

## TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and was also live-streamed via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors Ann Christmas, Bill Lipe, James Loomis, Diana Carpenter; Highway Superintendent Bruce Way; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; Town Attorney Tim Frateschi; Town Accountant Jim Pompo; Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling; along with 6 residents.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for the passing of two beloved Town Residents, Stella Agrasto and Cookie Dunham, they will truly be so missed. Supervisor Rotondo also wished Mark Nardella and David Angello good luck with their upcoming terms serving on the Town Board.

A special presentation by Supervisor Rotondo and Supervisor-Elect Mark Nardella was had to recognize a town resident, nine-year-old Colby Green for his service cleaning up all the trash in his community without being asked. Supervisor Rotondo reached out to County Legislature Dave Knapp and along with the Town Board, Colby was given a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts to beauty his community and make Pompey a better place to live.

### LOCAL LAW 2023-7: A LOCAL LAW REPEALING SUB-SECTION G(2) – “HOME OCCUPATIONS” OF SECTION 165.44 OF ARTICLE VIII (ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT) OF THE TOWN CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “HOME-BASED BUSINESSES”

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on Local Law 2023-7, which would amend the town code and replace it with a new section entitled “Home-Based Businesses”.

R-183-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to waive the reading of the public notice for Local Law 2023-7 REPEALING SUB-SECTION G(2) – “HOME OCCUPATIONS” OF SECTION 165.44 OF ARTICLE VIII (ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT) OF THE TOWN CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “HOME-BASED BUSINESSES”. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-184-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to open the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barb Stacer, Sweet Road: She believes the way the law is written right now is extremely restricted to small business owners. She shared some facts from Forbes. She had multiple concerns regarding the sunset clause and the hardship it could cause on town residents.

Debbie Grenier, Cemetery Road: Will it be the same standard for every home based business whether your property is on 2 acres or 20 acres? She does not like the idea of additional regulations on people running their own business.

Dan McClung, Michael Avenue: He has some questions regarding home-based businesses and how the law is currently written is contradictory. He and his neighbors have been subjected to offensive light and noise for years and they have not been able to get any enforcement action. How is the Town going to enforce this new law regarding home-based businesses?

R-185-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to adjourn the public hearing to January 9, 2024, at 6:35 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

R-186-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Loomis to accept the November 2023 Monthly Statement for the Supervisor's Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-187-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Carpenter to accept the November 2023 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Supervisor Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-188-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve the following transfer:

**General Fund:**

A3310.4	Tax Collection Contractual	\$1,000.00
A1990.4	Contingent	(\$1,000.00)

**General Fund:**

A1620.20	Buildings - Equipment	\$1,747.92
A1990.4	Contingent	(\$1,747.92)

**General Fund:**

A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance	\$1,278.59
A1990.4	Contingent	(\$1,278.59)

**General Fund:**

A7520.2	Historical Property - Outhouse	\$187.79
A1990.4	Contingent	(\$187.79)

**General Fund:**

A7520.2	Historical Property - Outhouse	\$4,250.00
A1990.4	Contingent	(\$4,250.00)

All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Accountant Jim Pompo stated that the NYCLASS account brought in \$8,050.00 last month; which brings a grand total of \$99,956.00 year to date.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- R-189-23 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Rotondo to accept the November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-190-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to accept the November 2023 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-191-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Lipe to approve the following payment of bills: Abstract Nos. 553-632, totaling \$347,603.97. All in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- R-192-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve the payment of all unused comp time to the Highway Department crew per the Union Contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Although the Code Officer was not present, he had provided the Town Board members with the November 2023 monthly report; 14 building permits were issued, 8 completions, 3 stop-work-orders; and 1 violation.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

R-193-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to authorize Supervisor Rotondo to sign the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Advantage Plan Agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Town Supervisor Rotondo shared that the Pompey Hill Cemetery will be participating in the Wreaths Across America event on December 16, 2023. Wreaths will be placed on all military veterans' headstones. Information regarding the event is on the Town Hall Bulletin Board, Social Media, and the Town of Pompey's website.

R-194-23 Motion by Lipe, seconded by Christmas to authorize Diana Carpenter, Mark Nardella, and David Angello to attend the Newly Elected Town Officials training in January 2024.

R-195-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to discontinue the Short Term Rental Committee and the Home-Based Business Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-196-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded Christmas to set the Organizational Meeting on January 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-197-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Loomis to approve the updates to the Town Employee Handbook. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Don Saleh, Soloman Seal: Congratulated the newly elected officials. He thanked Supervisor Renee Rotondo and Councilor Ann Christmas for their service and commitment serving the Town of Pompey.

John Shaheen, Gulf Road: He wanted to personally thank Ann and Renee for their service and all that they have done for this town.

Don Shedlock: Very happy to remotely attend his sister Ann's last board meeting this evening. This will end a long-dedicated career of family members.

Stan & Linda Gorman: Thanked Ann and Renee for all that they have done for the Town of Pompey.

Renee Rotondo: She stated that they accomplished a lot through this administration and that the town is a better place than it was four years ago for so many reasons. She thanked each

person individually and said it's been an honor being the Supervisor for the Town of Pompey these last four years.

R-198-23      Motion by Christmas, seconded by Lipe to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid  
Pompey Town Clerk