

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Meeting on Monday, April 4, 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, Bill Lipe (virtual), James Loomis; Highway Superintendent B.R. Way; Accountant Tom Chartrand; Town Attorney Tim Frateschi; Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

Supervisor Rotondo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Nikki Reid is unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Because the Meeting is being livestreamed and recorded; she will be able to take the meeting minutes but has asked the Board Members to designate Tom Chartrand to take notes of the passed resolutions.

R-61-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Loomis to designate Accountant Tom Chartrand as notetaker for the April 4, 2022 Town Board minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Supervisor Rotondo, Councilor Lipe, Councilor Loomis, Councilor Christmas, Highway Superintendent Way.

Due to illness, the Town Clerk's Office will be operating with limited hours this week. The office will be staffed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Supervisor Rotondo took a moment to recognize Linda McCrystal who was honored by Assemblyman Al Stirpe's office as a Women of Distinction for her work with the Fabius Pompey Outreach.

Town Historian Ruth Hotaling presented the Historians Annual Report for the year ending December 2021 to the Town Board and reviewed the important events that happened in the Historians office in 2021.

R-62-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Rotondo to accept the Annual Historian's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

PIVOT ENERGY TIER 3 SOLAR PROJECT

Pivot Energy presented information on a request for a solar overlay zone change on property located at 3457 Sweet Road. This is the initial presentation to the Town Board for discussion and questions. This also needs to be referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee for their review. Gordon Woodcock presented on behalf of Pivot Energy; solar project developer and owner operator based in Colorado. New York State is the leading state when it comes to community solar, which is a huge milestone. Pivot Energy proposed a solar project with the landowner, Mr. Osuchowski, on a site

located on Sweet Road that was cleared by the owner 8 years ago due to being overgrown and brushy. Hay and corn is currently being grown on the site, however Mr. Osuchowski is interested in developing a community solar project there. Mr. Woodcock provided details to the Town Board on what community solar projects look like; he stated that it's an incredibly successful way to deploy more renewable energy. The way community solar works is the subscriber decides they want to join the array, they sign up to participate in the array, and they get monthly bill credits that will offset their utility bill based on the energy that produced on site. This particular project is a four-megawatt system that's going to cover approximately 20 to 25 acres on the 96-acre parcel. The panels are mounted on a single access tracker which means they rotate daily from east to west to track the sun's progress and increase energy production. It also supports some of the native pollinators, which is beneficial to the farmers. Sheep grazing or vegetation management is also a common practice. Mr. Woodcock presented a large, detailed topography map which shows where the solar arrays will be visible. There are some areas, but for the most part it will not be visible.

Supervisor Rotondo stated that all this information will be available for the public's review on the Town's website.

Supervisor Rotondo explained the process that this will take. A public hearing will be held as well as a Town Board Workshop which will be available for the public's presence. She remarked that the Town Board's job is to determine if this is an appropriate site for a community solar project in the Town of Pompey. The Board will consider all legitimate concerns. If it gets to the 3rd stage, the next step would involve the Planning Board for site plan approval; they will be the ones to impose any conditions, such as fencing or screening. The Environmental Conservation Committee also needs to weigh in on the project. Supervisor Rotondo asked the Board to consider holding a Special Meeting which would involve a site walk.

R-63-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis to schedule a special meeting at the site, 3547 Sweet Road for April 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with an alternate weather date of April 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-64-22 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to schedule a special meeting workshop for April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to review the requirements and steps involved with creating a Solar Overlay district and any other business of the Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNSAFE BUILDING LOCATED AT 7364 CHERRY STREET:

Mr. Chrysler gave the Town Board an update on the unsafe building located at 7364 Cherry Street. He said that he will be listing the property with a realtor on Tuesday,

April 5, 2022 and provide proof of the sales contract to Supervisor Rotondo, who will share the information with the Town Board Members.

TOWN FINANCES REPORT:

Town Accountant Tom Chartrand gave his monthly report. He stated that it was a fairly good month for Town Clerk fees; roughly \$1,300.00. NYCLASS interest is improving. Court fines are improving by a little bit. The town received a safety award from Comp Alliance. Town Highway Superintendent B.R.Way brought in \$1,124.47 worth of scrap metal; \$800 more than what was budgeted for.

General Fund: Spending at 20%; Revenue at 76%
Highway Fund: Spending at 11%; Revenue at 80%

- R-65-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis to accept the Supervisor's Monthly Report for March 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-66-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Rotondo to accept the March 2022 Bank Reconciliation Reports for Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector Accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-67-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe, to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 118-144, totaling \$66,900.01; Highway Abstract Nos. 55-75, totaling \$19,373.51; Special District Nos. 11-12, totaling \$13,477.24. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-68-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis, to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Fabius for the Swim Program. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-69-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to make the following budget line item transfers:

GENERAL FUND

From: A599	Surplus	NYSERDA Grant	\$5,000.00
To: A1640.2	Central Garage	Equipment	\$5,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND

From: DA599	Surplus	2021 unspent	\$35,100.00
To: DA5130.2.1	Machinery (SAM GRANT)	Equipment	\$35,100.00

SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND

From: SD599	Appropriated Surplus	Fund Balance	\$8,000.00
To: SD8121.4	Pompey Pines Drainage	Contractual	\$8,000.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

R-70-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis to accept the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resident Stan Gorman gave an update on the Earth Day Event, which will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 9 a.m. until noon. He has been working with Martha Viglietta and other members of the Environmental Conservation Commission. They will be doing the annual tree giveaway. A member of the DEC will be present to answer questions. Supervisor Rotondo stated that shredding will be available from 9am to noon. Highway Superintendent B.R. Way stated that the Highway Department will have a couple of trucks for the collection of garage, tires, and scrap metal.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Highway Superintendent B.R. Way asked for Town Board approval to purchase a Gradall XL4100 V 6x4 in the amount of \$473,104.18 in which \$400,000.00 is covered by the SAM Contract with the balance being covered by Town funds. The price has increased by \$40,000.00 since the contract was first submitted last year.

R-71-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Rotondo, to approve the purchase of a Grad-All XL4100 under New York State Contract PC691450 in the amount of \$473,104.18. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent B.R. Way received a quote from Nicholas Excavation & Construction in the amount of \$7,550.00 for cleaning up the drainage detention area in the Pompey Pines subdivision near Broadfield Road. Town Accountant Tom Chartrand stated due to the procurement policy, another quote needs to be received before any action can be taken. Highway Superintendent B.R. Way stated that he is pursuing a second quote and will update the Board Members at the next meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi gave an update on the Main Street Beautification Grant.

R-72-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve the Main Street Beautification Grant Contract for 7364 Cherry Street improvements. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-73-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Loomis to approve the Main Street Beautification Grant Contract for 8426 US Route 20 improvements. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-74-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Loomis to approve the Main Street Beautification Grant Contract for 7330 US Route 20 improvements. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-75-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve the Main Street Beautification Grant Contract for 2620 Route 91 improvements. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi stated that the contract with Dunn & Sgromo Engineers is ready for approval.

R-76-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the contract for Engineering services. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi reviewed the IMA for County-Town to exempt certain matters from being referred to County Planning for Review.

R-77-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the IMA Agreement presented to the Board between the Town and County. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-78-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to approve the Comp Alliance Member Participation Agreement for 2022-2023 that was presented to the Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-79-22 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to approve the service contract with Syracuse Time and Alarm Co. Inc. for monitoring the Town Hall Fire Alarm System as presented to the Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-80-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to appoint John Dunkle Town Engineer with Dunn & Sgromo Engineers as the Town Representative to the Stormwater Coalition. All in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on the Building and Codes Office. She stated that the Town is currently searching for a part-time Codes Officer and a part-time Deputy Codes Officer. She has reached out to several qualified Codes Officers off the County's Civil Service List. At this point, there are 5 qualified candidates that are interested in the position. Supervisor Rotondo and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman David Tessier are in the process of interviewing the candidates, which she stated is going very well. The Building and Codes Office has been restructured which will hopefully allow for the public to be served more effectively.

R-81-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to appoint Wayne Clark to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-82-22 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve the reimbursement for costs related to training for Board of Assessment Review members. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Deborah Grenier of Cemetery Road had a suggestion regarding the Community Solar Project. She thinks it would be helpful if a landscape architect would be willing to do some sketches to show the community members what the proposed solar project would look like. She also asked the Board Members about the dilapidated properties in the Town and what the procedure for condemning and removing said properties. Supervisor Rotondo responded that the Town Board is very aware of the dilapidated properties in the Town and stated that as soon as the Building and Codes Office is restructured, the properties will be prioritized and dealt with.

Resident Stan Gorman of Sevier Road spoke to the Town Members concerning the Telecommunications Overlay District. He presented handouts to the Board Members and the Town Clerk and reviewed the documents presented. He made the following requests of the Board Members: To test the output from the installation, create an inventory of the equipment on site, review and update the assessed values of the property and equipment and the possibility of hiring an outside consultant for establishing fair values of the site.

R-83-22 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Reid
Pompey Town Clerk