

Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

March 17, 2022

The Town of Pine Plains Town Board convened for the regular scheduled meeting at the Pine Plains Town Hall at 7 p.m. Supervisor Walsh, Councilman Ambrose, Councilman Bartles, Councilwoman Jones, and Councilman Zick were present. Also present were Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, Officer in Charge John Hughes, PPWIA Ray Jurkowski and Recreation Director Michael Cooper. Along with guest Taylor Young from BFJ Planning present via Zoom and 5 members of the public.

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

Supervisor Walsh re-opened the public hearing for the Zoning Map Changes. Walsh introduced BFJ Planner Taylor Young. Young explained Part 2 and 3 of the EAF (on file). Young explained the negative effects for the zoning changes on SEQRA. There were no questions from the public. Councilman Zick motioned to close public hearing second by Councilwoman Jones. 5-0 Passed. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky explained that the Town would have to incorporate the changes to the Town wide mapping. He suggested using the County to provide the map changes. Attorney to the Town read the resolution adopting Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022 Entitled: "A Local Law Amending the Boundaries of Certain Town of Pine Plains Zoning Districts as Established by Article XI of the Town of Pine Plains Town Code, and the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Map Pursuant to §275-5 of the Town Code, and Amendment of other portions of the Town Code." Motioned by Zick at approve with Town Attorney amendments second by Councilman Ambrose Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay motioned carried.

Supervisor Walsh opened the Public Hearing for the changes to Town Code from unpaid water bills and delinquent payments. Pine Plains Water Improvement Ray Jurkowski spoke about the amendments. There was a question about clarification that renters will not be on water bills. Zick motions to close public hearing, second by Jones. 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to accept Resolution Adopting Local Law No 2 of the Year 2022 Entitled: " A Local Law Amending the Provisions of Sections 263-14 and 263-16 of the Town Code with Regard to the Payment of Rentals: Liability for Unpaid Charges; and Delinquent Payments for the Use of Water." Second by Jones, Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay Motioned carried.

Approve of the February Town Clerks Report, and Acceptance of February 17 Public Hearing and Town Board minutes. Motioned by Jones to accept report and accept mins, second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed.

Approval of General Bills 19134-19168, Highway Bills 19169-19186 and Water Bills 003105-003108 Motioned by Jones to pay bills, second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh gave his statement. (On file).

Public comment- Member of the public asked about the agenda being posted on website, if there could be a monthly e-mail from Supervisor, and if the Board has decided about ARPA funds. Supervisor Walsh responded that the ARPA fund is in the preliminary discussions and the Town will be notified when more discussions will be had. Rory Chase wanted to discuss to grant writing committee, to further Town projects, such as the Sewer Feasibility, the new Town Hall.

Karey Hanan wanted to discuss changing the speed limit on Route 199 West, and also lowering speed limit in Town. Councilman Bartles responded that the Town Police has been notified to look for speeders, the school buses now are equipped with cameras which are recording for people in violation of the stopped school bus laws, and the State is the only entity that has the authority to change speed limit for state roads. Hanan also wanted to make sure that the appointment of the new Library Board member Ethan DiMaria was going to happen at meeting tonight. Councilwoman Jones asked to have the appointment added to the agenda. Jones also wanted to discuss the scheduling of the Community Center, that there was an hour gap, and Hanan wanted to mention there is no master schedule, and the Community Center has been double booked. Supervisor Walsh stated all bookings of the Community Center need to go through the Supervisors Secretary's office.

Town Attorney presented a Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Ackerly & Hubbell Appraisal Corp. to Perform Appraisal Services for the Town of Hyde Park in Conjunction with a Pending Tax Certiorari Proceeding. Councilman Zick motioned to accept contract, second by Jones, Roll Call was taken 5- Aye 0- Nay motioned carried. Replansky also presented Resolution Forming the Town of Pine Plains Bicentennial Advisory Committee. Ambrose motioned to approve Resolution, second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Attorney to the Town Replansky also wanted to let the Board know he received input from Public Service in regards to the Cablevision contract. Replansky is going to review and bring recommendations to the Board at the next Board meeting in April.

Department Reports- Highway- Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich, let the Board know that the Hicks Hill Rd project was complete. Emerich read report (on file). Also let the Board know the Highway Department is advertising for a new HMEO following a resignation, and would like to discuss in executive session.

Building Inspector- Drew Weaver read report (on file).

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

Water Department- Ray Jurkowski reported water usage is down to 50,000 gals daily. There were 6-meter replacements, the use of the door hangers is working out really well. Jurkowski discussed with Stissing Farms with adding 6 new water break outs. There were 2 utility mark outs, first water readings will be sent out at the end of the month. Water Engineer received estimates for new water lines from CPL.

Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper let the Board know clean-up day for baseball/ softball is April 9th. Cooper asked for \$2,500 for 24 tons of dirt. Zick motioned to spend money on the dirt, second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed.

Animal Control- Report on file.

Old Business- Approval of the Beautification Committee members. Councilman Zick read the members Kerri Hammond, Vikki Soracco, Carl Baden, Thyer Durell, Jeanne Valentine -Chase, and Susan Ouellete. Motioned by Ambrose, second by Jones 5-0 Passed.

New Business- Ambrose motioned to approve the MVP health insurance for 2022, second by Jones. 5-0 Passed. Jones motioned to approve May as Mental Health Awareness which NAMI will be displaying ribbons in Town with contact information, second by Zick. 5-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to make April Parkinson's awareness month, second by Jones 5-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to make the 2 employees hourly pay increases, second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to accept contract with USDA wildlife for the Geese. Second by Zick 5-0 Passed. Jones wanted to report from the last Library meeting. The Library wanted to know the

time frame for the temporary tank's replacement, wanted to discuss the difficulty with parking and the crosswalk. Kerrie Hammond also reported that the Willow Roots Pantry box was installed, and wanted to know information on the purchase of a new Library sign. Jones motioned to appoint Ethan DiMaria to the Library Board, second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to move into executive session to discuss personnel issues, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to come out of executive session, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to adjourn, second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick