

July 22, 2008

Meeting of the Town Board on the above date. Supervisor called the meeting to order and the Pledge was done. All Board members were present. Also attending were OIC Lawson, Judge Imperato, Atty. to the Town Replansky, reporters from the Register Herald and Millerton News and approximately 15 residents.

At approximately 6:00pm Supervisor Pulver read the legal notice for the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #3 of 2008 "Imposing a Moratorium on Certain Development and Uses in the Town of Pine Plains" and opened the hearing for public comments or questions asking that anyone who wishes to speak state their name and address for the minutes.

Buddy Galm, Gallatin resident, Pine Plains commercial property owner – said the Planning Board had three applicants on the table – they were told they had to follow the new regulations – Supervisor said that only one applicant agreed to follow through – they all had choices and only one chose to agree. Supervisor added that applicants have come before the Town Board that has been exempt from the moratorium. Councilman Butler said this only referred to the Seqra Review.

Burt White, Pine Plains – asked if there is a time in the meeting for public to speak. Supervisor said at the beginning and end.

Jim Mara, Pine Plains – added that on a positive note he feels it is essential for the Town Board to extend the moratorium for the Boards to do their jobs.

Supervisor Pulver said once the Zoning is passed the moratorium will no longer be needed nor in effect. He is hopeful to pass the zoning before the moratorium would end. He added Dutchess County Planning approves the Town extending the moratorium.

Laura Clark, Pine Plains – has a petition with approximately thirty signatures on it, against extending the moratorium and would like to know if the Town Board will accept it. Supervisor said yes – give it to the Town Clerk.

Buddy Galm- asked if the Town has inquired about the impact to the business people of the Town this moratorium has.

Supervisor replied that the economy is probably doing more. Galm stated that the moratorium does affect the economics of the Town. Councilman Couse said the Board has to think of the poor people who live here – not just the businessman.

Councilman Gardner – lack of having zoning – how does that make a difference? Galm replied – feel zoning will help, feel moratorium hurts.

Jim Mara – defends zoning for the Town to survive. He used a football play as a comparison to explain the need to continue with the moratorium to finish the zoning document properly. He urges all to remain positive.

Jane Waters, Pine Plains – agreed with Jim Mara and added the businessmen in Millerton all got together and moved forward – maybe that could be done here.

Laura Clark – stated Memorial Hall is a perfect example of the moratorium holding improvement back. Councilman Butler said for absolutely no reason. Clark replied they have put everything on hold and yes it was bought for speculation.

Kathleen Augustine, Pine Plains – supports the Town Board in going forward with the moratorium extension until zoning goes in place. Feels there is no need to mess it up now and stated it needs to be clarified that it does not prevent small businesses from going forward.

Laura Clark replied that small businesses are having a tough time.

Councilman Couse stated that Pine Plains can not have uncontrolled growth.

Ross Pattison, Pine Plains – Commends the Town Board and says we should keep an eye on the ball and pass the moratorium until the zoning is complete.

Burt White – stated he loves this Town and the area- Pine Plains is extremely unique, we need to come together and keep that. Feels the Town Board should take as much time as needed and should not do anything rash.

Motion by Gardner second by Couse to close the public hearing at 6:25pm. 5-0 passed.  
Motion by Gardner second by Butler to pass Local Law #3 of 2008 re: Moratorium. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Butler second by Couse to approve the Town Clerks monthly report for June 2008. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Gardner second by Couse to approve the minutes of June 19, 2008. 5-0 passed.

Correspondence/Supervisors Report/Public Comment – Supervisor read the letter from PPCS regarding the new fee schedule for the use of the school and or grounds stating Section #1 is the most important to us. We will now be paying \$2.50 a mile for field trips. Copy on file of letter.

Supervisor also noted that there are copies on the counter for assistance with home heating and the Town is looking into putting funds away for help too with criteria for eligibilities.

Public Comment – Dale Mitchell stated he feels we all agree that the moratorium is not the big culprit – but the economic situation is very bad and development is bad too – we can't deny that. He added we are in an economic slump and Pine Plains is worse than any other Town around. He feels the Town should appoint an Economic Study Committee. Supervisor stated that we have tried before to do that – he told Dale to get the committee together and we will supply the resources – we have tried it from the top down. We are more than willing. Councilman Butler agrees with Dale about the economy. Dale said he will take on that responsibility. Burt White offered his help.

Dorothy Sprague – asked if the Board has ever considered a Strategic Planning Consultant? Supervisor replied that Northern Dutchess Alliance is out there – he has attended many of there meetings and that the Harlem Valley Partnership has all but dissolved due to lack of membership.

Peter Destler, Pine Plains - stated that in regard to the economic development committee that he would also be interested in helping – should he talk to Dale? Supervisor said yes.

Rosie Lyons-Chase, Pine Plains – stated her son Rory is doing his own cheese business and is selling it locally.

Dale Mitchell – said he is sorry if his comments were taken the wrong way – he wanted to state he is not trying to criticize the Town Board.

Supervisor asked Dale if he knows why the Business Assoc. fell apart. Dale said he does not know.

Jane Waters recommend talking to the “Town Scape” group of people in Millerton and also the businessmen in Rhinebeck.

Councilman Couse added that volunteer help is a disappearing thing – people just do not have the time.

Councilman Keeler – regarding the Business Assoc.: it just fell apart from non-participation from the businesses – they sealed their own fate.

Bills – Councilman Gardner said the transportation vouchers that have not yet taken place should be held and asked if the Insurance Co. knows of these trips. Supervisor will check with our agent Paul Zerbato. Councilman Butler said Department Head or Board member needs to sign the voucher per Town protocol. Board also wants the voucher held for the umpires for girls’ softball.

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to pay Highway bills #475-482, PPWIA bills #489-491 and General bills #492-558- with the exception of the above mentioned to be held. 5-0 passed.

Mobile Home Application - Supervisor said Michael Dam has spoken to the Board of Health and the well and septic will go to Mike’s house – this will be like the “Echo Homes”. After Board reviewed motion by Butler second by Couse to approve said application with the stipulation that the residence be moved when his Mother no longer occupies the same. 5-0 passed.

Highway Superintendent report – Supervisor said he speaks to Bob almost daily and that the men have been mowing and doing storm drainage. They also have been doing tree trimming and shimming road shoulders on Prospect Hill Ext. and Tripp Road preparing to “chip seal”.

PPWIA Report – the meter job is getting closer to being done. Doug Coons has taken over as Clerk of the Works – Board had spoke of truck and cell phone for him – Supervisor has spec for a State bid two wheel drive Ford Ranger short bed for \$10,700 with a full warranty – 2009. After brief discussion the Board agreed to make a decision next month on the truck.

Motion by Butler second by Gardner to approve a cell phone purchase for Coons.

Justice Dept. Report - Judge Imperato is here in regard to the "Conference Room" for the Court. The Justice Court has been given a grant for roughly \$20,000 to do the work to turn the current storage area into a conference room/holding room for the Court. The building inspector said an entrance is needed. Supervisor asked when the grant expires and if we can get an extension. Judge Imperato will check that out. Supervisor noted at this time that the Governor has signed into a law a bill that a single Town Justice may be elected to serve two or more adjacent Towns. (Copy on file) Supervisor asked Secretary Pineda to give Judge Imperato a copy of this letter.

Judge Imperato said that a metal detector has been installed at the entrance on the east end of the building- it can be moved and put at the other end. OIC Lawson said where it currently is it can not be used; there is not enough room to post an Officer.

Councilman Butler stated that it sounds like we are going to spend more than we receive for this project and that we need a cohesive plan before we start doing anything.

Police Dept. Report – All have monthly report. OIC Lawson said all Officers qualified at the range and he has an applicant for the Boards consideration.

Councilman Butler asked about the mechanical problem with car #125. Lawson said it is fixed and was relatively simple.

Attorney to the Town Report – Replansky said that he and Franson have the revised proposed zoning law and they need a meeting with Nan Stolzenberg, Supervisor Pulver, Councilman Butler and Jon DePreter. August 4<sup>th</sup> is a possible date at 5:00pm. Warren will check this out with all and get back to Pulver.

Building Inspector report – all has monthly report

Other/Questions/Public Comments – Supervisor read letter from Brian Gerber regarding the lowering the speed limit on County Rt.83. and said this road is in Northeast. He will reply to Mr. Gerber. (Letter on file)

Supervisor asked Atty. Replansky about signing the lawsuit affidavit regarding the motorcycle accident as his name is spelled wrong. Replansky said pencil in A. Gregg Pulver and then ok to sign.

Supervisor read letter from P. Pucino a crime victim advocate regarding putting a link on our website for crime victims.

Motion by Couse second by Keeler to do so. 5-0 passed.

Ray Jurkowski gave update on Planning Board training and tracking – he checked with other Towns and found the Planning Board Secretary keeping a spread sheet recording these and that copies of training should be provided. Supervisor said a memo will go to the Planning Board Secretary Proper.

Supervisor read changes in Beach personnel and asked for Board approval.

Motion by Butler second by Couse to so approve. 5-0 passed.

OIC Lawson made note that the local Police Dept. and the Sherriffs Office have been working on burglaries and larcenies and four arrests have been made.

Motion by Gardner second by Butler to go to executive session regarding personnel;  
return to regular order of business- no action to be taken and adjourn. 5-0 passed.

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