

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

September 19, 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, Councilman Matthew Zick, Councilwoman Jeanine Sisco and Councilman Kevin Walsh were present. Also in attendance was Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, PPWIA/ Engineer Ray Jurkowski, Corporal Steven Camburn, Recreation Director Brian Coons and ten members of the public.

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

Councilman Ambrose motioned to accept the August 2024 Town Clerks report, approve August 15, 2024, Town Board minutes, second by Councilman K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

The 2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Town Board.

Councilman Zick motioned to pay the following bills General Bills 21090-21106,21108-21142 and 21157, Highway Bills 21143-21156, Water Bills 3312-3316, except for the fireworks bill, second by K Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Public Comment- Supervisor Walsh thanked the volunteers at Town Clean-up Day. Councilman Ambrose thanked Liberta for the donations of the dumpsters, and explained the Town is only charged for the waste. Councilwoman Jeanine Sisco thanks FOSL (Friends of Stissing Landmarks) for putting the American Flag on the tower on September 11th. Sisco also mentioned FFA Ag Day will be held October 12, 2024. Frank Voltz (Woodward Hill Rd) wanted to commend the Highway Department for the job done on Woodward Hill culvert replacement. Robert Burden (Pine Street) wanted to ask the Board if it is possible to close Pine and Maple Street to vehicles on Halloween night. Councilman Zick wanted to send out a survey to the neighborhood. Betty Abrams (Myrtle St) wanted to ask about the update on Accessory Dwelling Units.

Departments Report- Highway Superintendent Carl Baden read report on file. Baden asked for approval to provide two “Blind Pedestrian Area” on Meusel Road motioned by Zick, second by Sisco 5-0 Passed. Supervisor Walsh motioned to accept bid from Mark Hay to fix the garage door at the Highway Garage for \$10,000.00 second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Attorney to the Town- Warren Replansky presented Resolution “Accepting a Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025 Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c for Commencement of the Local Law Adoption Process” with a public hearing set for October 17, 2024, at 7 pm. Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay Passed.

Departments Report- Building Inspector- Report on file.

PPWIA/Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read water report on file. Ambrose motioned to approve purchase of pump and replacement at the maximum of \$15,000, second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Animal Report- On file.

Police Department- Corporal Camburn read report (on file).

Recreation- Recreation Director Brian Coons let the Board know that a inventory has been

completed at the beach. Coons also thanks Dan Brooks for helping aerate the baseball/softball fields.

Old Business- K. Walsh gave an update on the wastewater committee, the committee is going to pursue the quadrant design, it is less expensive and like a household septic. The next steps would be to decide either to have a wastewater district or corporation, then a design and property. Supervisor Walsh read the fuel oil bids (on file) from Valley Energy and Crown Gas. Ambrose motioned to accept Crown Gas \$.99 per gal, HO \$2.35, second by Sisco 5-0 Passed. Supervisor Walsh read the bids received for the clean-up and maintenance of the Community Center from Tierney Lawn and Landscaping, and LN Pro Services (on file). Zick motioned to not accept either bid, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. Councilwoman Sisco wanted to follow up with the information for the Town to become a Pro Housing. Sisco informed the Board the Beautification Committee is looking for members. The Garden Club will be decorating the buckets in Town for fall on Tuesday in the morning they are looking for volunteers. Sisco discussed the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) grant. Dutchess County decided not to apply for the grant. The Tri-Town Coalition is trying to work with the Hudson River Housing non-profit to be able to allow Towns to apply for the grant. The Town Board discussed the library sign installation and the New Town Hall meeting with La Bella will start in December.

New Business-Zick motioned to hire Bruce Meglio for the HMEO position at \$26/hr, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed The Planning Board is looking for 2 alternates, anyone interested can contact the Planning Board at planningboard@pineplains-ny.gov. Sisco wanted to make sure the budget had a line for a grant writer. K. Walsh discussed the CAC budget line. Sisco is planning on attending an informational meeting on October 7 about New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative. K. Walsh discussed the fireworks bill of \$20,000 for the FFA Ag Day. K Walsh is against spending the money, he feels it is too much money to spend. Sisco asked about what budget lines the monies were coming from. Supervisor Walsh said the money will be coming out of the celebration line, recreation line and general fund. Ambrose motioned to purchase the fireworks for \$20,000, second by Zick, 3-Aye 1-Nay (K. Walsh) 1-abstain (J. Sisco)

Sisco motioned to move into executive session and to invite Attorney to the Town, Corporal Camburn, seconded by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to move back to regular session, seconded by Sisco 5-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to adjourn, seconded by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor: Brian Walsh

Councilman: Matt Zick

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