

Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

April 21, 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, Sargent Michael Beliveau, PPWIA Ray Jurkowski, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Camp Director Jennifer Laverack-Chase and Assessors Richard Diaz and Jim Mara. Along with 11 members of the public.

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

Approval of the March Town Clerk's Report and acceptance of the March 14 workshop mins and the March 17 Town Board minutes. Motioned by Councilwoman Jones, second by Councilman Ambrose, 5-0 Passed.

Approval of General Bills 19213-19253, Highway Bills 19254-19270 & 19276, and Water Bills 3113-3115, motioned by Ambrose, second by Jones 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh read his statement (on file).

Public Comment- Matt Finley wanted the Board to consider implementing a food truck ordinance and a noise ordinance in the Town. Attorney to the Town will look into a Local Law for food trucks and draft a noise ordinance for the Board consideration. Rachel Mincoff- asked the Board about the central septic grant and phase II of the Map Planning Report. Jay Hoffman- wanted to get information on how to host a Pride parade in Town on June 26, 2022. Councilman Bartles had comments pertaining to chickens in gardens, and if the Town could advocate for the Community Center to be polling place for elections.

Town Attorney- Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed the cable contract with the Board. Replansky also discussed the Town of Pine Plains Certificate of Designation of a Restricted Highway, for a weight limit on Woodward Hill Rd due to a failing culvert. Replansky would like to discuss litigation in executive session. Replansky also let the Board know he will have drafts for the Cannabis Law and Solar Law at the May meeting.

Assessor to the Town Richard Diaz wanted to discuss the Tax Roll. There will be extreme increases. If anyone wanted to put in a grievance, to come before grievance day. Come to the Assessor's office, or call. Councilwoman Jones also commented everyone is being raised, just because your assessment goes up doesn't necessarily mean your taxes will increase.

Department Reports-Highway Department- Councilwoman Jones motioned to approve the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys second by Councilman Zick 5-0 motioned carried. Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich read her report. (on file). Motioned by Councilman Bartles to approve to proceed with the design plan and DEC application to replace the Woodward Hill culvert, second by Councilman Ambrose 5-0 Passed. Motioned by Jones to move forward with getting estimates for signs and hardware for the new speed limit sign reductions, second by Zick 5-0 Passed. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky is going to get a Local Law for the speed changes. Jones motioned to approve Emerich to attend conference second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Building Department- Report on file.

Police Department- Sargent John Hughes read report (on file). Hughes also let the Board know his department did issue tickets to speeders on Route 199 West coming into Town. Also wanted to discuss parking tickets and fines. Sargent Beliveau presented to the Board body worn cameras and interior camera from Axon. The cost would be \$205 per month for cameras and cloud storage. It will take about a year to get cameras, Beliveau asked to the Board get on the list from Axon. Motioned by Zick to order Axon equipment second by Ambrose 5-0 passed.

PPWIA- Ray Jurkowski read report (on file).

Engineering- Ray Jurkowski presented the Board with Water Main Improvement Projects (on file) from CPL. Jurkowski explained the projects and asked the Board to start with a proposal for design with CPL from Route 199 to Railroad Ave. Motioned by Ambrose for design second by Bartles. 5-0 Passed.

Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper let the Board know the new wrestling mats have been delivered, and the ice rink was taken down. Thanked Jen Blackburn for the grant for baseball dirt. Also, Baseball/Softball Clean-up Day is April 23 and Opening day is April 30 and spring soccer will start April 30. Camp director Jennifer Laverack- Chase presented employee recommendations and wages for 2022 (on file). Zick motion to accept recommendations, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Animal Control- Report on file.

Old Business- Approval of Anne Noone to the Beautification Committee motioned by Zick second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Approval of Ibis Guzman, Brian Timm, Dyan Wapnick, Michael Cooper, Robert Clinch and Jim Smith to the Bicentennial Committee motioned by Zick second by Jones 5-0 Passed.

New Business- Approval of Record of Activities for the New York State retirement, motioned by Zick second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed. Approval of budget transfers read by Jones (on file) motioned by Zick second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Walsh asked to approve two estimates from the Town Park committee at \$680.82 to install cobble edge around pergola, and \$1644.00 for a sitting pad under pergola. Motioned by Jones to pay those bills, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to go into executive session to discuss litigation, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

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

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

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick

