

TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Monthly Meeting on September 2, 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 and by livestreaming on the Town of Pompey Facebook page.

The following remotely attended: Supervisor Renee Rotondo; Councilors Ann Christmas, Sheila Larkin, Judy McElhannon, Carl Dennis; County Legislator David Knapp; Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell; Town Clerk Nicole Reid; Accountant 1 Tom Chartrand; Codes Officer Bob Rodriguez; Attorney for the Town Tim Frateschi; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

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

Special Guest County Legislator David Knapp gave an update on several items. Due to numerous accidents at the four corners of Pratts Falls Road and Sweet Road, additional signage was put up on September 1, 2020 that reads 'Crossing Traffic Does Not Stop'. County Legislator David Knapp also gave an update on the aggressive paving plan for Pompey. The following roads have been partially or fully paved; Oran Delphi Road, Pompey Center Road, Sweet Road, Gates Road, Henneberry Road, Berry Road, Berwyn Road, Broadfield Road, Cemetery Road, Watervale Road, and Ridge Road. Due to the current budget, New York State was only able to pave Route 20 from Route 80, just passed Orchard Valley Golf Course, down to the Lafayette line. It has been confirmed that all of Pompey, down to the Madison County Line, will be paved during the 2021 paving season. County Legislator David Knapp reported that he will be supplying a grant up to \$25,000 to put towards (5) solar movable speed signs to help control speed in Pompey.

Bookkeeper Chartrand gave a report on the August financials, Year to Date Town, and the payment of bills. He reported that the Town's NYCLASS interest rate is 0.06%, down from 0.31% from the beginning of the year. Bookkeeper also advised the Board of the percentage of year to date spending as of the end of June: General Fund: 52%; Highway: 45%.

- R-141-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Dennis to approve Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand's August Monthly Report. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-142-20 Motion by Christmas, seconded by McElhannon to approve the reconciliations of August bank statements for the Supervisor and Town Clerk accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-143-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Larkin to approve the payments of
General Fund Abstract Nos. 253-278 totaling \$24,721.12;
Highway Fund Abstract Nos. 137-155 totaling \$129,107.58
Special District Abstract Nos. 28-29 totaling \$14,868.18
Trust & Agency Abstract Nos. 9-10 totaling \$877.20
All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-144-20 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to approve the Supervisor's Audit for 2019. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-145-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Larkin to approve the following transfer of funds:

GENERAL FUND

From:	A1991.4	Contingent	Contractual	\$1,000.00
	A9040.8	Employee Benefits	Workers Compensation	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
			TOTAL	\$6,500.00
To:	A1480.4	Public Information (WEB Site)	Contractual	\$1,000.00
	A4289.4	Health Other (COVID)	Contractual	\$500.00
	A9050.8	Employee Benefits	Unemployment Insurance	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
			TOTAL	\$6,500.00

HIGHWAY FUND

From:	DA599	Surplus	Insurance Recovery	\$1,575.00
To:	DA5130.4	Machinery	Contractual	\$1,575.00

SPECIAL SEWER DISTRICT FUND

From:	SS599	Pompey Pines - Sewer	Fund Balance	\$4,391.98
	SS599	Preserve - Sewer	Fund Balance	\$3,676.86
	SS599	Spruce Ridge - Sewer	Fund Balance	\$581.09
	SS599	Spruce Ridge South - Sewer	Fund Balance	\$457.61
	SS599	Hartsfield - Sewer	Fund Balance	\$723.92
	SS599	Arbutus Park Ph 1 - Sewers	Fund Balance	\$922.82
	SS599	Arbutus Park Ph 3 - Sewers	Fund Balance	<u>\$54.76</u>
			TOTAL	\$10,809.04
To:	SS8121.4	Pompey Pines - Sewer	Contractual	\$4,391.98
	SS8122.4	Preserve - Sewer	Contractual	\$3,676.86
	SS8123.4	Spruce Ridge - Sewer	Contractual	\$581.09
	SS8124.4	Spruce Ridge South - Sewer	Contractual	\$457.61
	SS8125.4	Hartsfield - Sewer	Contractual	\$723.92
	SS8126.4	Arbutus Park Ph 1 - Sewers	Contractual	\$922.82
	SS8127.4	Arbutus Park Ph 3 - Sewers	Contractual	<u>\$54.76</u>
			TOTAL	\$10,809.04

All in favor. Motion carried.

R-167-20 Motion by McElhannon, seconded by Dennis to approve the August 3, 2020 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Reid gave an update regarding the process for collecting school taxes in response to COVID. Only one taxpayer will be allowed in the building at a time. Taxpayers must enter the Town Hall from the Pompey Center Road entrance and exit via Route 20 entrance. Assessor Larry Fitts will be by appointment only.

Taxpayers need to call ahead of time to set up an appointment.

The Town Clerk's Office set up official email addresses for the Town Board members.

Carl Dennis pompeycouncilor1@gmail.com ; Sheila Larkin pompeycouncilor2@gmail.com ;

Ann Christmas pompeycouncilor3@gmail.com ; Judy McElhannon pompeycouncilor4@gmail.com

Town Clerk Reid also updated that the Town Clerk's Office will have a virtual presence at future planning and zoning board meetings to help accomplish tasks in a timely matter.

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi gave an update on the use of the Town of Pompey's logo. The logo needs to be registered and trademarked so that the town has exclusive rights. A resident has been using the logo to sell merchandise, which appears as official business of the town when it is not. A letter was being sent out requesting them to stop using it. The town will take care of registering the logo.

Town Councilor Dennis updated that the Schoolhouse has been painted. He also mentioned that future funding will be needed to replace the front part of the schoolhouse due to rotten wood.

Highway Superintendent Tom Purcell updated that some residents from Whitney Hills Estates have concerns regarding the speed at the intersection of Sweet Road and Gates Road. They were inquiring about a potential streetlight at the intersection. Superintendent Purcell also gave an update on the Highway Department's summer paving project. Etsey road has been completed as well as the resurfacing of over ten miles of roads in Pompey. The Highway Department has had a very busy August doing roadside ditching and roadside mowing. A tree service came in and removed some trees that were in the right-away. They have also been able to do some catchbase cleaning in some of the developments.

Town Councilor Larkin gave an update on IT for the town. Dan Bender installed a sonic wall, two wireless access points which will give more reliable coverage at the townhall, a public and private access to WIFI, backup alliances were also installed. There is currently discussion to connect both the town hall and the highway department, which would save the town a lot of money going forward.

Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on Covid in September, which is no different than August. The town is still open by appointment only. The courts have worked really well with the drive-up for court dates; they are taken in the order that they arrive, only one person at a time. Supervisor Rotondo also updated that the audit for the 2019 Tax Collector and Town Clerk accounts are still being conducted due to the fact that those accounts did not balance at the end of the year. Many of the missing bank statements were able to be reproduced. Supervisor Rotondo has contacted the County Comptrollers office to see how to proceed. There have been a lot of area disturbances, most especially on Pompey Center Road and Indian Hill Road. We do have zoning laws in the town and zoning will be enforced. Supervisor Rotondo went on the record to remind violators that they will be cited.

Supervisor Rotondo asked the Board how to approach the next steps regarding the Solar Farm Overlay District Local Law. The Board is in strong agreement that they would like to hold off on the public hearing until the public can be present.

Supervisor Rotondo urges everyone to take a good look at the 2021 budget to see what can be done this year for cost savings.

Public Comment:

The Schoonmakers remarked that they are happy to hear about the speed cameras on Watervale Road because they are really needed.

Wendell Pfohl thanks the town for all the hard work they are doing.

Francie Fisher-Poole also said thank you.

Veronica Hotaling said that a Solar Farm FAQ would be great for the community.

Town Clerk Reid gave an update on the speed reduction for Sweet Road. She reached out to the New York State Department of Transportation. The Engineer just recently performed the field visit and is working on their analysis. We should have feedback and answers in the next couple of weeks.

R-147-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by Larkin to go into Executive Session from Regular Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and the employment history of an individual person. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-148-20 Motion by Dennis, seconded by McElhannon to return to Regular Session at 8:38 p.m. and to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Reid
Town Clerk