

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2022

The Town of Pine Plains Town Board convened for their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at the Pine Plains Town Hall. Supervisor Walsh, Councilman Ambrose, Councilman Bartles, Councilwoman Jones, and Councilman Zick were all present. Also present were Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich, Officer in Charge John Hughes, PPWIA and Engineer Ray Jurkowski, and Recreation Director Michael Cooper. There were also 9 members of the public present.

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

Approval of the December 2021 Town clerks report and the acceptance of the December 13, 2021 Workshop minutes, December 16, 2021 Town Board minutes were motioned by Councilwoman Jones second by Councilman Ambrose, 5-0 Passed.

The approval of the 2021 General Bills #18968-18993, Highway Bills 18995-19018, Water Bills 3091-3095 Motioned by Jones, second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed. Approval of 2022 General Bills 19020- 19032, Highway Bills 19033-19040 and Water Bills 3096-3097 Motioned by Jones, second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh read his statement. (On file).

Public Comment: Frank Voltz wanted to wish the new Supervisor and Town Board member best wishes, and was hopeful that the weekly e-mail to community would continue. Scott Chase wanted to have a better understanding of the term limits for the ZBA/ Planning Board. Councilman Zick let the Public know that the ice rink is closed and will not be opening this winter.

Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed the Resolutions directing the Town Assessor to Grant Senior Citizen Exemptions on the 2022 Assessment Roll in Accordance with Executive Order No. 11.1. Motioned by Zick, second by Jones, roll call was taken. 5- Aye 0- Nay.

Councilman Bartles motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Attorney to the Town to Execute a Consent Judgement in the Tax Certiorari Matter Entitled : “Bruno v. Town of Pine Plains, et al.” Index Nos. 2020-52261 and 2021-52967 second by Zick. Roll call was taken 5- Aye 0- Nay. There was brief discussion with the Board and Attorney about the judgement. Replansky wanted to finish discussion in executive session along with Hick Hill Rd agreement with the Highway Superintendent.

Attorney to the Town presented an updated Resolution Creating a Town Beautification Committee. Motioned by Zick to accept Resolution, second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed.

Town Attorney Replansky discussed the contract with Cablevision which expires February 2022. The old contract stays in effect while under negotiations. Replansky will send the contract to Municipal Public Affairs to get feedback from them. Replansky suggested having a Public Session at the February Town Board meet at 7p.m so the community can see the old contract vs. the new with red line. Zick suggested having the Broadband committee present to help with process. Replansky discussed the Public Hearing for Zoning Map changes. The changes have been reviewed by Dutchess County Planning recommended it as Local concern and by the Towns Planning Board and the recommendation was to pass. Replansky also wanted to discuss the Zoning Law to accommodate retail marijuana sales, and to revise small residential Solar facilities. Replansky suggests to retain BFJ Planning to help make these changes to the Zoning. Jones authorize Town Attorney Warren Replansky to talk with BFJ Planning, second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Department Reports- Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich read her report. (On file). Emerich also wanted to discuss the parking issue at the municipal parking lot. Emerich presented estimates on new signs. There was discussion on towing of vehicles, who do not follow the snow ordinance.

Police Department- Officer in Charge Joh Hughes read his report. (On file).

PPWIA- Ray Jurkowski read report (On file). Also wanted to make a request make modification to the

Local Law to Liability of Unpaid Charges, and Delinquent Payments. Jurkowski wanted the Town Attorney Replansky to review and have a final draft to present to The Board. Zick motions to revise the Town Code, second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Engineering- Jurkowski let the Board know that 8 & 12 North Main buildings have been removed. He recommends to leave the caution tape. Jurkowski has spoken with George Schmidt from CPL about the Hicks Hill agreement and want to sit in the executive session to discuss. George Schmidt is also working on cost estimates for water lines. Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper let the Town Board know that basketball will have programs the first two weekends in February. Baseball/ Softball sign-ups will begin next week. Also wanted to let the Board know the recreation is accepting donations for the playground, for \$50 you will get a hat. Cooper also wanted to bring up online payments for registration fees. There was brief discussion on credit card payments. Also wanted to let the Board know the new wrestling mats have been ordered.

Old Business- Councilman Ambrose motioned to appoint Judy Harpp as Deputy Registrar second by Councilwoman Jones 5-0 Passed.

Councilman Bartles moves to accept the revised 2022 salary list, second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed.

New Business- Approval for enhanced upgrade to bookkeeper software for \$2,995.00 motioned by Jones, second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Motioned by Jones to move into executive session to discuss Legal Matter and Personnel second by Bartles. 5-0 Passed.

Motioned by Jones to move come out of executive session second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Motioned by Jones to adjourn second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick