

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

September 21st, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Drew Weaver, Animal Control Officer Richard Prentice, Recreation Director Michael Cooper, Summer Day Camp Director Jennifer Laverack-Chase, Officer in Charge John Hughes, and nineteen members of public.

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

The acceptance of the August 2023 Town Clerk report, and the approval of the August 17, 2023, Town Board minutes, motioned by Councilwoman Jones, Second by Councilman Zick 5-0 Passed.

Jones motioned to pay the following bills, General Bills 20331-20367, Highway Department 20368-20383, and Water Bills 3227, second by Councilman Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Public Comment- Garden Club member Nancy Sullivan wanted to let the Board know the Garden club can no longer be responsible for watering the barrels in the hamlet of town. Sullivan came up with prices for water tanks to go on the back of a truck and could be driven to water the barrels. Councilman Zick informed that the PTA will be doing the “Boo Thru” October 21.

Town Attorney- Councilwoman Jones asked with the review of the Solar Law Part III with the Zoning Review Committee, would Committee need additional authorization to start to review Special use permit. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky said no because the ZRC will be reviewing Part III of the Solar Law.

Public Hearing- Senior Citizen Exemption Law. Warren Replansky read the percentage of increase the exemption would be. No public comments. Councilman Ambrose motioned to close public hearing, second by Jones 5-0 Passed. Zick motioned to approve the “Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 5 of 2023, “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,”” second by Ambrose Roll Call taken 5-Aye 0-Nay Passed.

Department Reports- Highway-Highway Superintendent Carl Baden reported that the Highway crew has been cleaning up roads, tree removals, and prepping for the winter.

Building Inspector- Drew Weaver read report (on file). There was a brief discussion about 41 Hoffman Road. Weaver and Replansky were going to be in contact to see if the Town could move forward in cleaning up the property.

Water/Engineer- Report on file

Animal Control- Richard Prentice read report on file. Prentice also discussed with the Board that the Pine Plains Veterinary will not be renewing any contacts for seized dogs. Prentice has contacted a few kennels in the area, and SPAC. The only close facility that would go into contract with the Town was Hudson SPCA. Prentice feels it is too far away for dog owners to go and retrieve their dogs. He presented to the Board some information on prefab shelters which

could be set up at the Highway Department. Neighboring Towns would be able to use it for their seizure housing. The Board was going to go over the information and discuss the idea at the next Board meeting.

Police Department- Officer in Charge John Hughes read the report on file. Zick thanked the Police Department for helping at Community Day.

New Business- Rebid for propane, there were 3 bids. Ambrose motioned to accept Crown Gas at \$1.47, second by Zick 5-0 Passed. Beautification Committee asked for funds of \$1,160 for fall clean up in the park center. Motioned to pay by Zick, second by Jones 5-0 Passed.

Old Business- Zick wanted to discuss the Flea Markets at 8 & 12 North Main. Councilman Bartles would like to have a workshop meeting to get a formal agreement or contract. Jones suggested to invite them to the next Board meeting.

Department Reports-Recreation- Recreation Director Michael Cooper gave report that Pee Wee basketball would be starting. Also had questions about adding swim at your own risk signs put up at beach due to a property being sold on the Lake and will be closed to the public. The Board believed the swim at your own risk signs were not allowed by the Board of Health.

Old Business- Discussion between the Board took place about the language in Police agreement with Stanfordville. Attorney to the Town was going to have it ready for the next Board meeting.

Department Reports-Recreation-Camp Director Jennifer Laverack-Chase gave a brief report about the camp. There were 130 kids in attendance weekly. The end of the summer surveys favorites was the beach, field trips, and the counselors and some suggestions were longer hours. The camp director informed the Board of her resignation.

Zick motioned to move into executive session to discuss litigation and invited Building Inspector Drew Weaver, second by Jones 5-0 Passed

Jones motioned to come out of executive session and return to regular session, second by Ambrose, 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