

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

December 15, 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 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. Eight members of public, and four high school students. Councilman Ambrose was absent.

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

Councilwoman Jones motion to approve the November 17, Town Board minutes, second by Councilman Zick. 4-0 Passed

Councilwoman Jones motion to accept the November Town Clerks report, second by Councilman Zick 4-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to pay bills: General 19753-19776, Highway 19777-19787, and Water bills 3165-3168, second by Zick. 4-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh read his statement (on file).

Public Comment- Keary Hanan- wanted to compliment the website. Asked if the meetings on YouTube could be in numerical order. Dyan Wapnick- Read letter regarding the relationship with the Town and Little Nine Partners Historical Society (on file). The Town Board responded that they have no intentions of terminating the relationship.

Supervisor Walsh opened the public hearing for the 2023 Water Rate increases, and special meter reading fee. Pine Plains Water Improvement Engineer Ray Jurkowski discussed what the increases were. For the first 9,000 gallons the increase will go from \$41.50 to \$45.00, and from \$5.00/ 1,000 gallons to \$5.80/1,000 gallons recorded over the initial 9,000 gallons. In addition to a special meter reading amount of \$50.00 will be established and charged to any account that requests a special reading taken outside the normal quarterly billing cycle. The purpose of these rate increases is to offset substantial increases in materials and supplies to operate and maintain the Pine Plains Water Improvement Area Water System. There were no public comments. Zick motioned to close Public Hearing, second by Jones. Zick motioned to approve new water rates and special meter rate, second by Jones. 4-Aye 0-Nay Motioned passed.

Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed with Board to start the process to adopt the Local Law amending certain portions of Chapter 275 to the Town Code to regulate cannabis retail dispensaries. Zick motion to approve “RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2022 AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 275 TO REGULATE CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS” second by Jones 4-Aye 0-Nay Passed. Zick motioned to set public hearing on said Local Law on January 19, 2023, at 7pm, second by Jones 4-0 Passed. Said proposed Local Law, with EAF Part I will be available at Town Clerks office, Library and on Town website for public viewing.

Department Reports- Highway- On file.

Building Inspector- Drew Weaver read his report. (On file). Weaver wanted to discuss who will removing snow on sidewalks for violations. There were discussions about the old Patchins' house and Hoffman Rd property.

PPWIA- Ray Jurkowski read report. (On file). Jurkowski also discussed the online billing payment system. The system will have an annually \$300.00 yearly fee, and the 5% charge to users.

Engineering- Ray Jurkowski let the Town Board know inspections of the first phase of Stissing Farms is almost to close. Jurkowski has also tested the hydrants and the results were 1350-1450 in the green. Jurkowski also discussed the bid packages for the dugouts were ready to go out.

Recreation- Michael Cooper let the Board know Pee-Wee basketball is Saturdays 10 am- 12pm.

Animal Control- Report on file.

New Business- Zick motioned to appoint Carl Baden to Highway Superintendent start date December 19, 2022, at salary rate of \$54,000 a year, second by Jones 4-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to hire Patty Koch as court clerk at salary rate of \$16,000 a year, second by Bartles, Councilwoman Jones withstand, 3-0 Passed.

Councilman Zick wanted to inform the Board and public to not go on the ice rink.

Zick motioned to motion to move into executive session to discuss contract, second by Jones 4-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to return to regular session, second by Zick 4-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to adjourn, second by Jones. 4-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Absent
Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick