

## **TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 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 (virtually), 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 20 residents.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for Josh Angel, a victim of a homicide in this town. A moment of silence was also had for the start of a new school year and also the 2,996 people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. A moment of silence was had for the thousands of people who were killed in an earthquake in Morocco and the thousands of people who lost their lives in a flood in Libia. We have a lot to appreciate in our lives in this town.

### **PRESENTATION BY POMPEY HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT OF PLAN FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION:**

Ty Kovekski, Zach Nicholas, and Rob Davies appeared before the Town Board on behalf of the Pompey Hill Fire Department. They presented a project and are looking for feedback on the plan for new construction of a proposed firehouse. Over the last six months, the fire district has been exploring options to update the fire department to better meet the building codes and update some ADA compliances. The firehouse is currently being used for fire protection and community use. They provided the Town Board with the proposed capital project and discussed the general details, design concept, budget and funding, and timeline. The budget estimate for the construction of a new firehouse is \$12,876,000.00. A public hearing will be held later in the year. The proposed plan for new construction will be up for a public vote by the residents of Pompey.

### **ARPA COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS:**

ARPA Committee Members, Jim Pompo, John Shaheen, Bill Lipe, Bruce Way, and Renee Rotondo have been working on a proposal for the use of federal stimulus funds. The Town of Pompey was awarded \$746,254.16 in APRA funds; \$126,000.00 has been used to date with a remaining balance of \$620,254.16. Supervisor Rotondo stated that the funds need to be spent responsibly and soon, as there is a risk that the feds will take the money back if it's not spent. The proposed use of the balance would consist of the following: Town Hall: replacement of roof and windows, repairment of front door, painting of exterior, landscaping, signage, and concept design for the meeting room. Highway Department: Hamlet banners, 10-wheeler dump truck, and road mower. The proposed use of funds totals \$411,555.00 leaving a remaining balance of \$208,699.16. The Town Board Members discussed that the proposed use of federal stimulus funds are in the best interest of the community.

R-122-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to approve the purchase of a VOLVO VHD ALL 64F300, under Onondaga County Heavy Truck Class Contract #10914, in the amount of \$226,555.94. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-123-23 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Loomis to authorize the purchase of the signs which will be placed in the hamlets and one in front of the Town Hall in the amount of \$5,625.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Town Accountant Jim Pompo stated that the NYCLASS account brought in \$11,521.00 in interest, which totals \$72,640.00 in interest income to date.

R-124-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Carpenter to accept the August 2023 Monthly Statement for the Supervisor's Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-125-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Carpenter to accept the August 2023 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Supervisor Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

R-126-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Loomis to accept the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-127-23 Motion by Christmas, seconded by Carpenter to accept the August 2023 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-128-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to approve the following payment of bills: Abstract Nos. 370-428, totaling \$174,010.96. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Highway Superintendent Way gave a progress report; he stated that the metal roof on the salt barn is about 80% complete. A new roof was put on the outhouse at the School House. Spruce Ridge South Pond was dug out. 2 Chevy Pickup trucks have been delivered. He also stated that the Highway Department oil and stoned approximately 10 miles of road.

R-129-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to authorize Highway Superintendent Way to enter into an agreement with Aramark for the purchase of uniforms for the Highway Department. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

- R-130-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to hold a public hearing on October 10, 2023, at 6:35 pm regarding the consideration of the adoption of Local Law 2023-5 overriding the 2024 Tax Cap. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-131-23 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Christmas to hold a public hearing on October 10, 2023, at 6:40 pm regarding the consideration of the adoption of Local Law 2023-6 to create a short-term rental provision in the town code, including, but not limited to registrations of short term rental properties. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-132-23 Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Loomis to adopt the policy against discrimination and harassment and make it a part of the employee handbook, as presented by Town Attorney Tim Frateschi, and to designate Town Clerk Nikki Reid as the Compliance Officer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Tim Frateschi gave an update on the legalities of implementing a town-wide noise control/restrictions. He shared his thoughts and experiences with the Town Board Members: overall, there are very strict standards and would be difficult to enforce. The Town Board Members are all in agreement; they will not be pursuing the consideration of the adoption of a local law that would implement a noise ordinance.

TOWN COUNCILOR REPORT:

Town Councilor Carpenter gave an update on hamlet and town hall signage project. She shared three drafts that she and Nancy Abbott (Sign Solutions) have narrowed it down to. She is hoping to have this project completed before the winter.

TOWN SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Town Supervisor Rotondo gave an update on the swim program. The State Police are leasing out Cazenovia College the next two years, so that location will not be available for the swim program.

- R-133-23 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Christmas to authorize the Town Justices to apply for the JCAP Grant and to authorize the Supervisor and Town Justices to sign any applications. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ivan Fuller, Route 91: Made a suggestion to the Town Board regarding solar. He stated that the Town should take the next two years and learn from other towns before they make any choices to put up solar panels.

Alma Hartnett, Ridge Road: Thanked the Town Board for not issuing a town-wide noise ordinance.

Martha Viglietta, Gibbs Road: She had some comments to share regarding climate change. Ocean temperatures have increased, flooding in Vermont, smoke from Canadian wildfires. She stated that it's going to get worse. There are lots of solutions, but we need to shift to local energy sources.

Nancy Furdock, Sevier Road: She discussed the capital project that the fire department presented to the Town Board and stated that to tax the specific amount of people in the fire district leads to an exorbitant amount of money on those residents. She said that there are lots of funding places to look at. We need to find a way to take the burden off the residents.

Jim Gosier, Pratts Falls Road: He discussed the request for a noise ordinance. He stated that they are not trying to regulate farm noise activity, just the noise coming from Heritage Hill every weekend.

Debbie Grenier, Cemetery Road: She agrees there should not be a noise ordinance in the town. There is a better solution.

R-134-23      Motion by Rotondo, seconded by Christmas to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid  
Pompey Town Clerk