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Meeting of the Town Board on the above date at 6:00pm. All Board members were in attendance. Also attending were Recreation Director Catherine Prentice, Highway Superintendent Heather Wilson, Engineer to the Town Ray Jurkowski, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, the Reporter from the Millerton News and approximately eleven (11) members of the community.

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

Motion by Jones second by Cooper to accept the Town Clerks monthly report for August and the August 17th minutes with the typo error fixed. 5-0 passed.

Supervisors Statement – The Equitable Assessment Consulting Agreement was discussed. Councilman Jones asked if the price went up and Coons said he did not think so. He added that Assessor Chairman Jim Mara recommends them and is happy with them. Motion by Brenner second by Cooper to approve. 5-0 passed.

He said a letter from the Public Service Commission was received regarding Central Hudson and it will be posted on the Board for anyone to look at. A letter was received from the Pine Plains Garden Club asking permission at no cost to the Town to add the Library garden to their list of activities. Councilman Jones asked if the Town should make a contribution to them toward this. Motion by Brenner second by Jones to approve the Garden Club request and contribute \$200.00 to them for this project. 5-0 passed. Supervisor asked Councilman Cooper to read the email from Robert Balkind Commissioner of Dutchess County Dept. of Public Works regarding the preliminary plan for the replacement of the bridge on County Rt. 83 over the Shekomeko Creek. Cooper feels it will take place next year.

Supervisor also read an email from Dutchess County noting that grants are being awarded in several Dutchess County Towns by the Municipal Innovation Grant Program. Pine Plains is receiving one for "Crisis Intervention Team Project- Phase II" for the Pine Plains Police Dept. training.

Supervisor also read the email from the Little Nine Partners Historical Society regarding the establishment of a Historic District with in the Town of Pine Plains. (On file) Councilman Brenner said he could not find any information on forming a Committee in the minutes and feels there is no need for a committee. Councilman Jones feels there is no down side as far as she can see and is excited people are engaged in it. Supervisor asked who should be on a committee and Jones said it could be put out to see who is interested. Councilman Bartles said to reach out to the Business Assoc. and Coons said also to the Planning Board and put it on the Town web site. Jones said the Town of Ancram could be a resource. Councilman Cooper asked what the time frame will be and Supervisor said by the Oct. meeting. John Hoffman asked who they should contact and Supervisor said his Secretary.

Councilman Jones suggests that the Town sponsor two Political Forums to meet the candidates. Suzanne Ouellette said the Library is planning to do that. Jones also noted that the Town signs look really bad. Supervisor said they were painted by a local artist and the material used was not the right one. Jones asked what to do to fix.

Bills – Motion by Jones second by Cooper to approve General bills #15127-15146 and Highway bills #15147-15165. 5-0 passed.

Public Comments – Jane Waters addressed the Board regarding the budget and Supervisor replied he has until September 30th to give it to the Town Clerk.

Councilman Jones stated we are overdrawn in the Workers Comp. and asked why. Supervisor stated that we did not expect it to go up so much and his Secretary is checking for prices.

Building Inspector Report – All have the report and Drew said it has been an average August. The Property Maintenance issues are all taken care of. Supervisor said the one by Stewarts needs to be looked at and Drew said he will send them a five day notice.

PPWIA Report – all have the report. Supervisor asked if the Factory Lane project is all closed out and Ray responded it is and so is the Rt. 199 project.

Recreation Report – Catherine showed and told all that the Babe Ruth team is the 2017 Champions and that we keep the trophy for a year. She said the Camp had rented kayaks and the bill is \$210.00 and wanted to know if we can just do a line item transfer or is a voucher need. Supervisor said a transfer is fine. Motion by Bartles second by Jones to transfer \$200.00 from the Summer Camp budget line to the Beach budget line. 5-0 passed. Catherine asked about continuing the kayak rentals. She was asked if she had the staff and money to continue this until the end of October and she replied yes. Board said to the end of October then. She also said Flag Football is looking for Refs; and asked Replansky if he received the form for the Softball tournament and he said to resend it to him.

Highway Superintendent Report – Heather stated that the School has requested to use three pieces of Highway equipment at the School FFA Fair again and they have given her a Certificate of Liability Insurance. They wish to use the backhoe, roller and fire truck. Motion by Cooper second by Brenner to so approve. 5-0 passed.

Heather said the Highway Dept. is still shimming roads; she has ordered the sand to mix with the salt and will be trimming and removing trees. She said there is a tree on Bethel Cross Road that needs to be trimmed and asked if we can do it and Replansky replied yes. He will send Heather the information on it. Supervisor said there is a tree at the Library that needs to be looked at too, Heather said she will. Heather also said the Highway garage needs repairs, she gave the specs to Councilman Bartles that Jurkowski had done. Bartles will talk about it next month and will look through the storage room for the plans from around 1995.

Attorney to the Town Report – Replansky said he needs an executive session regarding the Library lease agreement and will need Jurkowski for one of the issues.

Supervisor said he will meet with Diana Woolis and Suzanne Ouellette to talk about updating the Town website and a webmaster.

Councilman Brenner addressed the Resolution made by the Town Board regarding the shift requirements of the Pine Plains Police Officers. He said he is now seeing two Officers on at a time, we don't need double coverage and feels we need to rescind and redo the Resolution. Councilman Bartles said to talk to the Officer in Charge about this.

Town Clerk – said Dawn Damon has given her resignation from the Recreation Committee. Supervisor said we are sorry to lose her and we will now need a replacement. Catherine said they are now meeting Sunday morning. Councilman Cooper said he will check with his son Michael.

Supervisor said the October meeting will be changed from Oct. 19th to Oct. 26th if all Board members agree. Motion by Coons second by Brenner to so approve. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Bartles second by Coons to go to executive session regarding litigation, contractual issues and to invite Jurkowski to join them. 5-0 passed.

Motion by Bartles second by Cooper to return to regular order of business and adjourn no action taken. 5-0 passed.

Town Clerk

Supervisor _____

Councilman Jones _____

Councilman Bartles _____

Councilman Brenner _____

Councilman Cooper _____