

Pittsfield Town Board Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2021

Call to order: 6:00pm

Pledge: Shelby Wing

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing- Supervisor Present Not Present

Kelly York- Councilman Present Not Present

AJ Digsby- Councilman Present Not Present

Jeff Galley - Councilman Present Not Present

Liam Keys - Councilman Present Not Present

Others Present:

Presentation by Clean Energy Communities: A representative from Mohawk Valley economic development district for clean energy communities. Did a presentation on different grants for clean energy.

Planning Board- Jim Austin

Public hearing on increasing subdivision fee held prior to this board meeting.

Proposal of resolution # 21 of 2021 to increase subdivision fee to \$100 per parcel (the total amount of parcels after division is to be completed) and to remove the fee from the language in the subdivision ordinance. Ordinance will now state "refer to the schedule of fees".

Approval of Resolution # 21 of 2021

Motion: Aj Digsby Seconded: Liam Keys Carried: 4-1

Roll Call: Kelly-Absent AJ-Yes Jeff- Yes Liam- Yes Shelby- Yes

Highway- James Wing

- A motion was made by Jeff Galley to approve 8000 for culvert pipes, seconded by Liam Keys. Carried 4-1
Kelly-Absent Aj- Yes Jeff-Yes Liam- Yes Shelby- Yes
- A motion was made by Aj Digsby to purchase cold patch for maximum 14,000. Seconded by Jeff Galley. Carried 4-1.
Kelly-absent Aj- Yes Jeff- Yes Liam-Yes Shelby- Yes
- A motion was made by Aj Digsby to purchase a mower, seconded by Jeff Galley. Carried 4-1
Kelly- Absent Aj- Yes Liam- Yes Jeff- Yes Shelby-Yes

County Rep: Michelle Farwell- Covid relief fund was reduced to 140 and is set. Federal has 2 months to get it to the state and the state has 3 months to get it to the towns. The towns will receive ½ this year and ½ next year. Michelle is working on making surplus fair across the board for all towns. Its looking like the county is going to have an ambulance, they are still working out the details.

Ambulance/fire department- Kelly York

Ambulance contract signed 3/12/2021, \$12,500 paid. other \$12,500 for yearly contract due in June

Townships that utilize the ambulance service to meet March 17th, new Lisbon, butternuts, and Garrettsville working on CON, Edmeston the contract is with the attorney for review. Only township not making any progress towards contributing is Morris.

country working on a hybrid model of half paid and half volunteer.

Justice- Bill Curto- The court clerk is all done with training.

Court Clerk - Janyce Terwillger, Marty has been training her, training approved for ½ of April.

Animal Control- Liz Fish- no report

Town Clerk- Connie Lewis

Tax collections - up date

Records Management-

- minutes for meetings, Marital records, and death records- are to be kept permanently- working on an organization system for these
- LGS-1 for tax rolls- in process of being disposed of

Resolutions – Still working on organizing them.

Transfer Station- Jeff

Leak in compactor- was repaired by highway department.

Clean up, Chris and highway department have been working on this, looks much better.

Whites' good day- typically one is scheduled in spring and one in fall, we did not have one last fall.

- A motion was made by Liam Keys to have white's goods day on May 15th, seconded Aj Digsby. Carried 4-1. Kelly- Absent Aj- Yes Liam- Yes Jeff- Yes Shelby- Yes
- Sign needs to be put on the door.

New sign (will come out of repair budget line)

- A motion was made by Aj Digsby to approve the transfer station sign, seconded by Jeff Galley. Carried 4-1 Kelly- Absent Aj-Yes Jeff- Yes Liam- Yes Shelby- Yes

Mohawk Valley Beautiful 2021 clean and green program- Anything we would like to participate in?

Outdoor lighting- Project completed, final bill in this month's vouchers.

Web Page- Liam to report- is going nicely, should be online within a month.

Comprehensive plan-No movement

Long Term Planning-

- Reserve Fund Planning? Anticipated large purchases in the next 10 years?

Annual Financial report due to the comptroller by the end of February. Extension was granted until 5/1/2021. Bookkeeper Deb Grainger is working on this.

Financials

-Review 2021 county spreadsheet of budgets and Salaries

-Budget Review- At the end of the first quarter-

Highway- Everything currently on track- may have to allocate monies from the insurance recovery to the machinery expense line in the future.

General-

- Justice Expenses are over- due to back payment to the comptroller office that needed to get paid.
- Court Clerk line will need to also have reallocations made due to training allocation.
- Insurance was above what expected (new pick up added)
- Planning Expenses- Was no line in the past. Postage and advertising for planning board-, Will need to reallocate.

Transfer Station- Waste removal on track to be above budget.

- Covid Rescue Package- local funding- should be obtained within the next 60 days, \$140,000 allocated to the town of Pittsfield.

Reduction in funding 2019 compared to 2020.

pave NY (2019) \$47,423.73- (2020) \$19,369.170 = \$28,054.56 reduced funding

CHIPS (2019, which included roll over from prior year) \$316,631.81 - (2020) \$84,855.74 = \$231,776.07 reduced funding

County Sales tax (2019) \$93,526.18 - (2020) \$85197.61 = \$8328.57 reduced funding

What could we not afford in 2020 that we would have liked to or had planned on?

- Web page
- Mower- decided truck was more important than mower so postponed.
- Loader payment- Pushed financing off to start in 2022- propose making a large payment to reduce debt load and interest payments.

Marijuana Legislation- Town Roll- we can opt out of allowing dispensaries and or on-site usage locations (businesses not personal property) - Local law, which is subject to public referendum would need to be in place by 12/31/2021)

Local sales have 4% additional sales tax- 75% of that goes to town, 25% to county.

Cleaning of town hall-The board decided they would clean the building after the board meetings.

Approval board meeting minutes (organizational meeting) from 1/13/2021:

Motion: Jeff Galley Seconded: Aj Digsby Carried: 4-1

Approval board meeting minutes from 3/09/2021:

Motion: Aj Digsby Seconded: Jeff Galley Carried: 4-1

Approval board special meeting minutes from 3/12/2021:

Motion: Aj Digsby Seconded: Jelly Galley Carried: 4-1

Approval of vouchers

General Fund in the amount of \$6,632.81

Highway department in the amount of \$8,102.04

Transfer station in the amount of \$1746.36

Motion: Aj Digsby Seconded: Liam Keys Carried: 4-1

Board member concerns/ statements

Kelly-Absent AJ-No Liam-No Jeff-No

Public Comments: None

Schedule next board meeting: May 11th @ 6:00pm

Adjourn Meeting: 8:23pm

Motion: Jeff Galley Seconded: Aj Digsby Carried: 4-1

Minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting were taken and typed by Connie Lewis, Town Clerk

