClass which is a fund pooling program that began in the Village of Potsdam. The interest we would earn would be much greater than what we currently receive. There are no pledged securities and the funds are held in the town's name. Attorney Brown will review the paperwork on this.

R-109-18 Motion by Marsh, seconded by Larkin to authorize Supervisor Marsh, Town Clerk Christmas and Bookkeeper Chartrand to initiate the paperwork with NYClass subject to review by Attorney Brown. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-110-18 Motion by Herlihy, seconded by Dennis that we will now require building permits for single family homes, additions and commercial buildings in a PDF format or on a disk. We can scan inhouse all permits submitted up to 11 x 17. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Herlihy read the following letter he had written:

"As we sit here this evening I have some things I have been thinking of for some time on a variety of issues that I would like to share with my colleagues on this board and the people who elected us to serve this Town.

First and foremost the charge of this body is to set public policy for the government, and set budgets that we feel are in the best interests of the municipality and its people. It is critical that the Town Board's role in this matter is respected by those who serve the Town in other capacities. It is also critical that every employee of this municipality is treated with the highest degree of courtesy and professionalism, any deviation from this standard quite simply should not and will not be accepted. When the governing body acts those actions are to be respected and carried out within the confines of the law, which every member of this government is sworn to uphold. Debate in its proper forum is fine. Disrespect in any forum is abhorrent.

At times not everyone may agree on everything. Welcome to something called

democratic government. When you carefully look at how Town government is set up or most any other form of government in America for that matter there is one obvious fact that we must observe. A multi-member legislature be it the US Congress or this Town Board can only move policy forward through a degree of consensus amongst its publicly elected members. A system of government by many, not by one, that over several centuries countless citizens have given their lives in the pursuit of. That is why even in the highly charged climate we live in today it would be wise for us all to remember that.

I was raised to believe that public service is one of the noblest things one can do for their fellow citizens and after serving on this body for nearly seven years I still believe it as much as I did the first night I sat in this chair. I love this work because I don't think that there is any other public office one can attain that puts the person lucky enough to hold it as close to the people that put them here than this one. At times that can be very rewarding and at times it can be tougher because if I've learned anything since I've been here it's that sometimes not everyone is going to pat you on the back for a decision you were involved in, but the greatest part about it all is that I have found they still have the respect that you were there to help make it even if they disagree.

For many many years both former and current members of this body have fought for sensible cost effective government services for the residents of this Town whether their names were Helen Mills, or Geraldine Guynup or Clifford Dennis, or Fred Marsh, or Betty Shedlock or Renee Rotundo or Craig Smithgall, or Al Chartrand or Carl Dennis, or Carole Marsh. I am proud to serve on this board with two of the names on this list, and wish greatly to have been able to have known the others who I did not but have heard so much about.

All this being said I would like to also offer my opinion based on the reasoning I have stated in relation to a current grant that our court is seeking. Although there is a great deal of supposed grant funding available we have to be conscious of the fact that somewhere there are people who have to pay for these grants, and the simple fact of the matter is that all we have to do is look at one another to find the person who will in part pay the tab because it's us. In keeping with that fact I would urge us to look solely at potential security related issues that make good sense, and concentrate less on ascetics such as heightened perches for officials that represent the allure of the type of government the people of this great nation dispatched to the ash heap of history well over 200 years ago. Our mission in my eyes is the dispensation of fair and efficient justice to the accused at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer. Wherever that taxpayer may be. I have the upmost confidence in our justice court to perform this function with limited sensible improvements that provide protection to them, their staff and the public within the court.

Thank you and it is my honor to serve with you all."

R-111-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Marsh that the letter read by Councilor Herlihy be included into the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Larkin stated that money for the JCAP grant is not going to cost the Town residents anything. Most towns utilize the JCAP grant every year. Both judges are in support of the JCAP. Councilor Herlihy stated that he feels security is a sensible thing to look into but not the aesthetics of the room. Councilor Larkin explained that the two judges complete the grant application and sign it along with the Supervisor. Supervisor Marsh would like to get the opinions of the other board members before she signs the

grant. Councilor Herlihy commented that he hadn't seen any paperwork on what they were asking for. Town Justice Cognetti has the bids for what they want done. To her knowledge the grant hasn't been written yet.

Councilor Larkin reported that she had received information on a grant for the fire department from Dept. of Environmental Conservation for suppression efforts. She spoke to Ed Lelakowski from the Pompey Hill Fire Department. She has been trying to contact someone at the Delphi Falls Fire Department.

Supervisor Marsh informed the Town Board that she attended a meeting concerning the Onondaga County Hazard Mitigation Plan along with Deputy Supervisor Bush and Town Engineer Steve. Highway Superintendent Purcell and Bookkeeper Chartrand will also be involved.

Supervisor Marsh questioned Town Engineer Snell on the status of the Kohler property. He has obtained the survey and is working on the design. Attorney Brown stated that we need to get the easement with survey to Mr. Kohler for final execution. He has the description all ready. The Town Board doesn't need to do anything at this point. Town Engineer Snell will get the costs together for the next meeting.

Town Engineer Snell spoke to the Town Board about the boiler in the Highway Garage. It did not pass inspection by the Labor Department. The housing in the front is cracked and this is a major issue. It was installed in 1972. Town Engineer Snell will get quotes on replacing it.

Town Engineer Snell also spoke about the water issues in The Preserve. He reviewed what he had done in 2015 and 2016. The improvements can be done and there still will be flooding. The cost of the improvements were provided to the president of The Preserve Homeowners Association with the understanding that residents in the district would need to pay for the improvements. The Town heard nothing and they didn't do anything to see if the residents wanted this. They would need to pay for it as part of their drainage district.

R-112-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Marsh to authorize Overhead Door to repair the Fire Door in the Town Clerk's office at a cost of \$680.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilor Dennis stated that he would like the spring fixed soon. Farmers need water. Several water sources have given out this summer.

R-113-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to adopt the attached Resolution Supporting Participation in the CNY Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about Mapstone Farms (Pastureland Dairy) applying for a New York State Dept. of Ag and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant program. Amy Olney from New York Agricultural Land Trust was present. She explained the process. They feel that Peter Mapstone's farm fits perfectly for what the grant is looking for. Onondaga County supports their application. It fits in with our Master Plan.

- R-114-18 Motion by Herlihy, seconded by Dennis to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of support for Peter Mapstone (Pastureland Dairy) application for New York State Dept. of Ag and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-115-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Larkin to approve the monthly reports and bank reconciliations of the Town Clerk and Supervisor. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-116-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to authorize the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 256-289, totaling \$27,692.84; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 129-148, totaling \$88,394.13; Special District Abstract Nos. 22-24, totaling \$53,450.26; Trust & Agency Abstract Nos. 7-8, totaling \$2,837.77 and Capital Fund Abstract Nos. 4-6, totaling \$13,819.25. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Stan Omiencinski submitted a petition for a reduction of speed on Bush Road.

- R-117-18 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Herlihy to request a study for a reduction of speed on Bush Road from Onondaga County and New York State Department of Transportation. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-118-18 Motion by Herlihy, seconded by Dennis to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Christmas
Pompey Town Clerk