

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

January 19, 2023

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, Councilwoman Jones, and Councilman Zick were present. Councilman Bartles and Councilman Ambrose were absent. Also in attendance was Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, PPWIA Ray Jurkowski, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Officer in charge John Hughes and sergeant Michael Beliveau. Four members of public.

7:00pm- Supervisor Walsh opened public hearing to discuss Local Law No. 1 2023 Amending Certain Portions of Chapter 275 to Regulate Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Pine Plains. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed the zoning changes for regulations for retail dispensaries (on file). He also discussed the Dutchess County Planning comments. Supervisor Walsh opened the floor for public comment- Keary Hanan asked about crowd control and who would be responsible for police presence. Warren Replansky answered it would be the business owner's responsibility. Hanan also asked about the distance from buildings such as library or schools. Replansky responded the dispensaries shall not be located and/or operated within 500 ft of a house of worship, building containing a child daycare, any school property, a park, other restrictions can be found Section 4 (B3). The Board will keep the public hearing open to incorporate the D. C. Planning suggestions and wait for BFJ Planner Taylor Young to present the Part II and III of the EAF.

Councilwoman Jones motioned to approve December 15, 2022 Town Board minutes, and January 5, 2023 Re-Org meeting mins, and to accept Town Clerks report for December 2022. Second by Zick, 3-0 Passed.

Councilwoman Jones motioned to pay the following bills 2022- General 19811-19835, Highway 19823-19844, PPWIA 3174-3177 and a bill from CPL for \$1,507.12, 2023- General 19845-19855, Highway 19856-19860, second by Zick 3-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh read statement (on file).

Town Attorney Warren Replansky discussed the Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Tax Exemption. This exemption would give volunteers a 10% decrease on property taxes. Attorney to the Town wanted to have a workshop meeting to discuss further, which will be the Monday before the next Board meeting in February.

The agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Pine Plains and the undersigned members of the Town Board, pursuant to the Highway Law section 284. For the expenditure of Highway Moneys was discussed with Attorney to Town. Zick motioned to approve agreement, second by Jones 3-0 Passed.

Public Comment- Councilman Zick received an e-mail from a student at Stissing Mountain Highschool, inquiring about more trash cans in the downtown area. Keary Hanan said the beautification committee would investigate them.

Department Reports-Highway- Highway Superintendent Carl Baden let the Board know the department has been working cleaning up sticks and keep drains clean.

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

PPWIA- Ray Jurkowski read report. (On file). Jurkowski also wanted to discuss the online payment system proposal. There was discussion between the Board. Zick motioned to approve, second by Jones 3-0 Passed.

Engineering- Jurkowski informed the Board that the plans for the Dugouts must be approved by Dutchess County before going out to bid.

Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper informed the Board Pee-Wee basketball is happening Saturday mornings, and the wrestling program is going well. Cooper also received a e-mail from the Stissing Lake Association saying that the work being done with the DEC has improved the lake quality. Animal Control- Report on file.

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

Old Business- The Library sent a letter inquiring about more space usage.

New Business- None

Jones motioned to move into executive session to discuss Personnel, and Building Use, second by Zick 3-0 Passed

Jones motioned to return to regular session, second by Zick 3-0 Passed

Zick motioned to adjourn, second by Jones 3-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick