

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

August 17th, 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, and Councilman Ambrose were present. Councilman Zick was absent. Also in attendance was Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, PPWIA/Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Officer in Charge John Hughes, Assessor Lynda Wisdo and seven members of public.

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

Approval of the July Town Clerks Report motioned by Councilman Ambrose, second by Councilwoman Jones 4-0 Passed. Acceptance of July 20, Town Board mins motioned by Ambrose, second by Jones 4-0 Passed.

Motioned by Jones to pay the following bills- General 20274-20302, 20318, Highway 20304-20315, 20317, Water 3223-3224, second by Ambrose 4-0 Passed.

Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed a Local Law of the Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York, Amending Chapter 235 of the Code of the Town of Pine Plains, "Taxation", Article I Thereof, Entitled: "Senior Citizens" Exemption. Assessor Lynda Wisdo stated to the Town Board the exemption has not been raised since 2009. Motioned by Councilman Bartles Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process for Local Law no. 5 of the Year 2023, and public hearing to be held September 21, 2023, at 7:05 p.m. second by Jones Roll call was take 4-Aye 0- Nay. Passed.

Solar Moratorium- The Public hearing was reopened. No public comment. Attorney Warren Replansky explained this eight-month moratorium is for processing and approving tier III solar, with the exception for the application in front of the Planning Board at this time, Carson Power. Ambrose motioned to close the public hearing, second by Jones 4-0 Passed. Bartles motioned to accept "A Local Law Enacting An Eight Month Moratorium On The Processing and Approval of New Applications For Tier 3 Solar Facilities" second by Ambrose. Roll Call was taken 4-Aye 0-Nay Passed.

Bartles motioned to open a public hearing on A Local Law Abolishing the Offices of Three (3) Elected Assessors and Establishing the Office of a Single Appointed Assessor Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, second by Jones 4-0 Passed. The Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky explained the Town would move from having 3 elected Assessors to one appointed Assessor. The Appointed Assessor would have a 6-year appointment, with qualifications of age and residency. The Board discussed using a shared appointed Assessor with another Town, also having a Assessor deputy or aide and a data collector. Ambrose motioned to close public hearing, second by Jones. Motioned by Bartles to Accept Local Law, second by Jones roll call was taken 4-Aye 0-Nay Passed.

Department Reports- Highway- Highway Superintendent Carl Baden reported to the Board that all the oil and stone projects were finished. The Highway crew has been doing clean up from the recent storm. Baden asked about the brush pile. Baden also informed the Board the gas tank at Highway just needs to be cleaned up and repainted and will be good for use.

Building Inspector- Report on file

PPWIA/Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read water report (on file). Engineer- Jurkowski explained he had discussed with Dutchess County Planning about allowing a private contractor to donate time and workers to build the dugout. Dutchess County still needs the private contractor to provide proof of insurance and proof of procurement. Jurkowski is going to send out bids for materials to Lowes, Herringtons, and Williams. The Town will be able to use the \$60,000 grant they received for the materials. Motioned by Ambrose to allow the private contractor to proceed with the dugout, second by Bartles 4-0 Passed. Jurkowski asked if the Board would be willing to have a special meeting before the September Board meeting to accept material bids, the Board agreed. Jurkowski discussed the Woodward Hill Culvert. The project would begin April 2024. He felt the only bid received from Colarusso and Sons was a competitive price at \$707,000.00.

Motioned by Jones to accept bid, second by Bartles 4-0 Passed.

Recreation- Supervisor Walsh read e-mail from Recreation Director Michael Cooper asking Board to disband recreation committee. The Board wanted to wait until next month to discuss.

Animal Control- Report on file.

Police- Officer in Charge John Hughes read report (on file). Hughes also explained himself and Sergeant Michael Beliveau attended a Stanfordville Town Board meeting to answer questions. The meeting was very positive for the Police Department to patrol Stanfordville. The Department would start off on a 3-month trial with limited hours.

New Business-Ambrose motioned to approve the amended standard work day resolution, second by Jones 4-0 Passed. Jones motioned to accept Highway Material Bids Recommendations except for propane, second by Ambrose 4-0 Passed. Propane will go out for re-bid. Ambrose motioned to approve fireworks for Bi-Centennial celebration on October 7, 2023, second by Bartles 4-0 Passed. Town Clean-up Day will be on October 14, 2023 from 8-12 p.m.

Jones motioned to move into executive session to discuss Personal, second by Bartle 4-0 Passed

Ambrose motioned to return to regular session, second by Bartles 4-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to hire Randy Coons into the HMEO position at \$25/hr., second by Ambrose 4-0 Passed.

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

Supervisor Walsh

Town Clerk

Councilman Ambrose

Councilman Bartles

Councilwoman Jones

ABSENT
Councilman Zick

DRAFT