

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and was not live-streamed via Zoom platform due to technical difficulties. In attendance were: Supervisor Mark Nardella, Councilors Bill Lipe, James Loomis, Diana Carpenter, David Angello; Town Attorney David Capriotti; Town Accountant James Pompo; Highway Superintendent Bruce Way; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

Supervisor Nardella called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for John Latocha.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan McClung: The Town of Pompey's Facebook page was a useful tool for the residents. Supervisor Nardella made the decision to remove the page due to negative comments that were posted; although he stated that it was taken down due to the pending lawsuit. He doesn't understand how the lawsuit impacts Facebook. Mr. McClung requested that the page be made available again and suggested turning off the ability to comment.

Jim Gosier: There is a lack of transparency with the Town Board. He stated that Town Clerk Nikki Reid has done a better job posting minutes in a timely fashion. He would like a full report from the Code's Enforcement Office; stating that the current report isn't sufficient. Mr. Gosier agrees that the lawsuit has nothing to do with the Town of Pompey's Facebook page being removed. He stated that there was no transparency about the Constable position which was discussed at last month's meeting; and does not agree with Supervisor Nardella's comment regarding the qualifications of the Sherriff's Department.

Lisa Miles: The lawsuit has nothing to do with the Town of Pompey's Facebook page being taken down. She stated that the page was removed seven months after the lawsuit. Ms. Miles also commented that she made 13 requests to meet with Counselor Angello, Supervisor Nardella, and Codes Officer Tim Bearup regarding the noise issues with Heritage Hill; all 13 requests were ignored. She stated that Mr. Nardella disrespects other Board Members and that open discussions need more transparency.

Tim McDevitt: There is a lack of transparency with the Town Board. He remarked how Supervisor Nardella disregarded the other Board Members opinions regarding the Constable position. Judge Cognetti should have been allowed to voice his opinion

regarding the Sherriff's Department and the Constable position, but was cut off by Supervisor Nardella.

Debbie Grenier: She suggested using some of the APRA funds to put names on the Town of Pompey Highway Department

vehicles. She also asked for list of businesses that were awarded money from the Main Street Beautification grant.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

R-112-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Loomis to accept the August 2024 Supervisor's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-113-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Lipe to accept the August 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report for the Supervisor's account. All in favor. Motion carried.

NYCLASS Interest brought in \$10,684.10 this month; a total of \$84,971.65 to date. There is still \$238,000.00 left in APRA funds; the majority of that will go towards equipment for the Highway Department.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

R-114-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Angello to accept the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-115-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Lipe to accept the August 2024 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-116-24 Motion by Lipe, seconded by Angello to approve the following payment of bills: Abstract Nos. 418-461, totaling \$260,873.46. All in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Highway Superintendent Bruce Way stated that the Highway Department is getting a list together for the use of ARPA funds. They will be purchasing some new mowing equipment.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Nardella gave an update on the Southern Onondaga Trash Service; the rates will stay the same for 2025 and 2026.

Budget Workshops will be held September 14th at 9:00 a.m. and September 30th at 5:30 p.m.

The Highway Department is undergoing negotiations to renew a three-year union contract. They are working with Attorney Robert Germain.

The Pompey Historical Society will be doing a presentation on September 18th at 7:00 p.m. They will be discussing the diners of Pompey; highlighting The Maples and the Snow White Inn.

John Shaheen discussed the \$60,000.00 NYCERTA grant that was applied for. If granted, the Highway Department will purchase new garage doors with those funds.

Supervisor Nardella gave an update on ARPA funds, which have been kind to the Highway Department. He also discussed replacing the challenger mower and lettering the Highway Department trucks. There is also a possibility of putting up a pavilion in the Hamlet of Pompey.

Supervisor Nardella stated that the Main Street Grant was fully approved and work is being started on the businesses that were awarded funds.

Councilor Carpenter stated that recent resignations are not being brought to the Town Board. She agreed that the lawsuit has nothing to do with the town's Facebook page being taken down. She stated that there are speeding complaints in Delphi Falls, however there is a shortage of Sheriff Officers.

Councilor Angello acknowledged the new chairs in the meeting room that the Justice Court secured a grant for and thanked everyone who helped move the chairs. He also discussed the town's Facebook page; he agreed to remove the page due to the comments being posted. However, he would vote for a discussion to possibly have the page reinstated.

Councilor Loomis stated that the town's Facebook page is a great tool to get information to the residents. He would like to see it reinstated.

R-117-24 Motion by Lipe, seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid

Pompey Town Clerk