

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and was also livestreamed via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors Ann Christmas (virtual), Judy McElhannon, Bill Lipe, James Loomis; Highway Superintendent B.R. Way; Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand; Town Attorney Tim Frateschi; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling; along with 5 residents.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Rotondo, Councilor McElhannon, Councilor Lipe, Councilor Loomis, Councilor Christmas, Highway Superintendent Way, Town Accountant Tom Chartrand, Town Attorney Tim Frateschi.

A moment of silence was had for 2 Town Residents: Tax Assessor Larry Fitts, who spent his whole life doing what he loved, and Ed McCrystal, longtime highway employee, who recently passed away. They will both be sorely missed.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REPORT

Supervisor Rotondo gave a report on the coverage and schedule for the Assessor's Office. A Special Meeting was held on January 19, 2022, to discuss temporary coverage of the office. The office will be staffed every Monday 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Assessor Brian Fitts will be here certain Mondays in the morning and certain Mondays in the afternoon. This information will be posted on the Town's Webpage and Facebook.

R-31-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to enter into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss the collective bargaining agreement / negotiations and to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation employment history. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-32-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Lipe to return to Regular Session from Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rotondo discussed the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the changes that were proposed. All Board Members reviewed and agreed to the 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement as amended, which is for one year.

R-33-22 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 317 as presented to the Town Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Rotondo, Councilors Christmas, McElhannon, Lipe, Loomis

Noes: None

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All in favor. Motion carried.

R-34-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to hire Dunn and Sgromo Engineering, to be paid \$148.00 per hour based on the contract that will be provided to the Town by the Town Attorney and to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the contract. This contract will supersede the appointment of Arcadis as the Town Engineer at the Organizational meeting, which appointment was based on a job-by-job contract.

UPDATE ON UNSAFE BUILDING LOCATED AT 7364 CHERRY STREET:

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi had a discussion with Mr. Chrysler's Engineer. According to Mr. Chrysler's engineer, the building is not habitable, and its stability is questionable. The Engineer has not physically been in the building since October of 2021. The Engineer didn't go as far as to say the building is unstable and is at risk to collapse, but he couldn't say it is stable. Town Attorney Tim Frateschi questioned what the plans are for making the necessary repairs. Mr. Chrysler responded that he has been cooperative with working with the Town over the past five years. He is in the process of cleaning up the garage, the structure that was collapsed from the roof, and the main roof on the house. He has not yet demolished the porch or back section. Mr. Chrysler stated that the Engineer didn't see structural issues outside of the house and provided him a report of what needs to be done to make the house safe. He needs more time to do this correctly and make the necessary repairs so that he can put the house up for sale this spring. Supervisor Rotondo stated that the Town Board has been asking him to show them evidence that he's been working on making the necessary repairs. She told him that he needs to make some good faith effort on doing the work that needs to be done. Councilor Loomis asked Mr. Chrysler what the end game plan is if the Town Board decides not to demolish the house. Mr. Chrysler responded that he wants to put the house up for sale by May. Supervisor Rotondo told him that he needs to meet with the Codes Officer, get people in line to make repairs, set a realistic time frame, and give the Town Board some good faith effort that he's getting the work done that needs to be done. She also stated that the Town Board really doesn't want to demolish the house, but this can not be dragged out much longer. By the next Board meeting, the Board expects Mr. Chrysler to have applied for permits to do repair work on the house and engage a contractor for that work. The Town Board wants a timeline on when

the work will be started and completed. This should be provided by the next Board meeting.

TOWN FINANCES:

Town Accountant Tom Chartrand gave a report on the Supervisor’s Monthly Statement for December 2021 and January 2022.

R-35-22 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Lipe to approve the following transfer:

GENERAL FUND

From: A599	Surplus	2021 unspent	<u>\$156,620.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$156,620.00
To: A1620.2	Buildings	Equipment	\$20,500.00
A1640.2	Central Garage	Equipment	\$118,500.00
A3310.2	Traffic Control	Equipment	<u>\$17,620.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$156,620.00

HIGHWAY FUND

From: DA599	Surplus	2021 unspent	<u>\$281,300.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$281,300.00
To: DA5130.2.1	Machinery (SAM GRANT)	Equipment	\$38,000.00
DA5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	\$235,000.00
DA5130.4	Machinery	Contractual	<u>\$8,300.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$281,300.00

SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT FUND

From: SF599	Appropriated Surplus	Fund Balance CAVAC	<u>\$0.61</u>
		TOTAL	\$0.61
To: SF4540.4	CAVAC Ambulance District	Contractual	<u>\$0.61</u>
		TOTAL	\$0.61

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-37-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to approve the January 2022 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Tax Collector. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-38-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to accept the Supervisor's Monthly Statements for December 2021 and January 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-39-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Loomis to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 42-80, totaling \$1,416,749.40; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 16-36, totaling \$44,950.98; Special District Abstract Nos. 4-7, totaling \$809,053.58. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK:

R-40-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to accept the January 3, 2022 Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 19, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Nikki Reid gave an update on Tax Collection. It has been very busy. The total warrant is a little over \$8,600,000.00 and \$7,300,000.00 has been collected to date. The Town Warrant has been paid in full. The office is back to regular business hours. Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. closed daily from 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also available by appointment if outside of normal business hours.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent B.R. Way appointed Bob Purcell as Deputy Superintendent.

R-41-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to accept the 284 Agreement, and to authorize all Town Board Members to sign the Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Way also gave an update on the overhead door replacement for the Highway Garage. At this point, it will take approximately 20 weeks for the door to be delivered. He purchased springs at the cost of \$600 to temporarily fix the problem. He is in the process of getting quotes to have the door replaced. He will need at least 3 proposals, in which all 3 must pay prevailing wage. Councilor Lipe mentioned using ARPA funds. Tom Chartrand said we really need to wait until April to use that money.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Rotondo discussed the Association of Towns Training. It will be held virtually this year and costs \$100.00. She told the Board Members to reach out to the Town Clerk if they are interested in signing up for the training.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on the third version of the Town Disposition of Property Policy. She would like the Board Members and Town Attorney to review the updated version. She would like to finalize this policy by next month.

Supervisor Rotondo stated that the County will be dispersing more facemasks and test kits. Info will be posted on the Town's Website and Facebook page.

R-42-22 Motion by Lipe, seconded by McElhannon, to award the Town Hall Heat Pump Contract to Holbrook Heating as the low bidders and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract and to pre-authorize the Supervisor to pay the 50% deposit required when the units are delivered. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on Town Health Insurance Benefits. There are major changes to how participants will be covered. The Highway Department, who is union, will be insured by TEAMSTERS LOCAL 317. The Town will provide retirees 65 and older with a Blue Cross Blue Shield Advantage Plan, secondary to Medicare. Retirees under the age of 65 and non-union eligible employees will continue with OCEBA coverage. It's not as simple as having all under one plan, but this results in significant savings to the Town.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on the Codes Office; Codes Officer Bob Rodriguez will be resigning on February 28, 2022. The Town will be looking to restaff the Codes Office.

Supervisor Rotondo also wanted to address the impact of state redistricting. Starting in 2023, Assemblyman Al Stirpe will no longer be Pompey's Assemblyman; Pompey (as well as Fabius and Tully) have been moved to the district of Assemblyman John Lemondes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Herlihy, Pompey Center Road: Madam Supervisor I was recently contacted by former Codes Enforcement Officer Ganey. I was made aware of some disturbing information. I would like an in-person meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this, and I would have no problem with Attorney Frateschi joining us. Please contact me to set up a time. Thank you.

R-43-22 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Loomis to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Reid

Pompey Town Clerk