

## Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

December 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, Councilwoman Jeanine Sisco, Councilman Kevin Walsh, and Councilman Matthew Zick were present. Also in attendance were Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, PPWIA Ray Jurkowski, Officer in Charge John Hughes, Recreation Director Brian Coons, Planning Board Chair Michael Stabile, Assessor Sara Foglia and fourteen members of the public.

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

Councilman K. Walsh motioned to accept the November 2024 Town Clerks report, and accept and the November 20, 2024, Town Board minutes, second by Councilman Zick 5-0 Passed.

Councilman Ambrose motioned to pay the following bills General Bills 21307-21337& 21339-21340, Highway Bills 21341-21350, and Water Bills 3331-3336, second by Zick 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor Walsh read the Supervisor Statement. (On file).

Town Attorney- Attorney to the Town discussed with the Board how to proceed with the purchase of the 4x4 Cab & Chassis Highway Truck with Plow and Spreader with related Equipment. Motioned by K. Walsh to approve “A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a Statutory Installment Bond of the Town of Pine Plains Dutchess County, New York, to Pay the Cost of Acquisition of Highway Equipment for said Town, to Wit: 2025 International Model HV507 4x4 Cab & Chassis Highway Truck with Plow and Spreader with Related Equipment” second by Zick Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay Passed. Sisco motioned to approve “A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$138,995 from the Town Highway Fund for Purchase of Equipment in Conjunction with the Town’s Purchase of 2025 International Highway Truck Model HV 507 4x4 Cab & Chassis with Plow and Spreader with Related Equipment” second by Ambrose Roll Call was taken 5-Aye 0-Nay Passed. Ambrose motioned to approve “A Resolution Appointing the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to Attend the Annual Business Meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York for the Purpose of Electing the President, Five Vice Presidents and Voting on the Association’s Legislative Platform for 2025” second by Zick 5-0 Passed. The attorney for the Town discussed extending the solar moratorium for an additional six months to implement the recommendations from the Zoning Review Committee. K. Walsh motioned to approve “resolution Further 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 Eight Months and Local Law No. A of 2024 which Extended the Moratorium for an Additional Six Months, For and Additional Period of Six Months” second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed. The Public Hearing will be on January 16, 2025, at 7:05 pm. Warren Replansky Attorney to the Town needs to discuss contractual issues in executive session with Planning Board chair Michael Stabile. Replansky also let the Board know he will have a Local Law for the removal of double utility poles in the Town of Pine Plains.

Public Comment-Elena Meccariello spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee, they would like to purchase garbage cans for the park in the center of Town. The Board said to present 3 different cans at the January Board Meeting. K. Walsh wants to address the subject of Peck’s Supermarket in Town, that recently has been going downhill and unable to convince the

entity to do something better. K. Walsh has spoken to Brad Mitchell multiple times and presented Brad Mitchell. Brad Mitchell talked about potentially putting a new Supermarket by Stewarts on Dale Mitchell's property. Mitchell feels the zoning presents an issue in the Hamlet-Main Street. Chairman Michael Stabile explained the process for the potential new Supermarket. They would have to go in front of the Planning Board, the Planning Board would then tell the applicant the process they should follow. PB Chair Stabile said there has been no applications for a Supermarket. Sisco reiterated that the potential business would have to have a preliminary meeting with the Planning Board, get approval from the Zoning Board and then move forward, the Town Board does not have role in that process. Gail Mellow spoke about economic development for the Town, and that the Town Board should have input for what is most viable with the economy.

Department Reports- Highway-Highway Superintendent Carl Baden read report on file. Baden also discussed with the Board about getting the brush pile removed. Baden also gave an update on the garage door; it will be finished by next month.

Building Inspector- Report on file.

Water/Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read report on file.

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

Animal Control- Report on file.

Recreation- Recreation Director Brian Coons gave an update. The Beach Director Jen Blackburn took down the metal swing set as per the insurance company. The flagpole will be replaced by the Pine Plains VFW. Basketball needs volunteers for refereeing on Saturdays. The Summer Camp director's job has been posted and anyone who is interested apply with the Supervisors Secretary.

CAC- Chair Gail Mellows read committee update (on file).

Ambrose motioned to move into executive session to discuss regulations and invite Assessor Sara Foglia and Attorney to the Town, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. Zick motioned to return to regular session, second by Ambrose 5-0 Passed. Ambrose motioned to move into executive session to discuss regulations and invite Assessor Foglia, Attorney Replansky, and Deputy Supervisor Smith second by Zick 3- Aye 2 Nay (Sisco, K. Walsh) Passed. Ambrose motioned to return to regular session, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Old Business-Supervisor Walsh gave an update on the December 11, 2024, special meeting with LaBella. They will be beginning with a laser measurement of the current Town Hall then talk with Department heads. K. Walsh gave an update on the Wastewater committee, the committee mailed out a letter of interest to residents in the Southeast quadrant. Sisco discussed the Pro-housing Certification, which would give the Town options for grants. Ambrose motioned to approve letter for ADUs in the Town of Pine Plains, second by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed.

New Business-Ambrose motioned to approve Comp Alliance for worker's compensation for 2025, second by Zick 5-0 Passed. K. Walsh would like to make it Local Law to have the Deputy Supervisor be a member of the Town Board. Motioned to approve was made by K. Walsh, second by Sisco 3-Aye, 2-Nay (B. Walsh, Ambrose). Sisco discussed the Beautification Co-Chairs Elana Meccariello and Vikki Soracco met with Town Scape a non for profit in Millerton. Sisco also discussed Choice Words LLC grant writers and will have more information at the next Board meeting. The Re-Organizational Meeting will be held on January 2, 2025, at 7pm.

Adjourn-Zick motioned to move into executive session to discuss legal matters and contractual, and to invite Warren Replansky, Michael Stabile Sarah Foglia, and Jim Smith, seconded by Ambrose 5-0 Passed.

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

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