July 16, 2009

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 7:30pm Councilman Keeler was absent, all other Board members attended. Also attending were OIC Lawson, Clerk of the PPWIA Keeler, Recreation Director Jen Chase, Atty. to the Town Replansky, the reporter from the Millerton News and fifteen members of the community.

Supervisor Pulver called the meeting to order and the pledge was done.
Supervisor Pulver read a list of events that took place in 1909 at this time and stated we have a Centennial celebration for tonight. At this time he presented Moretta McKown Napoli with a plaque in honor of her one hundredth birthday that will take place on July 22, 2009. Supervisor stated that from now and this day forward July 22nd will be known as Moretta McKown Napoli Day in the Town of Pine Plains and thanks Mrs Napoli for being in Pine Plains. Mrs Napoli also thanks all for our kindness.

Supervisor noted that on March 26th, 2009 Christine Finkle of Pine Plains turned one hundred two.

Motion by Butler second by Couse to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for June 2009 as submitted. 4-0 passed.

Motion by Gardner second by Couse to accept the Town Clerks minutes of June 18, 2009 as submitted. 4-0 passed

Supervisor Report/Public Comment/Questions/Correspondence – Supervisor stated that we have had several interests in the old Library building; received the information and application packet from Rebuilding Together (formally Christmas in April) for 2010. He has attended several different meetings - Councilman Butler and Supervisor attended the Town Recreation Committee meeting and Councilman Gardner and Supervisor met with the Assessors and Real Property Tax regarding revaluation. This coming Tuesday Supervisor and Councilman Gardner will meet at 9:00am with the Town Assessors.

There were no public comments at this time.

Pulver introduced Jennifer Mosher regarding the “Community Center”. Jen introduced Ann Cabral who has been working with her on this project - they read their goals and explained what they have been working on. They have been also doing a survey and have received about one hundred adult responses and fifty children responses as to what people would like to see done with/at the community center. They have also met with different organizations to get their views.

Supervisor said that we are currently in the limbo stage with this building – Councilman Gardner and himself will meet with the Library Foundation to discuss doing this under their guise.

Ann said the things wanted per the survey are things for kids and seniors to do and various groups would also like to use the facility.

Councilman Butler stated that he feels this is definitely worth pursuing.

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to pay PPWIA bills #540-547, Highway bills #548-555 and General bills #556-604. 4-0 passed.
Highway Superintendents Report - they have been shimming up the roads (Silvernail, Hoffman and Lake Road from Beach Road to the firehouse) and patching holes that are going to be oiled and stoned. They have done some work and mowing for the PPWIA. They also have been cutting back the brush around the road signs and at intersections and taking down trees.

The bids were opened today for the “surplus equipment” and all Board members were given a list of the results with the Highway Superintendents recommendations of acceptance. Motion by Couse second by Gardner to accept the bids as recommended by Superintendent Harpp. 4-0 passed.

PPWIA Report – Gary Keeler PPWIA Clerk of the Works said they have found about ten (10) meters that are not accurate and they are going to be changed – there was also a software glitch and Ti-Sales came down and helped to do the meter readings due to this – there was also a “road voltage” problem and that is all taken care of. They will be starting the hydrant flushing too.

Gary would like to thank Highway Superintendent Harpp and his crew for the clean up they did for the PPWIA.

Gary has taken his “D” & “C” license tests – he passed the “D” and is waiting for his grade on the “C”.

Gary has received three quotes to clean up around the water tower – he said the quote from Emerald Green will also include raking and seeding for the price quoted. Motion by Gardner second by Butler to accept the quote from Emerald Green as submitted. 4-0 passed.

Gary also has two quotes for purchasing road plates for the PPWIA. Councilman Gardner made the motion to purchase the ones with the lift rings. Councilman Butler would like to further explore if we need to have these. Gary feels that we should not be dependent on another municipality for these – we do not need to decide tonight – would like to have. Councilman Couse made the second to purchase the road plates from American Shoring with the lift rings. 4-0 passed.

Police Dept. Report – all Board members have

Atty. to the Town Report - Replansky said all Board members have the “red line” copy of the proposed zoning. The Board replied they do not have it – they will get it tomorrow. Warren said he is having a meeting with Consultant Bonnie Franson and by next Wednesday the final “red line” copy should be to the Board. The Board set July 30th, 2009 at 7:30pm for a special Town Board meeting, at which time they will further discuss the proposed zoning document. The above motion was made by Gardner second by Butler. 4-0 passed.

Councilman Gardner said she can not foresee a lot of changes- just all things we requested. Replansky replied yes. Warren feels one Public Hearing will be needed as we already had two and we will keep the comment period open for ten (10) days after the public hearing. The final DGEIS is to come from Bonnie next week – a statement of findings will need to be done and then vote on the Local Law.

The Board set Aug. 20th, 2009 as a tentative date for the Public Hearing at 7:00pm and the Town Board meeting would start at 6:30pm.
Building Inspector Report – all Board members have a copy.
Supervisor said he spoke to Building Inspector Drew Weaver regarding a request for the refund of a building permit. Drew figured he has about twenty (20) hours of review on this – Supervisor feels that deducting $1500.00 would be fair.
Motion by Gardner second by Butler to refund the fee less the $1500.00. 4-0 passed.
Supervisor will wait for a formal request.

Recreation Report – Director Jen Chase gave report – there are over fifty kids this week at the Day Camp – she has been utilizing odds and ends from other years and that is why there has been no large order to S & S this year. She said the beach is open – the staff has been really great working with the camp and there have been a steady flow of beach goers. The BOH inspections have gone well and no real goose problem. The soccer program has started too.
At the last Recreation Committee meeting discussion took place regarding the fields at the recreation area – how to better maintain the fields and they want to talk to Highway Superintendent Bob Harpp about this too. They are trying to reconfigure the fields and field space for the best use. She also noted they have started working on the budget info for next year and the five year improvement plan.
Councilman Couse asked about the bill from the school for the use of the fields. Supervisor told Town Clerk to hold that bill and check until it is confirmed.
Supervisor also asked Jen to co-ordinate or find out what is going on with the snack shack at the ball field area so they can clean it out and close it.
Motion by Butler second by Gardner to approve payment for the Two by Two Petting Zoo bill as submitted. 4-0 passed.

Other/Public Comments/Question - Supervisor said it may be a couple of months before any decision is made regarding the old library building – Councilman Butler suggests removing the sign that says Library and painting.
Supervisor Pulver said a new concrete floor is needed in the old highway garage for the PPWIA and he will check into it.
Councilman Couse said we should have the word “Future” taken off the sign at the new Library building/
No public comments at this time.
Motion by Gardner second by Butler to adjourn. 4-0 passed

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Councilman Keeler Absent