

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and was also live-streamed via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Rotondo, Councilors Ann Christmas, Bill Lipe, James Loomis, and Diana Carpenter; Highway Superintendent B.R. Way; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; Town Attorney Tim Frateschi; Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for Alicia Hall who passed away on April 2, 2023, and secondly to recognize April as child abuse awareness month.

Supervisor Rotondo went over the accounting report on behalf of Accountant Jim Pompo, who was unable to attend the meeting.

R-52-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis to accept the Supervisor's Monthly Report for March 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-53-23 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Christmas accept the January 2023 Bank Reconciliation Report for the Supervisor's Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-54-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Rotondo to accept the March 2023 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector Accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.

SEABOARD SOLAR TIER 3 SOLAR APPLICATION: FRANK LONG ROAD

Supervisor Rotondo stated that there will not be a presentation by Seaboard Solar as they have requested more time to work on the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

R-55-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Carpenter to formally refer Seaboard Solar Tier 3 Solar Application on Frank Long Road to the Environmental Conservation Commission for their review and comment. All in favor. Motion carried.

After discussion, Supervisor Rotondo and the Board Members agreed that a site visit to the proposed project location would be beneficial. A couple of board members, along with the Town Engineer will do a walk through at the proposed project location. Due to site difficulties, the public will not be included in a site visit. Supervisor Rotondo asked for the board members for their thoughts and concerns regarding this project. After much discussion, all Town Board members have concerns regarding this project. Councilor Carpenter is concerned about the slope of the hills and safely removing trees without a negative aftereffect. Councilor Christmas' main concern is drainage; which has always been an issue at this location.

Councilor Loomis is concerned that the majority of neighbors are strongly opposed to the project. Councilor Lipe had a long list of concerns as well: It is not criteria driven, it's highly controversial, drainage issues, and not enough of an environmental benefit to sway him to be in favor of this proposed project. Supervisor Rotondo stated that she is in favor of renewable energy, however, she is not comfortable with the drainage in this area. She visited the site last week and saw the runoff from Frank Long Road to Coleman Hill to Old Coleman Road to Sevier Road and onto Route 91 and the damage that has been done; the drainage in the that area is horrific.

POMPEY HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Laini Amaritnant, President of the Pompey Hill Cemetery Association, came before the Town Board to request town assistance in purchasing cemetery recordkeeping software. This past November, the cemetery was going to be abandoned by the state. Several residents stepped forward and are raising community awareness to get the cemetery cleaned up. The Pompey Hill Cemetery Association is requesting software that will get all of the cemetery onto the computer which will allow them to know who is buried in the cemetery and where they are located. The software program would cost \$1,300 to purchase and then an annual fee of \$500. Town Attorney Tim Frateschi stated that if the Pompey Hill Cemetery is in fact a Corporation, that under Section 165A of General Municipal Law, the Town can provide assistance to the cemetery if they choose to. Laini Amaritnant will give Town Attorney Tim Frateschi the paperwork for his legal review.

POMPEY HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ann Shelley, President of Pompey Hill Historical Society, gave a presentation on Jerry Antil Writing Studio and the feasibility of locating the author's studio on Town-owned property. Jerry Antil, former town resident, has offered to donate his writing studio to the Town of Pompey Historical Society however they would need the Town's permission to allow the building to be situated on its property.

R-56-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to accept the donation of Jerry Antil's Writing Studio, to be situated on the Town of Pompey's property, subject to legal review. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

R-57-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Lipe to accept the March 20, 2023, regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-58-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Carpenter to approve the following payment of bills: Abstract Nos. 139-181, totaling \$127,474.77. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Town Clerk Nikki Reid gave a brief update on the upcoming Earth Day event, which is Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9am to 12pm. The Highway Department will also be hosting an Open House during those hours.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highway Superintendent B.R. Way spoke with Josall regarding the roof project; materials are being collected and they are hoping to have it completed by mid-summer. The new 10-wheeler has been ordered and will hopefully be in by the end of the year. The new mechanic is doing fantastic and has been very busy catching up on repairs.

CODE'S OFFICE REPORT:

Although the Code's Officer was not present, he provided the Town Board members with the March 2023 monthly report; 5 building permits were issued, 3 completions, and 1 stop-work-order.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- R-59-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve the Highway Work Permit for Construction or Other Work within the Town of Pompey Right of Way. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-60-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Lipe to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Tully to participate in the 2023 Swim Program and to authorize Town Supervisor Renee Rotondo to sign the agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Town Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on the swim program. Registration opens on May 1, 2023 and is first come first serve. The program is limited to 50 participants and the Town will cover the cost of the program.

- R-61-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to adopt the Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy and Procedure. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-62-23 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Christmas to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Central New York Regional Planning Board for CYN Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program and to appoint Town Engineer John Dunkle as Town Representative. All in favor. Motion carried.

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R-63-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Lipe to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the Landfill Monitoring Agreement through Arcadis. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Margino: Concerned about the proposed solar projects on both Sweet Road and Frank Long Road. His biggest concern is the unknown long term health effects.

Jane Podkaminer: Thanked the Town Board for their concerns regarding the proposed solar project on Frank Long Road.

Tom Burn: He shared a document with the Town Board regarding the proposed solar project; the project can not be moved up the hill. He is impressed with the Town Board's discussion tonight.

Deb Grenier: Concerned about the stormwater on Route 91 and is wondering what authority the town has if the state won't fix the problem.

R-64-23 Motion by Lipe, seconded by Carpenter to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid
Pompey Town Clerk