

September 16 2021  
Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

The Pine Plains Town Board met on the above date at 7 p.m. Supervisor Cloud, Councilman Bartles, Councilman Chase and Councilman Zick were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, Water/ Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Officer in Charge John Hughes, Sergeant Michael Beliveau, Recreation Director Michael Cooper and 5 members of the public. Also attending, VIA Zoom Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, BFJ Planning Frank Fish and Taylor Young.

Supervisor Cloud called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Supervisor Cloud reopened the Public Hearing for the Zoning Review. There were no comments or questions. Bartles moved to close the Public Review second by Chase 4-0 Passed. Frank Fish went on to explain EAF Part 2. He explained there were no impacts, no increase in density. These text changes would be creating variances, which would make it easier for homeowners to upgrade and conform. This EAF is consistent with Public Health. Fish asked if there were any questions. The Board did not have any. Fish went on to explain Part 3 of the EAF. Fish feels the impacts are beneficial for homeowners. Bartles motion to make a negative SEQRA second by Zick 4-0 Passed. The Attorney of the Town read the Local Law Amending Certain Portions of Chapter 275 and Other Sections of the Town Code Relating to Zoning. Cloud motioned to adopt Local Law 1-2021 second by Chase. Roll call was taken 4- Aye 0-Nay. Fish let the Board know that BFJ will be ready with map changes in a couple of weeks. The Town Attorney will start to work on formatting a Local Law. Supervisor Cloud just wanted to thank everyone who worked on this Local Law. 7:15 Cloud opened the Public Hearing, adopting Local Law for Opting Out of Allowing Onsite Cannabis Consumption as Authorized Under New York State Cannabis Law Article 4. Cloud read the Local Law aloud. Public comments/ Discussion: Councilman Zick said he is not in favor of having on-site consumption facilities in Town. Cloud motioned to close the Public Hearing, second by Zick 4-0 Passed. The Attorney to the Town Replansky explained the negative SEQRA Declaration. Bartles motioned to adopt Part 3 of the Negative Declaration second by Chase 4-0 Passed. Replansky explained that the Town could opt -in at a later date. Either one of the Local Laws would require updates to the Zoning Regulations. Zick motion to adopt and amend Local Law 2-2021 Opting- out of onsite cannabis consumptions, second by Chase. Roll call taken 4-Ayes 0-Nay. Passed. The Town Attorney went on to discuss the Local Law Opting out of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries as Authorized under New York State Cannabis Law. Chase motioned to close the Public Hearing, Zick second, 4-0 Passed. Councilman Zick feels the Tax revenue would be beneficial to the Town. Chase also agrees with Zick. Bartles feels it would be good for the town. Cloud also agrees and feels the Town will lose out completely if the Town waits. Cloud motions not to adopt Local Law Opting out of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries, second by Zick. Roll call was taken 0- Aye 4-Nay.

Supervisor Cloud wanted to discuss with the Attorney to the Town about purchasing the new playground without all funds. Replansky suggested looking over the contract obligation and consulting with the accountant.

Approval of the August Town Clerks Report. Motion by Chase to accept the report, second by Bartles, 4-0 Passed. Acceptance of August 16th Workshop minutes and August 19th Town Board minutes motioned by Chase second by Bartle 4-0 Passed.

Approval of General Bills 18694-18717, Highway Bills 18718-18734, and Water Bills 03067. Councilman Zick motioned to approve bills second by Bartles. 4-0 Passed.

Supervisor Cloud gave her statement. (On file). Bartles asked if Planning Fees could pay for playground.

There were no public comments.

Department Reports- Highway Department- Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich let the Board know the department has finished up blacktop projects, the crew will be finishing up roadside mowing. Emerich asked the Board to approve a broom for loader; there are funds to cover this \$17,651.00. Bartles moved to approve the purchase, second by Zick. 4-0 Passed. Emerich wanted the Board to know that the auction closed in the amount of \$680.00. Emerich let the Board know there is a new hire, Thomas Burns Jr. who will be starting September 20th. He brings 20 years' experience working within the Highway field.

Building Inspector- Drew Weaver read report. On file.

Police Department- Sargent Beliveau read report on file. Councilman Zick wanted to thank the department for their assistance in Stanfordville for the 9-11 ceremony.

Water Department- Ray Jurkowski read report. On file.

Town Engineer- Ray Jurkowski let the Board know he received one bid for the Highway drainage which was over budget. He asked the Board to put it out of rebid. Motioned by Bartles reject the original bid and to put out a rebid, second by Chase. 4-0 Passed. Jurkowski also has been in contact with the contractor for Hicks Hill easement, and has been working on an updated construction for the water project. (From Myrtle Ave to the traffic light and if possible down to Railroad Ave). Councilman Zick wanted to discuss engineered plans for dugouts and lights. There was a brief discussion with the Recreation Department head Michael Cooper.

Recreation Department- Michael Cooper had been asked by the High School outdoor class if they could use the recreation facilities by lake for a fishing lesson, with appropriate insurance information. Motion by Zick to approve class to use facilities, second by Bartles. 4-0 Passed.

Copper discussed the budget, he also wanted to ask for a new line in the budget called Special Project with \$20,000. Cooper let the Board know the Recreation Committee has been working on trying to get grants for lighting at the baseball/ softball fields. Cooper also let the Board know the committee will be doing fundraising for the playground, ideas for a fundraiser is a BBQ and a Gala. The committee received a \$7,000 grant for an adaptive wheelchair for the playground.

Cooper asked to do the Firework show on Ag Fair night. Motioned by Zick to purchase \$5,000.00 fireworks for Ag Fair, second by Chase 4-0 Passed.

Animal Control report was read by Supervisor Cloud. (On file.)

New Business- NYSLRS Resolution. Councilman Zick motioned to amend retirement resolution and add New Town Clerk, second by Chase. 4-0 Passed.

Zick moves to go into executive session to discuss salary and personnel issues. Second by Bartles 4-0 Passed.

Zick motions to move out of executive session, second by Bartles. 4-0

Cloud motions to follow OIC John Hughes raise for Sargent Beliveau to \$20.50, second by Zick. 4-0 Passed

Zick motioned to approve the new hire for the Highway Department at \$24/hr. second by Chase. 4-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to adjourn meeting, second by Chase. 4-0 Passed.

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Supervisor Cloud

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Councilman Bartles

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Deputy Town Clerk

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Councilman Chase

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Councilwoman Jones

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Councilman Zick