

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

October 17, 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, Corporal Steven Camburn, Recreation Director Brian Coons and six members of the public.

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

Councilman Ambrose motioned to accept the September 2024 Town Clerks report, and approve September 19, 2024, Town Board minutes, second by Councilman K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

K. Walsh motioned to pay the following bills General Bills 21159-21164, 21167-21205 & 21224, Highway Bills 21206-21223, 21160-21190, and Water Bills 3317-3319, and Lighting district 21168 second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Town Attorney Warren Replansky discussed the *Resolution Releasing the Site Improvement Performance Bond for Stissing Farm Town Homes LLC*. This resolution would release the bond payment of \$368,00 to Stissing Farm Town Homes. K Walsh motioned to approve, second by Zick. Roll Call was taken 5- Aye 0-Nay. Warren Replansky discussed the *Resolution Approving the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements Between the Town of Pine Plains and Pulvers Corner Solar 1 LLC and Pulvers Corner Solar 2 LLC*. The Town negotiated two PILOT Agreements for a 15-year period commencing with \$6,250.00 payment in the first year and gradually increasing by 2% per annum to \$8,246.74 in the 15th year. Ambrose motioned to approve resolution, second by Sisco. Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay. Attorney of the town discussed the *Resolution Requesting the New York State Department of Transportation and Dutchess County Department of Public Works to Lower the Speed Limit on Hammertown Road, Finkle Road, Skunks Misery Road, Tripp Road and Woodward Hill Road*. This Resolution would allow the Town Board request that the New York State Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit on Hammertown Rd, Finkle Rd, Skunk Misery Rd, and Woodward Hill Rd from 55 mph to 30 mph. Motioned by Sisco to approve, second by Ambrose, Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay. Attorney to the Town needs to discuss

Public Hearing- *A Local Law Override of the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025 Pursuant to General Municipal Law*. Supervisor Walsh read the Local Law aloud and explained that the current tentative budget will not exceed the tax cap. Alice Hanback Nuccio asked about what the tax cap would be if this Local Law was implemented. The Attorney to the Town explained that most municipalities approve this Local Law in case the tax cap in higher than 2%, and if the budget does not exceed the tax cap of 2% then the Local Law is abolished. Ambrose motioned to close public comment, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. Roll Call was taken to approve Local Law No. 2 of the year 2024, 5-Aye 0-Nay Passed.

Public Comment- Councilwoman Sisco thanked the Garden Club and the Beautification Committee for the fall barrels in town. Sisco gave a brief statement about the Community Garden and what they do. Gail Mellow- discussed the following issues with the budget process, grouping each department, comparing to actual numbers instead of previous budget, and not

having a budget schedule for community input. Alice Hanback Nuccio- Would like to see a more descriptive agenda with items being discussed and a newsletter from Supervisor.

Department Reports- Highway Superintendent Carl Baden read report on file. Baden presented the Board with a quote from Hudson River Truck & Trailer for a new Downeaster Sander for the 550 in the amount of \$9,030.00. Motioned to approve purchase by Zick, seconded by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Building Inspector- Report on file

Water/ Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read Water report (on file). Jurkowski asked to have the following resolution approved for delinquent accounts *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEVY OF UNPAID AND DELIQUENT WATER USE CHARGES OF THE PINE PLAINS WATER IMPROVEMENT AREA ON THE 2025 PROPERTY TAX BILLS* Motioned to approve the resolution by K. Walsh Second by Zick 5-0 Passed

Police Department- Corporal Camburn read report on file.

Recreation- Recreation Director Brian Coons discussed briefly that the current lifeguards get \$3.00 to \$4.00 less then others in area. Inventory has been finished for the Camp and Beach. Basketball sign ups are open for ages K-6th grade. Also, adult basketball has started for both men and woman.

Old Business- Sisco read the results from the survey that was put out to close Pine and Maple for Halloween. Out of 73 responses 61 responses said yes and 12 said no. C. Baden said he was worried about being accessible for the handicap. Ambrose suggested making it a one way for the hours 6pm to 10 pm. K. Walsh motioned to make Pine and Maple a one way on Halloween evening, second by Zick 5-0 Passed. Highway Department will put up signs for the one-way. Zick asked about the progress with LaBella, Supervisor Walsh said the Board will meet with them after the Budget. Budget- Tentative Supervisor Walsh went through what lines were going to increase and what lines were decreasing (on file). K. Walsh motioned to accept the Tentative as the Primary Budget, seconded by Sisco 5-0 Passed. \$1,671,850.25 to be raised.

New Business- Sisco motioned for the approval of two new members of the beautification committee Elana Meccariello and Alex Athanasiadis, seconded by Zick 5-0 Passed. The Zoning Review Committee will be putting out a survey for the public about short term rentals. K. Walsh let the Board know that Darrah Cloud has resigned from the wastewater committee and is accepting a new member. Supervisor Walsh asked for Journal transfer \$190.14 from the safety inspection line to the Justice CE line, motioned to approve transfer by Ambrose- seconded by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to move the Regular scheduled meeting from Thursday November 21 to Wednesday November 20th at 7pm, seconded by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to hold a public hearing on Wednesday the 20th at 7:05 pm for Preliminary Budget, seconded by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Ambrose motioned to move into executive session to discuss litigation and invite Attorney Warren Replansky, PPWIA Ray Jurkowski, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to return to regular session, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

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

-SUPERVISOR WALSH

-COUNCILMAN K. WALSH

-COUNCILMAN AMBROSE

-COUNCILMAN ZICK

-COUNCILWOMAN SISCO