

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2022, preceded by continuation of the Budget Workshop at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and was also livestreamed via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors Ann Christmas, Dave Angello, Bill Lipe; Highway Superintendent Bruce Way; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; Accountant Tom Chartrand; Town Attorney Tim Frateschi. Along with 14 residents. Absent: Councilor James Loomis.

Supervisor Rotondo called the proceedings to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for Tom Trinder of Trinder Farms who recently passed away. A moment of silence was also had for a Pompey resident who was in a serious accident on Sweet Road this past weekend.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW 2022-2

R-176-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Rotondo to waive the reading of the public notice for Local Law 2022-2 Further Amending Chapter 157 Entitled "Vehicles & Traffic" of the Code of the Town of Pompey. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-177-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Rotondo to open the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi stated that the local law would prohibit parking in both directions on Sweet Road from Pratts Falls Road to Hamilton Road.

Deborah Grenier: Would this be all 12 months of the year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Town Attorney Tim Frateschi stated that it would be.

Greg Herlihy: What's the County's role in this? Supervisor Rotondo stated that Sweet Road is a County Road and after discussion with the County, they will assist the Town Highway Department in determining where the "No Parking" signs will be placed.

R-178-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-179-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to pass Local Law 2022-2, a Local Law Further Amending Chapter 157 Entitled "Vehicles & Traffic" of the Code of the Town of Pompey. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN FINANCES:

Town Accountant Tom Chartrand gave his monthly report. NYCLASS interest is up to 2.7%.

General Fund: Spending at 71%; Revenue at 93%
Highway Fund: Spending at 54%; Revenue at 87%

- R-180-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis to accept the Supervisor's Monthly Report for September 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-181-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Angello to accept the September 2022 Bank Reconciliation Reports for Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector Accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-182-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Rotondo, to approve the following transfer:

GENERAL FUND

From:	A1620.4	Buildings	Contractual	\$7,000.00
	A1680.2	Central Communications System	Equipment	<u>\$1,700.00</u>
		TOTAL		\$8,700.00
To:	A1620.2	Buildings	Contractual	\$7,000.00
	A1680.4	Central Communications System	Equipment	<u>\$1,700.00</u>
		TOTAL		\$8,700.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

- R-183-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve General Fund Abstract Nos. 356-371, totaling \$9,484.24; Highway Abstract Nos. 157-168, totaling \$43,714.31; Special District Nos. 25-26, totaling \$807.50. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- R-184-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to accept the September 7, 2022 Meeting minutes and the September 26, 2022 Budget Meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Highway Superintendent Way updated that the Gradeall should be delivered this week. The highway crew is gearing up for the changing of seasons; the salt and sand shed is about 90% full and the highway crew has begun the process of putting on plow equipment.

CODES OFFICER REPORT:

Codes Officer Tim Bearup was not able to attend the meeting; however, he did supply the Town Board with a written report for the month of September. Supervisor Rotondo gave a brief overview; 14 building permits were issued, 17 completed projects, and 2 stop-work-orders.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT:

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi gave an update on a local law calling for a public hearing for overriding the property tax cap.

R-185-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Angello to hold a Public Hearing on November 2, 2022, at 6:35 p.m, to consider the adoption of Local Law 2022-3 to override the tax levy limit established in NY General Municipal Law § 3-c. All in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Rotondo updated that at the last Budget Workshop meeting, there was discussion on replacing Accountant Tom Chartrand.

R-186-22 Motion by Lipe , seconded by Christmas to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to enter into a letter of intent with F.J. Pompo & Company for the accounting services to the Town of Pompey at the monthly rate of \$4,200.00 for the year 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT:

Councilor Angello gave an update on the pre-construction meeting that was held at the Town Hall last week for the Preserve Draining project. In attendance were 3 people from the County, 2 people from JJ Lane, Councilor Angello, Supervisor Rotondo, Highway Superintendent Way, Codes Officer Bearup. The work will begin somewhere between October 7th and October 14th. Councilor Angello explained the process on how this project will be completed. He stated that he is confident that this will resolve the situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deborah Grenier, Cemetery Road: She requested that the town do an audit of the town's financial records. She also stated that there is a house on Number 2 Road West and Watervale Road that is dilapidated and falling apart. Supervisor Rotondo stated that a demo permit has already been issued to the owner of that property. Councilor Christmas stated that the town already follows the state's audit procedures. Supervisor Rotondo stated that an outside auditor is extremely expensive and there are no grounds for needing an audit.

Carol Porto, Pompey Center Road: She was wondering if the meeting room at the Town Hall can be rented out for fundraising purposes. Town Attorney Tim Fratestchi stated that it is ultimately the Town Board's decision whether or not to rent out the room. There would have to be a reasonable fee that would have to be assessed to the group that is using it.

Greg Herlihy, Pompey Center Road: He agrees with Deborah Grenier that an audit would be a good thing, especially with Tom Chartrand retiring. He also asked for a copy of the procedural review that was done during the previous administration. Supervisor Rotondo responded that Mr. Herlihy was a Councilor when the review was done, so he had access to that information. He was also supplied with the internal review he FOILED. Mr. Herlihy also FOILED old bank account statements; those records no longer exist because New York State Archives says those documents are to be shredded after seven years. Town Attorney Tim Frateschi stated that the Freedom of Information Law states that the Town must do a diligent search to determine whether or not what was requested exists. The town is not required to recreate documents. The law says

that a record has to exist in the town in order for it to be subject to FOIL.

R-187-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid
Pompey Town Clerk