

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

March 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, PPWIA/Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Patrol Officer Steven Camburn and six members of public.

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

Acceptance of the February 2023 Town Clerk's Report was motioned by Councilwoman Jones and second by Councilman Ambrose. 5-0 Passed.

Approval of the February 1, 2023 Town board minutes, and the March 13, 2023 workshop meeting was motioned by Jones, second by Councilman Zick 5-0 Passed.

Approval to pay the following bills: General 19934-19962 & 19974, Highway 19963-19973, and PPWIA 3187-3188, motioned by Jones, second by Councilman Bartles 5-0 Passed.

Town Attorney- Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed the "Local Law Amending Certain Portions of Chapter 275 to Regulate Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within The Town of Pine Plains," Replansky wants to keep the Public Hearing open until the next meeting. Replansky let the Board know that the amended Local Law will need to be approved. Bartles motioned to accept to the Local Law as amended, second by Zick 5-0 Passed. Attorney Replansky presented "Local Law Amending Chapter 235, Taxation of the Town of Pine Plains Code to Add a New Article VI Titled: "Tax Exemption For Qualified Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers." Replansky discussed there will need to be a Public Hearing which he has prepared a resolution to hold the Public Hearing April 20, 2023 at 7:05 pm. Motioned by Zick to approve Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Adoption of a Local Law Amending Chapter 235, Taxation of the Town of Pine Plains Code to Add a New Article VI Titled: "Tax Exemption for Qualified Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers," second by Jones Roll Call was taken Aye-5 Nay -0 motion carried. Town Attorney also let the Board member know there is a tax certiorari case he needed to discuss in executive session. Replansky discussed with the Board that the Planning Board is interested in adopting a resolution for Video Conference in the Open Meeting Law. Replansky was going to get information to the Board members, then discuss at April meeting.

Public Hearing- Brett Bernardini the executive director for the Stissing Center gave a presentation on the 5 year plan. Bernardini discussed the Mission Statement, Vision, and Values for the Stissing Center (on file). George Keeler wanted to know what could be done with the property at 25-29 Smith Street, Keeler feels it is atrocious condition. Supervisor Walsh stated he would talk with the Building Inspector.

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

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

Jones motioned to extended Public Hearing on the “Local Law Amending Certain Portions of Chapter 275 to Regulate Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Pine Plains,” second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Department Reports- Highway Report (on file).

Building Department- (on file).

PPWIA/Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read water report. (On file). Jurkowski discussed the bids for the dugouts. He explained the County approved plans. Jurkowski also stated that the bids will go out thru a County Central Services, which the Town will need to have an account.

Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper discussed that the baseball/softball and soccer signups are available on Sports Engine. Baseball/softball clean up day will be 4/1, with rain date 4/2 and opening day will be April 16, 2023.

Police Department- Patrol Office Steven Camburn read report (on file).

New Business- Camp Director Jennifer Laverack Chase discussed on-line payment option for Recreation activity registrations thru the company SportsEngine. The Board wanted to discuss with the Town Accountant Michael Torchia, and have the Town Attorney review the contract. Motioned by Zick to approve on-line payment option thru SportsEngine, after Attorney reviews the contract and the Town Accountant, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to appoint Amanda Zick to the Zoning Board of Appeals second by Jones 4-Aye 1-abstain(Zick) motioned carried. Bartles motioned to appoint George Keeler to the Assessor position, second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Motioned to accept Honorable Judge David Humeston letter of resignation as of February 28, 2023, second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Zick motioned to accept the MVP renewal with vision option for Highway Department, second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Zick wanted to discuss how to get an architect to design the new Town Hall. Town Attorney said the Board didn't need to put it out to bid, just solicitation. Ambrose motioned to hire Brenda Jackson at a rate of \$22.50/hr. to clean the Community Center, Town Hall, Assessor and Building Inspector building second by Jones 5-0 Passed

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

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick