

# Pittsfield Town Board

## Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2022

### Public Hearing

Called to order: 6:20 PM

Public Hearing for local law 3 of 2022 for amendment of local law no 2016-01 section 6

Dog fee schedule to be changed to \$10 fixed and \$20 intact.

In pursuant of Ag and Market Law 115 which states “no municipality shall be required to expend in any calendar year for dog control officer and pound or shelter services undertaken pursuant to this article, an amount of money greater than it receives during such year”

It has been determined by the board of directors that a fee increase is required

Currently #\_fixed #\_intact dogs are licensed in Pittsfield

2022-

current income for dog licenses = \$1976

Current Expenditures =

\$3060 (dog control officer salary) + \$1899.20 (pound and other Animal control expenses) = \$4959.20

Not Question or comments from the community.

## Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Pledge: Shelby Wing

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing- Supervisor Present Kelly York- Councilman Present

AJ Digsby- Councilman Present Jeff Galley - Councilman Present

Liam Keys - Councilman Present

Others Present: Terron Muller (clerk), Gary Garson, Dawson Carson, Chris Carson, Jolene Carson, Veronica Loomis, Damon Loomis, Wayne Hilts, Jim Jackson, Dwayne Jackson, Jerry Madsen, Kaylee Weidman, Justin Weidman

Gates Cole - Annual Insurance policy review - Joann Smith presented a summary of the current coverages along with documentation to support the presentation.

Ambulance/fire department- Kelly York - No new update

Contract for 2023 ambulance- signed and sent

Statistics have not been provided the past 2 months – Per the County, New Berlin responded to 54 of 89 calls, the county answered 36.

Last month the bill for payments received exceeded the amount in the account. Fees that were collected by Medicare were deducted from the bill as VNB does not get notified of fees, only the deposits. Documentation attached to bill for proof of discrepancy. Was clarified with the VNB clerk.

**Justice - Bill Curto / Gary Carson**

**Bills last court date December 21st**  
need to finish fingerprinting – waiting for a schedule.

**Gary Carson - Training update** – courses have been completed just

**Comprehensive Plan - Liam Keys** **Grants-Liam Keys** – Follow up via email, they have been short staffed but have started to roll out approvals starting in November.

**Assessor - Sheri Falcone**

Contact for the Re Evaluation of Pittsfield as written with ENPM Inv.- signed and sent

Board of assessment review- need members for next year's board.

**Planning Board - Jim Austin**

Hawks Road subdivision update? secretary appointed? Training up to date? No new updates

**County Rep: Jerry Madsen** Hazardous Waste tentative sch Aug 25-26 in Oneonta, ARPA funds disbursements are done. County used Buell Fuel for their fuel needs – we can try to contact Rich Bremmer to see if we can get on the County Bid.

**Transfer Station - Jeff Galley** - Breaker was tripping routinely- Jim Wing fixed it

**Animal Control - Liz Fish**

**Local law # 3 of 2022 increasing fees \$10 for fixed, \$20 for not fixed**

**Authorizing the court to apply for a JCAP grant**

**Motion Kelly York      Second Jeff Galley                      Carried 5/0/0**

**Town Clerk - Terron Muller** – The town is now live with the County for tax collection to begin on January 1, 2023.

**Building-**

Phone and Internet-spectrum update, wrong figures were provided when asked to sign. “Errors” waiting on corrections to match the original quote. We are waiting for corrections on the proposal.

**Highway - James Wing Superintendent**

**Hawks’ road project closed out, will need to proceed with filing for reimbursement**

**Equipment update:** Excavator – Jim is working on paperwork to get in line for next month.

**Financial-**

Animal Control line remains over- additional bill this month,

Insurance is over- required insurance for rental equipment

Bill from FEMA- Per Michael Courtois- DHSES program administrator

The amount owed is \$56,431.24 The funds should be remitted in as timely as manner as possible so that funding on current/future projects is not jeopardized. Per your request here is the history of payments made to the Town for PW 59.

**PW 59 payments:**

8,974.74 state share on 11/22/19- ck#07527956

26,924.24 fed share on 8/24/20- ck#07891395

15,399.20 fed share on 11/18/14- ck#03122160

5133.06 state share on 1/22/15- ck#03282298

**Total Paid 56,431.24**

NBT bank could confirm 2019 and 2020 deposits, however 2015 and 2014 are beyond retention record requirements.

Transfers-

\$50,000 grant funds transferred to money market to hold for Revaluation allocation in 2022

2022 budget review- question on end of year meeting? Can we just close the books in January as we will not have all December bills until then. The board is ok with just having year end meeting with January's meeting and forgo the December meeting.

**Approval board meeting minutes from November 2022**

**Motion: Jeff Galley                      Seconded: AJ Digsby                      Carried: 5/0/0**

**Community members concerns and statements**

Chris Carson believes he was wrongly terminated and wanted to discuss it. He was advised by Supervisor Wing that personnel issues may not be discussed in a public meeting and advised that the board would need to go into executive session to discuss the matter. He expressed that he would like to speak with the board.

A motion was made by Kelly York to go into executive session which was seconded by Liam Keyes and carried by all 5/0/0.

The board broke for executive session and returned to resume the board meeting after 5 minutes. No motions, resolutions were made during the executive session.

**Board member concerns/ statements**

**Approval of vouchers for December 2022**

**General Fund in the amount of \$2,735.34**

**Highway department in the amount of \$ 225,150.48**

**Transfer station in the amount of \$3,578.64**

**Motion: AJ Digsby                      Seconded: Liam Keyes                      Carried: 5/0/0**

**Schedule next meeting: Organizational meeting to be scheduled January 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM.**

**Adjourn Meeting: 7:24 PM Motion: Jeff Galley                      Seconded: AJ Digsby                      Carried: 5/0/0**

**Minutes of December 12,2022, Board Meeting were taken and typed by Terron Muller, Town Clerk.**