

Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

February 20, 2025

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, Councilwoman Jeanine Sisco, Councilman Walsh, and Councilman Matthew Zick were present. Councilman Robert Ambrose was absent. 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 nineteen members of the public.

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

Councilman Walsh motioned to accept the January 2025 Town Clerk's report, and approve the January 2, 2025, Re-org meeting, and the January 16, 2025, Town Board minutes, second by Councilwoman Sisco 4-0 Passed.

Councilman Zick motioned to pay the following: General Bills 21416-21448, and Highway 21449-21462 and Water Bills 3345-3352 second by Sisco 3-0 Passed.

Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky discussed the LaBella contract and would like to have Ray Jurkowski review the contract. Zick motioned to have Ray Jurkowski review the LaBella contract, seconded by K. Walsh 4-0 Passed. Replansky would like to go into Attorney Client to discuss the Deputy Supervisor.

Public Comment- Councilman Zick announced that the Lion's Club will be holding a Defensive Driving Course on March 22, 2025, the cost is \$38.00. The ice rink has been open, keep checking the Facebook page for updates. Gail Mellow asked the Board about the subjects of executive sessions.

Department Reports- Highway- Highway Superintendent Carl Baden read report on file.

Building Inspector- Supervisor read report. On file.

PPWIA/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 stated the Youth Hoops Finals was a success, spring softball and baseball sign-ups are live. The Recreation Department is looking to hire a camp director.

CAC- Gail Mellows said the committee has the minutes posted for public viewing.

Beautification- Elana Meccariello, the co-chair, gave an update, the committee is finalizing the mission statement and would like to have a link on the Town website. The committee would like to set up the new garbage recitals at the end of March.

Old Business- Councilwoman Sisco discussed the Accessory Dwelling Unit grant and the Hudson River Housing who has applied for the grant with multiple towns. Zick motioned to approve Resolution Accepting Proposed Local Law A of 2025 Titled "Exemption for the Creation of Accessory Dwelling Units Pursuant to §421-p of the New York State Real Property Tax Law" for purpose of Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process, seconded by Sisco 4-0 Passed The Public hearing will be held March 20, 2025 at 7:05pm. Sisco discussed the benefits for the Town becoming Pro Housing Certified.

New Business- Sisco and Walsh gave an update about attending the Association of Towns conference in New York City. Zick motioned to hire Rich Johnson Jr to the Highway Laborer/Groundskeeper position starting on March 24th at the pay rate of \$47,000, seconded by K. Walsh 4-0 Passed.

Zick motioned to move into Attorney Client meeting and invite Warren Replansky, seconded by Sisco 4-0 Passed

Zick motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Sisco 4-0 Passed

Zick motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sisco 4-0 Passed.

Supervisor: Brian Walsh

Councilman: Matt Zick

Councilman: Robert Ambrose-ABSENT

Councilwoman: Jeanine Sisco

Councilman: Kevin Walsh