

## Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

February 16, 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, Councilman Bartles Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Zick, and Councilman Ambrose were present. Also in attendance was Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Officer in Charge John Hughes and Planning Board Chairman Michael Stabile. Seven members of public.

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

Councilwoman Jones motioned to accept January Town Clerk's Report, second by Councilman Ambrose 5-0

Councilwoman Jones motioned to approve January 19, 2023, minutes, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to pay the following bills, 2022 General Bills 19869-19872, 2023 General bills 19880-19899, Highway 19900-19912, PPWIA 3180-3182, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh read statement. (On file).

Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed the changes that have been made to the Local Law Amending Certain Portions of Chapter 275 to Regulate Cannabis Dispensaries Within the Town of Pine Plains. Planning Board Chairman Michael Stabile read the comments from the Planning Board (on file). Replansky wanted to review them and asked the Town Board to keep public hearing open until March 16, 2023. Motioned by Jones the keep public hearing open, second by Ambrose, 5-0 passed. The amended Local Law will be posted on the website.

Attorney to the Town also discussed with the Board the Fire and Ambulance tax exemption. Replansky will have a resolution ready for next month's meeting.

Public Comment- Councilman Zick received a comment from Rachel Hedges with interest of having a Town wide tag sale, with food trucks.

Department Reports-Highway- Highway Superintendent Carl Baden read report (on file).

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

Water/Engineer- Report on file.

Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper announced that baseball/softball sign ups were available for any interest party online thru sports engine. Cooper also let the Board know that he has been getting quotes for dirt for baseball/softball field clean-up day. The Field Clean-up Day will be April 2, 2023. Opening day of baseball/softball will be April 16, 2023.

Animal Control- Report on file.

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

Old Business- Councilman Zick asked about the status of the new town Hall. Supervisor Walsh has started to reach out to architects/engineers. Walsh wants the board to forward inquiries on architects to the secretary to the Supervisor. Councilman Bartles wanted to know the status of the central sewer system. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky said the communication with the Arch Diesis has been difficult. Replansky was going to get in touch with Tighe and Bond to see

if they could get a response from the Diesis. Chairman to the Planning Board discussed what the status of the solar application from Carson power. The Planning Board has received a lot of comments from the public which the Planning Board has been going thru and will be having a workshop meeting. Stabile emphasized that the property is privately owned and the owners are making private business deal with the Carson Company. Stabile also wanted to clarify another misconception that the policies set up from renewable energy are set up at New York State level not by the Town level. Stabile also let the Board know there will be a public workshop meeting on Saturday March 11, 10 a.m. at the Pine Plains Community Center. Also, the Planning Board has set up a Mailchimp newsletter for any interested parties, they can sign up to get agendas, minutes, and notes from applications for the Planning Board.

New Business- Councilman Zick discussed the bi-centennial committee has met twice to come up with ideas for the celebration for the Town of Pine Plains. The committee has historical tours planned, recreational activities, if anyone has any ideas, please contact either Councilman Zick, or Supervisor Walsh. The tentative date for September 9, 2023

Supervisor Walsh read transfers for 2022 (on file). Motioned by Councilman Ambrose to approve said transfers, second by Councilwoman Jones, 5-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to move into executive session, second by Jones 5-0 Passed

Jones motioned to return to regular session, second by Ambrose 5-0

Ambrose motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Bartles 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