

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held a Special Meeting on December 28, 2020. It was held via video conferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law and Executive Order 202.1. This is based upon notices and health advisories issued by Federal, State, and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus. Board members remotely attended the meeting by connecting to video conference from an electronic device. For the public's viewing, the video conferencing meeting was hosted via zoom. There were still some technical difficulties, so it was not livestreamed on Facebook, however all residents were given the zoom link if they wanted to participate in the meeting.

The following remotely attended: Supervisor Renee Rotondo, Councilors Judy McElhannon, Ann Christmas, Carl Dennis; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell; Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand; Town Attorney Tim Frateschi; Assessor Larry Fitts, Town Clerk Nikki Reid; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

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

A moment of silence was held for Jim McDermott, a retired Highway employee, who passed away on December 8, 2020. He will be sorely missed. To Barb and his family, please know that our thoughts are with you.

R-194-20 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Dennis to approve the payment of General Fund Abstract Nos. 414-428, totaling \$6,354.44; Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 210-228, totaling \$55,362.24. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rotondo explained the purpose of holding the special meeting is for the consideration of a resolution to waive renewal requirement for 2021 tax exemption for low income seniors and low income individuals with disabilities. The reason for this is to keep seniors and individuals with disabilities safe from traveling to the Town Hall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Town Attorney Tim Frateschi stated that if they do decide to fill out a renewal form, then this resolution also authorizes the form to be processed by the Assessor. Town Assessor Larry Fitts stated that he was originally opposed to this resolution for fear of confusing people. This renewal form gets sent out every year and seniors and individuals with disabilities will be expecting it to come in the mail. However, due to the pandemic, Larry agrees that this is a good idea, and he thinks the resolution should be passed. He advised that a letter that explains the resolution will be mailed to all seniors and individuals with disabilities, as well as posted on the website and the Town of Pompey's Facebook page. A copy will also be posted at the Town Hall. There are approximately 138 property owners that have this exemption. Supervisor Rotondo reviewed the letter and she said it's very simple and straightforward.

R-195-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Dennis to approve the Resolution to Waive the Renewal Requirement for 2021 Tax Exemption for Low Income Seniors and Low Income Individuals with Disabilities. All in favor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER

Of

**GRANTING TAXPAYER RELIEF BY
EXTENDING THE SENIOR AND
INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES AND
LIMITED INCOME EXEMPTION TO 2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
AND IMPLEMENTING
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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 [in virtual session on the interactive platform commonly referred to a Zoom], located at 8354 U.S. Route 20, Manlius, NY 13104 County of Onondaga, State of New York, on the 28th of December, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

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
Absent: Sheila Larkin	Councilor

WHEREAS, the state disaster emergency related to COVID-19 has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices and rendered many seniors and individuals with disabilities homebound; and

WHEREAS, many seniors and individual with disabilities do not have the ability to file their real property tax exemption applications in person due to safety precautions and lack the ability to file such applications online; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has issued Executive Order 202.83, which grants local governments the ability to adopt a resolution extending the exemption status for those seniors and individuals with disabilities entitled to certain real property tax exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Pompey Town Assessor shall extend the 2020 exemptions status for those individuals receiving the senior exemption and the person with disabilities and limited income exemption through 2021 without a renewal application except in the circumstances described below or unless a valid renewal form is filed with the assessor before the deadline of March 1; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor may require a renewal application if he or she believes that an owner that qualified for the 2020 has since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or is deceased.

I, **NIKKI 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 regular meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 28th day December, 2020; 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 28th day of December 2020.

**DATED: December 28, 2020
Pompey, New York**

**Nikki Reid
Town Clerk of the Town of Pompey
Onondaga County, New York**

Supervisor Rotondo was very happy to report that she finally got a decision from the state on Sweet Road speed. They agree there should be an implementation of a 45 mile-per-hour buffer zone from the 30 mile-per-hour zone to the 55 mile-per-hour zone on Sweet Road. We are awaiting an official order from the state as to exactly where on Sweet Road this will be; she is assuming it will be going into the hamlet of Pompey since that is the only spot where there is a 30 mile-per-hour zone.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

R-196-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to go into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. All in favor. Motion carried.

- R-197-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to return to Regular Session from Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-198-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Christmas to approve the contract as submitted by Germain & Germain for the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Pompey Highway Department and Teamsters Local Union 317 and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Supervisor Rotondo; Councilors Dennis, McElhannon, and Christmas.

Noes: None

Absent: Councilor Larkin

DECLARED ADOPTED

December 28, 2020.

- R-199-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Rotondo to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Reid
Pompey Town Clerk