

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held a Special Meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to hold an informal workshop to consider funding opportunities and any other business that may come before the Town Board. The meeting was held in-person and was also livestreamed on the Town of Pompey's Facebook page via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors Ann Christmas, Sheila Larkin, Judy McElhannon, Carl Dennis; Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN FINANCE

R-142-21 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Dennis to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 241-251, totaling \$5,003.77; All in favor. Motion carried.

CODES OFFICER

Supervisor Rotondo stated that the Board has received 4 applications for the Building & Codes Officer position. The Zoning Board of Appeals Chair David Tessier helped Supervisor Rotondo with the screening process and granted interviews to those worthy and qualified. After completing this process, Supervisor Rotondo and Zoning Board of Appeals Chair David Tessier are recommending the Town Board to appoint Tim Ganey to the position of Codes Enforcement Officer to replace Bob Rodriguez. Mr. Ganey comes highly qualified; his certificate of training in New York State Code Enforcement Certified which was a pre-requisite.

R-143-21 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by McElhannon to appoint Tim Ganey as Code Enforcement Officer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Codes Officer Bob Rodriguez recommended to the Pompey Town Board that the structures owned by Donald & Linda Chrysler, located at 7364 Cherry Street, be declared unsafe and in need of either repair or demolition. Supervisor Rotondo explained that if the Town Board decides to declare it as unsafe, an order by the Codes Officer will be issued to the Chryslers stating that it needs to be secured and repaired or demolished and removed. Within five days of receiving the order, the Chryslers will have to appear before the Town Board for a Public Hearing. From the time of the public hearing, the Chryslers will have 30 days to commence if they want to restore it and an additional 60 days for the restoration to take place. In order for the Town Board to declare certain property in the Town of Pompey as unsafe, a resolution would have to be adopted.

R-144-21 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:35 p.m. and to adopt the following Resolution.

IN THE MATTER

Of

RESOLUTION

**DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF
POMPEY UNSAFE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 69 OF
POMPEY CODE, SECTION 69-6.**

The **TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POMPEY**, in the County of Onondaga, State of New York, met in special session at the Town Hall in the Town of Pompey, located at 8354 U.S. Route 20, Manlius, NY 13104 County of Onondaga, State of New York, on the 26th of July, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. This session was also livestreamed on the interactive platform commonly referred to as Zoom and on Facebook.

The meeting was called to order by Renee Rotondo, Supervisor, and the following were present, namely:

Renee Rotondo	Supervisor
Ann Christmas	Councilor
Carl Dennis	Councilor
Judy McElhannon	Councilor
Sheila Larkin	Councilor

The following resolution was moved, seconded and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Pompey Town Code (“the Code”), Article 69, entitled “Buildings, Unsafe”, sets forth the procedure by which to address the remedy for unsafe and/or dangerous structures in the Town of Pompey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 69, Section 5, of the Code, a report by the Code Enforcement Officer has been filed with the Town Board describing the condition of property owned by Donald & Linda Chrysler of 3630 Coleman Hill Road, Jamesville, New York, which property is located at 7364 Cherry Street, Pompey, New York (the Report is attached to this resolution); and

WHEREAS, the Town Code Enforcement Officer is recommending that the structures on said property be declared unsafe and is requesting that, pursuant to Article 69, Section 6, of the Code, the Town Board take such action as the Board deems appropriate to address the unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the report of the Code Enforcement Officer and is of the opinion that, based on the report, structures located at 7364 Cherry Street are unsafe and dangerous and warrant an order of this Board that said structures be secured and repaired if such can be safely done OR demolished and removed from the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the structures on the property located at 7364 Cherry Street, Pompey, New York, are declared unsafe and dangerous; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the structures are ordered secured and repaired if the same can be safely done in the judgement of the Code Enforcement Officer OR demolished and removed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing to address this matter be scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:35 p.m.; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 69 of the Code, Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9, the Code Enforcement Officer serve notice of such board action and hearing on the property owner, Donald Chrysler, such notice to be served not less than five (5) days prior to said hearing and file a copy of the same with the Onondaga County Clerk.

I, **NICOLE REID**, Town Clerk of the Town of Pompey, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the preceding Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Pompey at a special meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 26th day of July, 2021; that said Resolution was entered in the minutes of said meeting; that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original thereof now on file in my office; and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said Resolution and of the whole thereof.

I **FURTHER CERTIFY** that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Pompey, this 26th day of July, 2021.

DATED: July 26, 2021
Pompey, New York

Nicole Reid
Town Clerk of the Town of Pompey
Onondaga County, New York

All in favor. Motion carried.

WORKSHOP

The Town Board held a workshop on stimulus funding, other revenue sources and expenditure of funds. They opened the workshop discussing the sources of revenue, how much funding is available, application deadlines, eligible uses, proposals, selected projects, and award amounts. The Board Members had a lengthy discussion on what does and does not qualify under each grant and each category.

Supervisor Rotondo remarked that there is a lot of need in this town and consulted the Board Members on how this money could be most responsibly used to benefit the Town of Pompey. The Town's share of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding \$743,220.00; of which Pompey will receive half now and the remaining balance later. Accountant Tom Chartrand believes the replacement of the forced air units at the Town Hall with the proper air filters that remove COVID would qualify under ARPA. Supervisor Rotondo said that an Enhanced Cleaning Service for the Town Hall would also qualify. This grant can be used for infrastructure except under

limited circumstances. The oil and water separator that the Highway Department needs is also good contender for this grant.

Regarding the Sewer Consolidation Lease the Town has with the County; the Town can be awarded \$200,000.00 towards a County-approved green infrastructure project; the Preserve Drainage Repair may possibly qualify for use of these funds.

Supervisor Rotondo mentioned that ARPA funds can be used for Travel, Tourism and Hospitality possibly to beautify the Hamlets of Pompey. Councilor Larkin stated that these funds could go towards cleaning up the Hamlets, possibly the Fire House, the Old Stone Store, sidewalks in Delphi, the cemeteries, and signage for Pompey. She also talked about putting together a pamphlet or Business Directory for each business in Pompey, which could fall under Travel Tourism and Hospitality.

Councilor Larkin mentioned permeable drainage paving of the parking area. Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell explained what permeable drainage is, which is drainage under the pavement so that water goes through it. It's triple the amount of regular pavement and is difficult to maintain because you can't use sand as it will clog; the use of salt is becoming more regulated. This will be difficult for ice-control.

Supervisor Rotondo mentioned premium pay to essential workers despite the COVID-19 epidemic, which can be as much as \$13.00/hour over what their normal pay is. Elected Officials would not qualify for this; however Hourly Employees and Appointed Officials would qualify.

Supervisor Rotondo discussed the County's ARPA funding opportunity; which is a total of \$2,000,000.00 for all Towns and Villages to compete for. It is to go towards capital improvements, projects that involve construction, expansion or renovation projects. Money will be awarded to the overall impact the project has to the community, including quality of life and economic impact. Town Accountant Tom Chartrand thinks this would be a good contender for the well renovation / water treatment that is needed at the Town Hall. Supervisor Rotondo agrees and said the Town could even put money towards this; Tom Chartrand remarked that we already have put money towards it.

Councilor Dennis would like to see beautification in the Hamlet of Pompey; he suggested a water fountain, colorful flowers, trees, a nice "Welcome to Pompey" sign.

Supervisor Rotondo mentioned the last grant; County Mainstreet Beautification. Multiple businesses can apply; however, they are the ones who need to fill out the application and commit to coming up with 25% of the match. After the Town receives all the applications, they would have to apply for the grant and pay the 25% that they collected from the local businesses. This will be quite the process. This money could also be used to demolish a property that is an eye sore. This money is really meant to support business in their private sector.

Councilor Larkin suggested turning the other half of the Pompey Fire Department and turning it in to a Senior Center which could be used for other events, and as a Community Center, which would qualify for grant money. Supervisor Rotondo said that it's a good idea, however the fire hall needs so much work, and she isn't sure if it would be worth it. She will work on getting some answers regarding this. Councilor Larkin mentioned beautification of the retention area in front of Dollar General.

Public Comment:

Stan Gorman, Sevier Road: Put the pool back in at the Pompey Gulf Club and letting the community use it.

Greg Herlihy, Watervale Road: Madam Supervisor will you offer a public apology to the residents of Pompey who due to your 8.1% tax increase have experienced shortfalls in their escrow accounts resulting in demand notices from their mortgage companies. In many cases this has cost any resident with a mortgage on their home a great deal of money. A great burden to our people in these tough financial times. It seems we're spending more time trying to figure out how to spend money being printed out of thin air than you are on the long term financial burden your tax increases place on the residents of this Town. Thank You.

R-145-21 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Reid
Pompey Town Clerk