December 16, 2010

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30p.

All Board members were present. Also attending were Highway Superintendent, Barry Hay, Atty. to the Town, Warren Replansky, The Assessors, Jim Mara and Rick Chapman, Town Engineer, Ray Jorkowski 16-20 members of the community.

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

Lyons questions the number of death certificates on the monthly finance report. The number represents the number of certificates issued not the number of deaths in Pine Plains Motion was made by Keeler to accept the reports and seconded by Lyons-Chase. 5-0 passed. David had a question regarding a liaison for the Trails and Bike Committee upon explanation of this a motion was made by Lyons-Chase to accept the minutes second by Keeler. 5-0 passed.

Supervisor’s Report-Correspondence-Public Comments- Supervisor Pulver letter from the Food Locker and donation to the Police Department. Karen Pineda to write thank you letter to Douglas Luke for Police Donation. Joan Redman’s letter of resignation to the CAC was read which lead to a discussion as to the new chair being elected. Greg to ask Sean about the possibility of obtaining Wi-Fi. Joan talked to Nan re digital Map and papers past public hearing. She attended meeting re climate change. Scenic Hudson is doing a program to help local towns become Climate Smart. We will try to have a meeting in February and invite neighboring towns to attend. Joan also inquired about the possibility of decreasing the need for salt distribution on the flat area of Johnny Cake Hollow Road. Pulver advised her that we have been using Radar applications for dispersing salt for past 8-9 years.

Bills- Question by Pulver to Jurkowski regarding Mike George’s bill for replacement of water valves. Jorkowski to look into the possibility of getting a refund for the cost of the valves from manufacture. Motion by Keeler seconded by David to pay monthly bills 5-0 passed.

Public Hearing re Local Law #5 of 2010 The Dog Control and Licensing Law Supervisor Pulver read the legal notice and opened public hearing. Lyons-Chase found some grammatical errors which will be changed by Replansky. Motion by Keeler to accept Local Law #5 with changes seconded by Lyons-Chase. 5-0 passed.

Public Hearing re Cablevision. Supervisor Pulver read the legal notice and opened public hearing. Roger Connor from Cablevision Systems Corporation was introduced and opened the floor for comments. Stanley Hirson had many concerns and questions concerning the length of the contract and the service received. He felt this was one of the most important issues in Pine Plains this year. Universal access is needed. Keeler stated that there is lack of local news channels. Couse had problems with the amount of channels taken away and the fees that have to be paid. FCC regulations prohibit Albany channels to be picked up. Keeler stated that he might know someone in the FCC who could possibly help with this problem. Couse stated technology changes too fast to sign agreement for ten years. Suggestion for a
committee to be formed to look into how the Town would be best served by Cablevision. The public hearing will remain open till January 6, 2011.

Workers Compensation Renewal - Doreen Gardner presented her findings on the cost of Workers Compensation Insurance and how the Town can financially benefit from changing the current carrier to Public Employer Risk Management Association Inc. Lyons-Chase motions to change carriers seconded by Keeler. 5-0 passed.

PPWIA Report-Ray Jurkowski reported that 4 to 5 heads fail every quarter and 11 failed this period. Records are kept at the pump house. The chip and radio device fails and he will check with Tye Sales for them to pay for replacement along with the installation as they did in the past. One complaint was received from 27 N. Main Street regarding the work involved with the N Main Street project. The contractor will come back to fix the top soil and sidewalk. He will write a letter to the property owners regarding the replacement trees. They will have a choice of six trees to choose from and they will be planted on their land. Keeler requested that they be planted far enough from the overhead wires not to cause problems as they grow.

Highway Superintendent Report- Barry Hay reported that the leaf disposal worked out well and the Highway Department will be kept open for a few more weeks for this. The DOT will not let the cross walk for the Library be worked on till spring.

Police Department Report all have.

Town Attorney Report-Replansky reported that the Town won the lawsuit.

Building Inspectors Report all have.

Recreation Report-Pulver stated that Les Funk will start Pee Wee Basketball. Letters will go out and it will start the 1st Saturday after winter break. There are possibly two candidates for Recreation Director Position.

Reorganization meeting to be held on January 6, 2011 at 7:30. Motion by Keeler seconded by Lyons-Chase. 5-0 passed.

Other-David gave report on affordable housing. There have been two meeting with the group. A one page survey will go out to the residence. Progress is being made with Anne and ideas will be given to W. Replansky. 

Jack McQuade - Chair
George McGhec - Secretary

Next meeting January 12, 2011.

Trails and Bikeway Committee moving along. Scott Chase set up meeting with Mark DeVale and Kee Salomen. Map was produced. Ideas presented and the possibility for
funding is being looked into. There is a need to prioritize work in collaboration with the businesses in Pine Plains. This is a big project.

Barry Hay will get notice to the newspaper that there is No Parking on the Highway during snow storm prediction.

Motion made by Couse second Keeler to go to Executive session regarding personnel. 5-0 passed. 9:15 PM

Motion made by Keeler second Couse to return to regular order of business. 5-0 passed

Motion made by Couse second Keeler to adjourn. 5-0 passed

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Deputy Town Clerk                        Supervisor

Councilman Lyons-Chase

Councilman Couse

Councilman David

Councilman Keeler