

January 16, 2014

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00pm. All Board members were present. Also in attendance were Officer in Charge John Hughes; Recreation Director Catherine Prentice; Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson; Assessors Chairman Jim Mara; Judge Imperato; Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky and twelve (12) members of the community.

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

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for December and the minutes of Dec. 19, Jan. 3 and Jan. 6th. 5-0 passed

Supervisor stated that we will not be appointing the Assessors Secretary, Planning Board and ZBA members tonight. The Board will be setting up appointments to interview the applicants. Jane Waters asked if she needs to apply for her term is up. Supervisor replied yes.

Motion by Keeler second by Cooper to amend the 2014 salary for the Highway Superintendent to \$48,000. 5-0 passed.

Bills – Motion by Keeler second by Brenner to approve PPWIA bills #21-30, holding #31; Highway bills #32-47 and General bills #48-80. 5-0 passed.

Public Comment – Councilman Keeler stated that on Dec. 18, 2013 a new law went into effect by the State for an exemption for Veterans on their School tax. The School has to act on next.

Recreation Report – Catherine said a family exercise has been started and takes place on Tuesdays from 3- 4 pm. Pee Wee basketball has started and so far has one hundred six (106) participants, and the recreation department is working on a yoga program.

Assessors Report – Jim reported that the “re-val” is proceeding well; they will be meeting with the appraisers. The Assessors are reviewing land values and residential values and are spending extra time in the Office. They are only open on Tuesday from 9-1 and are asking for assistance.

PPWIA Report – Gary not here – George said there is no report, all is good.

Highway Report – Heather reported that Millens picked up the recycling today. The F550 plow broke and we got a new one. The old one went to Millens. Heather asked the Board to look at the laws regarding Highway Deputy, to see if the person has to be a Pine Plains resident and the procurement policy that she gave them another copy of. She said the men have been cleaning up the shop and fixing the pot holes. Councilman Keeler asked her about the tires and she replied that she is checking with Ravenna.

Police Dept. Report- All have the report, John said it has been pretty quiet. He gave all Board members a copy of a proposed E-Justice Operation Policy he would like passed. He explained that Officers that use this system must be accountable for using it; each Officer has to take a test to use the system.

He would also like to put an ad in the paper to sell the old Police car. Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to approve. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Brenner to approve the “E-Justice Operation Policy” as submitted by Officer in Charge Hughes. 5-0 passed.

Attorney to the Town Report – Replansky has nothing.

Building Inspector Report – All have.

Supervisor informed all of the Association of Towns training school and annual meeting to be held in NYC February 16-19, 2014. Judge Acker and Atty. to the Town Replansky will be attending.

Supervisor also said Assessors Chairman Mara would be at the interviews for the Secretary position for the Assessors and then a special meeting to appoint the Secretary.

Jim Mara asked about the Library Trustee appointment. Councilman Cooper asked if there are three openings and Mara said yes.

Councilman Cooper asked Atty. Replansky if we can have the Assessors Chairman appoint the Secretary so no special meeting would be needed. Replansky said yes and he will do a Resolution for the February meeting. Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to so approve Mara to appoint the Secretary as stated. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to appoint Jim Mara a Library Trustee –term to be from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016. 5-0 passed.

Jane Waters – Jane asked if the Planning Board members would be appointed tonight and Supervisor responded no.

Motion by Cooper second by Keeler to go to executive session regarding personnel and contractual issues. 5-0 passed. Upon returning from executive session motion by Cooper second by Keeler to return to regular order of business. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Keeler second by Jackson to hire Heather Wilson evenings and weekends at the 2014 secretarial salary for a maximum of eight (8) hours a week to assist the Assessors. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Brenner second by Keeler to adjourn. 5-0 passed.

_____ Supervisor _____

Town Clerk

Councilman Brenner _____

Councilman Jackson _____

Councilman Cooper _____

Councilman Keeler _____