

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

April 20th, 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, Councilman Zick, and Councilman Ambrose were present. Councilwoman Jones was absent. Also in attendance was Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, Building Inspector Drew Weaver, PPWIA/Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Officer in Charge John Hughes, Sergeant Michael Beliveau, and sixteen members of public.

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

Councilman Ambrose motioned to approve the March Town Clerks Report, second by Councilman Bartles 4-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to accept March 16, 2023, Town Board minutes, second by Councilman Zick 4-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to pay the following bills General 19996-20032, Highway 20033-20039, Water 3192-3196, second by Zick 4-0 Passed.

Public Hearing- “Local law No. 1 of the Year 2023 Amending Certain Portions of Chapter 275 to Regulate Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Pine Plains” There were no public comments. Bartles motioned to close public hearing, second by Zick 4-0 Passed. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky read Part II & III of the Full Environmental Assessment Form. Bartles motioned to accept the negative declaration, second by Zick 4-0 passed. The Resolution adopting said Local Law was read aloud. With the amendment to “retail” the Board voted 4-Aye 0-Nay Passed. --“Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2023 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.” Ambrose motioned to open public hearing, second by Bartles, 4-0 Passed. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky explained the tax exemption, qualifications, and that this is a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require an environmental review. There were no public comments. Zick motioned to close the public hearing, second by Bartles 4-0 Passed. The Town Board voted on said Local Law 4-Aye 0-Nay, Passed.

Public Comment- Rachel Minkoff asked about the Central Sewer System. Mincoff also stated other Towns are getting grants for these systems. Supervisor Walsh stated Tighe and Bond were waiting for a contract with purchase of land for the next step for the sewer system. Mincoff asked about other locations. Bartles suggested a meeting with Tighe and Bond to discuss other locations. Dyan Wapnick from the Little Nine Partners introduced Valerie Larobardier the genealogy officer from Schaghticoke First Nations Tribal Counsel. Larobardier explained as part of the bicentennial events, the Schaghticoke First Nations will be recognizing the Town of Pine Plains with a commemorative plaque for recognizing the traditional territory of the Mahican and Schaghticoke Indigenous Peoples. Claire Gunning Library President explained the library is going forward with a petition to have a ballot vote for the library budget.

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

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

brief update about the Hoffman Road property. Weaver stated one of the neighbors wanted to purchase property so that they could get it cleaned up. Weaver was putting property owner and neighbor in contact to work out details.

PPWIA-Water Engineer Ray Jurkowski read report (on file). Jurkowski also discussed the galvanized line from Beach Road to Fabrello Lane, which has had two leaks this year. Jurkowski is going to get estimates to have the line fixed.

Engineer- Ray Jurkowski has provided an RFP to the Board members for the new Town Hall and wanted to have a workshop meeting Monday May 15 to discuss the plans.

Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper stated youth baseball and softball programs have started. Also, this is the second year for youth Spring Soccer. Cooper wanted to thank all the high school students who have volunteered with the recreation programs.

Animal Control- Report on file.

Police Department- Officer in Charge John Hughes read report (on file). Sergeant Michael Beliveau was looking for approval to hire two new police officers, Brent Blauvelt who has worked with Beacon police Department for 3 years, and Dutchess County Sheriff's Office for 1 year. Also, Zachary Alpay which included with his employment a sponsorship through the Pine Plains Police Department to prepare for phase 2 of his academy training. Motioned by Ambrose, second by Zick 4-0 Passed.

New Business- May 15, 2023, schedule a workshop meeting for the discussion of the new Town Hall. Ambrose motioned to appoint Christopher Wyant to the empty Zoning Board of Appeals alternate position, second by Zick 4-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to move into executive session to discuss camp personnel, client attorney communications and bicentennial budget, second by Zick 4-0 Passed

Motioned by Bartles to return to regular session, second by Zick 4-0.

Motioned by Zick to accept the specialty counselors and group counselor pay rate (on file), second by Ambrose 4-0 Passed.

Motioned by Zick to pay \$5,000.00 for the bicentennial celebration and festivities, second by Bartles 4-0 Passed.

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

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

Councilman Zick