April 17, 2014

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00pm. All Board members attended.

Also attending were Highway Superintendent; Recreation Director; Building Inspector; Officer in Charge; Attorney to the Town, the Reporter from the Millerton News and fifteen members of the Community.

Supervisor called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done.

Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to accept the Town Clerks monthly report and the minutes of March 20th. 5-0 passed

Supervisors Statement – Coons stated that Ursula Plock submitted her notice of retirement from the Town of Pine Plains Justice Dept. He also said all Board members have their copy of the Dog Control Officers report.

Approval of Bills - Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to pay PPWIA bills #360-368; General bills #369-376 & 378-402; and Highway bills #403-433. Councilman Brenner had a question about the Dog Control Officers bill, Councilman Cooper had a question about the Highway bill and the Ginocchio bill was also questioned. The Board decided to hold bill numbers 391 and 374 and the tax will be withheld from the Highway bill and rewritten. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment – Ken Meccariello representing the ODD Fellows gave all Board members a copy of a letter from their Attorney Rankin and Taylor.

Workers Compensation – Supervisor said we have no price for the Workers Compensation Policy – we will table it to the May meeting and his Office will contact Rebecca White.

Pine Plains Procurement Policy Resolution - Atty. Replansky stated he has made the revisions to said policy and explained the policy. Discussion took place among the Board and Atty. Replansky stated this will require a Public Hearing.

Motion by Cooper second by Coons to hold said hearing on May 15, 2014 at 6:05 pm. 5-0 passed.

Atty. Replansky will do the legal notice.

Recreation Report – Catherine requests that Doug Coons bill for replacing the lock at the equipment shed. Motion by Cooper second by Jackson to so approve. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor said he has received the Agreement from the Lions Club for the Summer Camp to use it at a charge of one thousand dollars for the six week period. Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to approve. 5-0 passed.

Catherine stated that the inmates are doing an awesome job at the ball fields and will come back whenever she wants.

Catherine also asked to have a Sams Club charge account card with her as the only signer. Discussion followed. Motion by Brenner second by Jackson to approve. Jackson is to be notified and he will tell the Town Board. 5-0 passed.
Catherine asked if she should contact Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski in regard to the septic at the Beach. Supervisor said he will call him. He added that we should hear about the CDBG Grant soon toward funding for this.

Catherine noted that Opening Day for baseball and softball will be April 26 at 10:00 am and there will be at least ten teams.

Catherine asked if the letter from the Odd Fellows Attorney is going to be read aloud. Supervisor said no.

Councilman Brenner said there is a possibility of purchasing kayaks and asked Catherine if this sounds like something the kids at the Beach could do. Catherine said yes, and asked if they would be at the beach or the boat landing. Brenner responded at the beach area. Catherine asked if this would take place this season and Supervisor said yes and the rack for them could be made from the fence that was taken down.

Highway Superintendent Report – Heather stated we will be receiving extra money in the amount of $10,865.49, plus CHIPS money in the amount of $91,287.00 for a total of $102,152.49 from State Aid. She said that the training she took at Cornell regarding roads was very good. She submitted three travel requests. After discussion the Board approved on a motion by Brenner seconded by Cooper the requests for Albany and Wappinger – not Liberty. 5-0 passed.

Discussion took place regarding the Shared Services meeting that Heather attended. Heather also stated that no permit is needed regarding snow removal on NYS roads, the crew is busy working and the bank parking lot needs work done on it.

Supervisor said Heather should hold off on changing the locks as the Board is still discussing and working on it. He added that we need to offer a place for mulch.

Heather gave the Board an estimate from Mike George Plumbing and Heating on a B & G circulator. Heather stated she also had a price from Valley Oil – Mike George is cheaper.

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to approve Mike George Plumbing & Heating. 5-0 passed.

Heather also asked if Mike Coons volunteered his time could we loan the loader to Ancram, this would keep the doors open to us borrowing their equipment. Councilman Cooper stated that he does not think that his time can be donated. Atty. to the Town Replansky said the Insurance Company should be checked with regarding coverage. Motion by Keeler second by Cooper contingent on the Insurance and taking a week day off to allow Ancram to borrow the loader. 5-0 passed.

Heather asked for the Board to sign the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds tonight.

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to approve upon changing the wording from “motopav e” to “Item 4”. 5-0 passed.

She also asked where the position of Deputy Highway Superintendent is at regarding residency. Supervisor stated that it is a little early.
She is concerned when she is away as to who is in charge. Councilman Cooper said that she tells them who is in charge and what needs to be done. If there is a problem bring the person causing the problem up on charges. Supervisor said to give the Board a memo on the issue.

Assessors Report – Assessor Scott Chase read the Assessors letter to all regarding the “reval”. Councilman Cooper asked the total reval- Scott did not have that here.

Scott stated that the Bikes and Trails Committee is working on a survey for the sidewalks including the trails.

PPWIA Report – Councilman Keeler gave the report – the water heater has been replaced. Supervisor stated that he has questions for Clerk of the Works Gary Keeler concerning the re-levy charges and the bill posting report.

Police Department Report – All have the report and were told that car 125 and 126 had maintenance done at the Railroad Ave. garage and they did a good job.

Letter of resignation was received from Ryan Lukach from the Pine Plains Police Dept. Motion by Cooper second by Jackson to accept said resignation. 5-0 passed.

Attorney to the Town Report – Replansky said he has nothing else. Supervisor asked about Planner Bonnie Franson. Replansky said a draft of the Zoning revisions should be here by next week.

Building Inspector Report – Things are good and picking up along with complaints. Supervisor said we need a Public Hearing regarding the “Town Centre” changing the age restriction. Sarah Jones said the Planning Board wants to know the Town Boards position on this matter. Atty. Replansky said this is not a Town Board Public Hearing issue it is a Planning Board Public Hearing issue.

Supervisor asked for three bills to be approved for payment Acct. Torchia, Orion and Deb Philips. Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to approve. 5-0 passed.

Councilman Jackson read the Pine Plains Library letter to appoint Cristina Smith-Hedges as a Library Trustee, effective March 17 to December 31, 2016. Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to approve. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Cooper second by Brenner to go to executive session regarding personnel, return to regular order of business and adjourn. No action taken. 5-0 passed.

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Town Clerk

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