

December 16 ,2021
Town Board Meeting

The meeting of the Town Board took place on the above date at 7 p.m. All board members were present along with Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Building Inspector Drew Weaver Officer in Charge Hughes, Water Department Head and Engineer to the Town Ray Jurkowski, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Assessor Jim Mara and Richard Diaz. Also present via Zoom, was BFJ Planner Taylor Young, and 4 members of the public.

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

Approval of the November Town Clerks report, and acceptance of the November 10, 2021 special meeting mins, November 15, 2021 Workshop minutes, and November 18, 2021 Town Board minutes was motioned by Councilwoman Jones, second by Councilman Chase. 5-0 Passed.

Approval of General Bills 18902-18931, Highway Bills 18932-18945, and Water District Bills 3083-3085, motioned by Councilman Bartles second by Councilwoman Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Cloud read Statement. (On file). Cloud also presented the Downtown Revitalization Grant Video for Pine Plains. Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Bartles, and Councilman Zick thanked Supervisor Cloud and Councilman Chase for their services to the Town.

Public comments: Cloud had received 2 e-mails asking to reduce the speed limit on 199E to 45mph. Cloud also received a request from a high school student asking for a dog park. She also read a e-mail for the local Pastor pertaining to political yard signs. Councilman Zick wanted to let the public know the ice rink was not open yet and to please stay off until further notice.

BFJ Planner Taylor Young discussed Part II of the zoning changes. Young explained this zoning change going to a remapping change. He discussed the full environmental assessment. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky has the resolution commencing the local law adoption process for local law. Cloud discussed that the Planning Board will need to review the proposed Local Law, and give comments to Town Board. Bartles motioned to approve resolution with amendment of public hearing date to February 17, 2022 at 6pm at the Community Center Second by Jones. Roll call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay Passed.

Jones motioned to approve Ride-Along Waiver and Release Waiver second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Cloud let the Board members know that the contract with Altice is set to expire in February 2022. The Board wants input from the community, the Board suggested a public hearing. The Board will discuss at the next Board meeting.

Councilman Bartles motioned to approve restated resolution appropriating a specific amount to pay the cost of preparing a map, plan and report for the creation of a proposed wastewater district within the Town of Pine Plains centered around the hamlet business zoning district, second by Councilwoman Jones. Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay Motioned passed.

Department Reports- Supervisor Cloud read Highway report (on file).

Building Inspector Drew Weaver read report (on file).

Officer in Charge Hughes read the Police report (On file).

Ray Jurkowski read Water department report (on file).

Town Engineer Ray Jurkowski discussed with the Board 8 and 12 North Main properties. There was an old drywell at 12 North Main with a collapsed top, also a well-cistern that is going to be collapse and filled in.

Recreation Director Michael Cooper discussed purchasing new wrestling mats for \$7,000.00. He discussed how the mats could partly be paid for by fundraiser money and then rest paid by unused salary money from the beach. Zick motioned to purchase the mats with \$2,500.00 from fundraiser. Second by Jones. 4-0 Motioned passed. Councilman Bartles abstained.

Assessors- Richard Diaz just wanted to let the Board know there are two properties which will be looking for appraisal change and in search of a settlement.

Animal Control- Supervisor Cloud read report. (On file). Zick motioned to sign the Veterinary Renewal contract with Pine Plains Vets, second by Bartles. 5-0 Passed.

Old Business- 1.) Supervisor Cloud discussed the ARPA money needs to only be for infrastructure, the Board needs to make a decision on what to spend money on by April 2022, and the money needs to be spent by 2024. Cloud also let the Board know the funds have been put into a new bank account.

2.) Councilman Zick motioned to form the Beautification Committee, second by Jones. 5-0 Passed.

3.) The Town Board felt that they should wait on the future Town Hall sign.

New Business- 1.) Approval of employees and volunteers the Board wanted to discuss in executive session. The re-appointment of Madelin Dafoe for Town Clerk until January 7 2022, was motioned by Jones second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

2.) Patricola Land Donation, the Board felt it was premature. The Board wants a certified survey of property and the have the Planning Board look over.

3.) Supervisor Cloud wanted to discuss sexual harassment training consequences. Discussion of changing the employee handbook. Attorney to the Town Replansky was going to look into it.

4.) The 2022 re-organization meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2022.

Supervisor Cloud motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal, new employees, Hick Hills stabilization litigation, Stissing farms and Personnel second by Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Councilman Chase motioned to come out of executive and return to regular session, second by Zick. 5-0 Passed

Councilman Chase moved to adjourn second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Cloud

Councilman Bartles

Town Clerk

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick

Councilman Chase

