

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

November 20, 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 Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, Officer in Charge John Hughes, Recreation Director Brian Coons and three members of the public.

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

Councilman Ambrose motioned to accept the October 2024 Town Clerks report, and approve October 15, 2024, Workshop minutes and the October 17, 2024, Town Board minutes, second by Councilman K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Councilman Zick motioned to pay the following bills General Bills 21238-21277, Highway Bills 21278-21296, and Water Bills 3323-3327, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh opened the public hearing for the 2025 Budget.

Public Comments-Carl Baden wanted to discuss the trees for Town Decorating Day. They received 84 trees, and the public is concerned with how little they are. Between the dry season and farms able to produce a certain amount of trees each year, they are on the smaller size. Councilwoman Sisco wanted to thank Carl Baden, Ibis Guzman, and the volunteers who set up the trees. Sisco also thanked Jessica Madden for giving 2 presentations on Mental Health.

Department Reports- Highway Superintendent Carl Baden read report on file. Baden also discussed Zwack Inc reached out there is another delay in the building of the new truck. Zwack wants the Town to pre-pay for the body and equipment that they will install when they receive the truck. Supervisor Walsh said the truck will be paid for by a bond and doesn't want to pay interest on the truck before the Town receives it.

Building Inspector- Report on file.

Police Department- Officer in Charge John Hughes read report (on file).

Animal Control- Report on file.

CAC- Chairwoman Gail Mellow gave a brief update on the research of the Natural Resource Inventory.

Recreation- Recreation Director Brian Coons gave update on basketball and that an equipment inventory has been completed for the beach and the Camp. Zick motioned to accept Recreation Assistant and Camp Director Andy Anderson resignation, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Public Comment- Vikki Soracco expressed concern for the local parks during the burn ban.

Old Business- Budget 2025- There were no public comments. K. Walsh motioned to close the public hearing, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to accept the preliminary budget as the final 2025 budget, second by Zick 5-0 Passed. Sisco discussed the composting grant from Dutchess County and the Accessory Dwelling Unit grant.

New Business- Sisco discussed a letter from Ann Noone regarding a shredding truck. Zick said the Lions Club will have a shredding day in the future. Sisco would like to have tent signs for potential crosswalks in Town. Ambrose said the Town would need to get approval from the Department of Transportation and the County. Zick motioned to conduct a search to hire a grant writer, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. The Board discussed the ground and maintenance

position. The Board would like to have a workshop meeting to discuss the task and standards of the position.

Zick motioned to move into executive session to discuss personnel and invite Recreation Director Brian Coons, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

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

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

Supervisor: Brian Walsh

Councilman: Matt Zick

Councilman: Robert Ambrose

Councilwoman: Jeanine Sisco

Councilman: Kevin Walsh