

## Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

November 17, 2022

The Town of Pine Plains Town Board convened for a regular schedule meeting at the Town Hall on the above date at 7 pm. Supervisor Walsh, Councilman Ambrose, Councilman Bartles, Councilwoman Jones, and Councilman Zick were present. Also in attendance were Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, PPWIA Ray Jurkowski, and Recreation Director Michael Cooper. Twelve members of public, and four high school students.

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

Councilwoman Jones motioned to approve October 17 Workshop Minutes, October 20 Town Board Meeting Minutes and November 1 Special Meeting Minutes, second by Councilman Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to accept the October Town Clerks Report, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to pay the following bills: General # 19684-19716, Highway 19717-19735, and PPWIA 3162 second by Jones. 5-0 Passed.

Public Comment- Councilman Zick mentioned that Town Decorating Day was going to be held on November 26, 2022, from 3-5pm, and the Parade of Lights was starting a 5pm.

Department Reports- Building Inspector- Drew Weaver read his report (on file). Weaver also wanted to Board to consider sending out a bid for sidewalk cleaning from 3 companies for hourly rates. Councilman Bartles wanted to investigate the expiration of snow removal contract with the Highway Dept.

7:05 Public Hearing PILOT Law- Supervisor Walsh opened the public hearing. Attorney to the Town explained the amendment he had made to the Local Law with the recommendations from Dutchess County Planning. Lenora Champange asked about the fees applying to the Solar Commercial Law. Zick motioned to close public hearing second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed. Bartles motioned to accept resolution to adopt Local Law 5-2022 with amendments, second by Ambrose. Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay motioned carried.

7:15 Public Hearing 2023 Budget- Supervisor Walsh opened the public hearing. Keary Hanan commented on the Library Budget line, that there no increase and explained why she thought it will affect the programs at the library. There was a brief discussion. Lenora Champange commented on the raising salaries and the tax increase of 3.5% Bartles motioned to close public hearing second by Ambrose. 5-0 Passed. Jones motioned to accept the 2023 Budget, second by Ambrose, Roll Call was taken 5-aye 0-Nay motioned carried.

Town Attorney, Warren Replansky wanted the Board to look over the Cannabis Law and EAF for the next meeting. Replansky also let the Board know he is still in negotiation for the tax certiorari.

Department Reports- Highway on file.

Water/ Engineering- Ray Jurkowski read water report on file. Jurkowski also wanted to discuss water rate changes for the year 2023, also special meter reading fee. Motioned by Jones to set a

public hearing for water rate increase, and special meter readings on December 15, 7:05 second by Zick 5-0 Passed. Jurkowski also discussed with the Board that the Water Department is looking into a new software program with online payment option. Jurkowski wanted to commend the Highway secretary Karen Pineda for a great job getting the CHIPS monies submitted.

Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper let the Board know Pee-Wee basketball will start December 3rd from 10-12, and sign-ups will begin over the weekend. Also, that the ice rink liner was ordered.

Animal Report- On file.

Old Business- Zick discussed the centennial community celebration, and that the Lion's Club is also celebrating 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. The Town is still accepting letters of interest for Assessor position. Also, the position for Highway per diem for plowing, and salting. Letters can be sent to the Highway Department.

New Business- Jones distributed 'Duties and Functions of New York State's Local Government Historians'. Jones explained the Town needs a historian and anyone interested can send letters of interest to the Town Supervisor. Ambrose motioned to accept letter of resignation from David Law from HMEO position, second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to hire Brandon Stoner for HMEO position second by Bartles 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to pay new HMEO hire \$22.50, second by Bartles 5-0 Passed. Zick motioned to increase Planning Board/ Zoning Board secretary pay from \$16hr to \$20/hr. retro from 9-16-2022, second by Jones 5-0 Passed.

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

Zick motioned to return to regular session, second by Jones 5-0 Passed.

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

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Supervisor Walsh

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Town Clerk

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Councilman Ambrose

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Councilman Bartles

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Councilwoman Jones

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Councilman Zick

