

## TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and was also live-streamed via Zoom platform. In attendance were: Supervisor Mark Nardella, Councilors Bill Lipe, James Loomis, Diana Carpenter, David Angello; Town Attorney David Capriotti; Town Clerk Nikki Reid; Highway Superintendent Bruce Way; and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

Supervisor Nardella called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for James Ayers, a resident from Delphi Falls.

County Legislature Dave Knapp appeared before the Town Board to give an update on the County Broadband initiative. After doing a massive survey, the County discovered that roughly 3,000 households and 1,800 businesses did not have access to internet. Verizon FIOS had the best package and offered to put in \$7,000,000.00 of their own money to do this project. Verizon has completed the buildout, and all the infrastructure is in place. If any residents are without Broadband Internet, he is urging them to call Verizon and sign up for the program.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Laini Amaritnant: She would like to know why public comment is at the front of the agenda. It is hard to ask questions about what is being discussed at the meeting. She is requesting that public comment be at the end of the meeting.

Deborah Grenier: She is requesting that the Town Board compromise with Heritage Hill regarding the noise complaints. She stated that the music should be limited to indoors only. This would save the residents and the town a lot of money and frustration.

### **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

R-100-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Carpenter to accept the July 2024 Supervisor's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-101-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Carpenter to accept the July 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report for the Supervisor's account. All in favor. Motion carried.

NYCLASS Interest brought in \$11,115.18 this month; a total of \$74,287.55 to date.

- R-102-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Carpenter to approve for the following transfer:
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| SF2-2706   | Grants from Local Government | (\$25,000.00) |
| SF2-3410.4 | Fire Protection-Contractual  | \$25,000.00   |

All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- R-103-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Nardella to accept the July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-104-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Lipe to accept the July 2024 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-105-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Nardella to approve the following payment of bills: Abstract Nos. 352-417, totaling \$124,373.10. All in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Highway Superintendent Bruce Way stated that the Highway Department is in the middle of paving the Pompey Pines. He gave an update on the medium duty Chevrolet that he ordered; it is currently getting equipped and will hopefully have it in the next 6-8 weeks. Highway Superintendent Bruce Way stated that he will be applying for another grant opportunity that is available through John Lemondes office; hopefully he will be able to purchase another piece of equipment.

- R-106-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Nardella to authorize Highway Superintendent Bruce Way to attend the annual Superintendent Conference in Ellicottville, New York, on September 24-27, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

CODES OFFICER REPORT:

- R-107-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Lipe to approve the Codes Officer's monthly report. All in favor. Motion carried.

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

R-108-24 Motion by Nardella, seconded by Loomis to appoint Debra Rapp to the Board of Ethics Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nardella discussed the consideration of hiring a part-time Town Constable versus utilizing the Sherriff's Department. He was approached by a well-qualified applicant who is also a Town Resident. He stated that this could potentially solve some of the issues that the town is currently dealing with regarding the lack of enforcement. This would not only help our Codes Officer, but it would also save the town money. It would be on an as-needed basis. Councilor Dave Angello wanted to know what the Town Constable would be enforcing, and he questioned whether or not the town wants to be in the policing-business in general. Town Attorney David Capriotti stated that the Town Board would have to hold a public hearing to amend the local law as it is written right now for the designation of authorized public servants. Councilor Carpenter stated that as of right now, she does not agree with hiring a Town Constable. She questioned how the Town's liability insurance would be affected. She also discussed the \$2,016.00 itemized start-up cost spreadsheet and asked why the town should be responsible for purchasing these items; especially the handgun. Councilor Carpenter also stated that they should consider other applicants if this position is going to be added. She would like to hear the Town Judges opinion on the matter. Councilor Loomis stated that he would also like Judge Cognetti and Judge Amond's opinions on having a Town Constable versus the Sherriff's Department. He is also trying to wrap his head around what the Town Constable would or would not be able to enforce. Councilor Loomis said he would like to hear more about this, and agrees with Councilor Carpenter that if this position is created, it should be open to all applicants. Supervisor Nardella stated that the applicant that submitted his resume is beyond qualified. Councilor Loomis stated that he would like to hear from the public. Councilor Lipe questioned whether or not the Constable would qualify for benefits.

R-109-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Nardella to waive the town zoning fees for the Delphi Falls Fire Department LED sign. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Ozark Inn AKA The Delphi House will be presented by Town Historian Ruth Hotaling on August 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pompey Town Hall.

Supervisor Nardella gave an update on the Pompey Tractor Pull event that was held this past weekend; \$2,500.00 was raised for the Future Farmers of America, \$2,500.00 was raised for 4-H, and \$650.00 to the Historical Society. The rodeo will be happening next weekend which will help our important non-for-profits. Delphi Falls will be holding their Community Day on August 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

R-110-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Angello to hold the Budget Workshop on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. and Monday, September 30, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Judge Cognetti and Judge Amond appeared before the Board to give an update on the J-CAP Grant. The court was awarded \$5,000.00; they purchased 50 chairs for the meeting room, shelves for their office, and a podium. Councilor Angello thanked the Judges for applying for the grant.

R-111-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Nardella to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid  
Pompey Town Clerk