

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

April 18, 2024

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 Brian Walsh, Councilman Robert Ambrose, Councilwoman Jeanine Sisco, Councilman Kevin Walsh, and Councilman Matthew Zick were present. Also in attendance was Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, PPWIA/Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Officer in Charge John Hughes, Recreation Director Brian Coons and fifteen members of the public. Guest Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago.

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

Councilwoman Sisco motioned to accept the March 2024 Town Clerks report, and approve March 21, 2024, Town Board minutes, second by Councilman Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to pay the following bills General Bills 20764-20803, Highway Bills 20804-20818, and Water Bills 3275-3278, second by Councilman Zick 5-0 Passed.

Public Comment- Kelsey from the FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) at Stissing Mountain High School would like to have a recyclable bid in town for recyclables. County Legislator Chris Drago gave a brief update of things going on in District 19. Stanfordville is looking for volunteers to help build the new SPARK park. He discussed EMS services, grants, and mental health. Drago also let the Town know there will be a benefit to be put on by 4H on Sunday June 2nd at Wilcox Park for a new splash pad. Chris Drago's contact information is chris@drago2023.com if anyone has any questions. Sarah Jones spoke on behalf of Joan Redmond's letter (on file). The letter addresses trees and looking into adding protections for trees subjected to large scale logging. Alice Hanback-Nuccio- followed up with concerns from the previous meeting. Supervisor Brian Walsh said he was trying to get a Town Clean Up day scheduled for May 11, 2024. Councilwoman Sisco discussed clean up on roads for 4/27/2024. To find out more information e-mail j.sisco@pineplains-ny.gov. DeeAnn Campbell librarian thanked the Board for the new lighting and the new door at the library.

Public Hearing- K Walsh motioned to open Public Hearing on the "Removal of the Current Conservation Council Members from the Conservation Advisory Council", second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed. Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky explained the CAC has been inactive for 5 years. With the Town Code this Resolution will have to be passed so that new members can be appointed to the committee. Joan Franzone, current member of the CAC, let the Board know she would like to continue to serve on this committee. Keary Hanan asked about what the CAC does. K. Walsh explained that the purpose is the preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and man-made environment within the Town of Pine Plains. Alice Hanback Nuccio asked if Mud Pond is part of the CAC. K. Walsh said yes. Ambrose motioned to close the public hearing, second by Sisco 5-0 Zick motioned to remove all current members on the CAC except for Joan Franzone, Second by K. Walsh. Roll Call was taken 5-Aye, 0-Nay Passed. Information on qualifications will be posted on the website.

Public Hearing on "Extending Local Law No. 3 of 2023 which Enacted an Eight Month Moratorium on the Processing and Approval of New Applications for Tier 3 Solar Facilities for a

Period of an Additional Period of Six Additional Month” Ambrose motioned to open public hearing, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. Alice Hanback Nuccio asked what the moratorium was for. Sarah Jones, a member of the Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) explained the ZRC is reviewing Tier 3 of the Solar Law and suggested an extension on the original moratorium. K. Walsh motioned to close public hearing, second by Sisco 5-0 passed. Motion to adopt Local Law 1 of 2024 motioned by K. Walsh, second by Ambrose Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay motioned carried.

Town Attorney- Warren Replansky presented a resolution “Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Execute a Decommissioning Agreement and Approve Decommissioning Bond in Conjunction with the Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval for the Pulvers Corner Solar 1 LLC and Pulvers Corner Solar 2 LLC Solar Facility” Motion to approve made by K. Walsh, motion to second Sisco.5-0 Passed. The attorney for the Town has business to discuss in executive session pertaining to the litigation with Carson Power.

Department Reports- Highway Department-Highway Superintendent Carl Baden read report on file. Zick also let the Board know that Rancourt was coming to chip the brush pile this week, and mulch will be available to residents. Supervisor Walsh let the Board know there is no date set for the Woodward Hill culvert pipe replacement.

Building Inspector- Report on file.

Water/ Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read water report (on file). Jurkowski explained that the contract for the billing software has been bought out by Catalyst. It would be \$3,400.00 a year for 3 years. Zick motioned to approve contract after approval by Town Attorney, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. Engineering- Jurkowski asked for permission to publish the Request for Proposal on the New Town Hall on website, newspaper, county. Motioned by Zick, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Animal Control- Report on file.

Police Department- Officer in Charge John Hughes read the report on file. Also, new radios have been installed in cars, all new handheld, and a new base unit.

Recreation-Recreation Director Brian Coons let the Board know Opening day of baseball/softball is April 20th at 10:30 am. The workday was a success, and the camp schedule is almost finished. Coons also explained there has been some cleanup at the beach. With the ADA wheelchairs one needs an adjustment to the brake, and a liability form will be needed to borrow the wheelchairs like the kayaks.

Old Business- Sisco wanted to follow up on the job watering the flower barrels and estimates from Down to Earth for fall and spring clean up at the park and community center. Supervisor Walsh said that Robert Couse from grounds and maintenance can do the fall and spring clean-up for the park and community center. Sisco asked if Mr. Couse had knowledge of the plants in the town park. K. Walsh suggested that Mr. Couse “shadow” Down to Earth for this year’s spring clean-up. Sisco motioned to hire Down to Earth for Spring and Fall clean up for \$2,854.50, second by K. Walsh 4- Aye 1-Nay (B. Walsh) Community Center clean-up was discussed to have the driveway cleared, fence fixed, and garden set up and maintained. The Board would like a bid to be written up and sent out for the work. K. Walsh said the sewer committee will be discussed at the next meeting. Zick would like to investigate a new Food Truck Law and a one-day peddler’s permit.

New Business- Zick discussed the sidewalk plan with the sidewalk grant. A new application for the permit for a crosswalk will need to be submitted to NYSDOT. Sisco asked if a sidewalk grant could be used to make park sidewalk ADA compliant. Supervisor Walsh said there was just enough to complete the grant without any additions. Sisco discussed getting a pro-housing certification for grant, tri-town coalition monthly meetings, and the Little Nine Partners streetlamp to be looked at by Ginocchio Electric.

Zick motioned to move into executive session with the Attorney to the Town to discuss litigation, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

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

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

Supervisor: Brian Walsh

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