

PITTSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING (DRAFT)
July 9, 2024

Shelby Wing – Supervisor – Present

Jeff Galley - Absent

Liam Keyes – Deputy Supervisor – Present

Carl Tice - Present

Lisa Jackson – Councilwoman – Absent

Others Present: Sandra Clapperton (Town Clerk), Joseph Angelino (NYS Assembly), Cindy Taren, Paul Stein, Mark Tuller, Charles T. Koop, Elizabeth Fish

Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Pledge led by: Supervisor Shelby Wing

Community members concerns and statements -

Joseph Angelino – NYS Assembly

Assemblyman Joseph Angelino introduced himself and stated that districts have been changed and he now has the Town of Pittsfield. He will be on the ballot in the November election.

Highway Department –CHIPS money is money given to the Town by the government. The Highway Superintendent knows better than anyone how to use this program. CHIPS was originally cut in January when the Governor proposed her budget. The Assembly got the program back with CHIPS remaining the same and asked for \$6,000,000.00 more due to inflation. The Highway Department budget extreme winter recovery funds have dwindled down and they are trying to convince the Department of Transportation to change it to “extreme weather recovery fund.”

Fire Department and Ambulance – they are looking at how the different departments cover all areas outside of their own town/village and trying to get more funding.

Pro-Housing –Shelby Wing approached the subject and stated that Pro-Housing is tied to funding and if we don’t have a resolution to support pro-housing then we could lose out on other funding.

Cindy Taren – She asked how the status of the County Route 13 speed study. Shelby has not had any updates. This now falls under the County. We gave them permission to have the study.

Elizabeth Fish–Elizabeth posed the question on why dog control issues are not being enforced in the Town of Pittsfield such as dangerous dog complaints, dogs running at large, etc., that is not being acted on. Elizabeth feels this is a judicial issue. Nothing is being enforced. These are town laws and need to be enforced. A lawyer has been contacted. Shelby will bring this to the Judge’s attention.

Mark Tuller–Voiced his concern regarding a neighbor that has had a camper on Long View and has been living in it for more than a year. He has called code enforcement and has been to a planning board meeting. It states in the deed that you can’t have mobile homes, campers on the property. The septic is running out on the ground. According to code enforcement, the Town would need to place a judgment on that person. Shelby will contact the Town Attorney.

Shelby Wing – The board received a letter from a community member. She wants to make everyone aware that the board meetings are available on the town website. Also, any Freedom of Information requests have to be filed with the Town Clerk. She is the FOIL representative.

Highway Department – James Wing.

The Bridge New York public meeting was held on Thursday, June 27th. The information from that meeting is also on the website if anyone would like to review it. We do have boards in the office showing how the construction will be done. This will start in the spring of 2025.

The BAN for the FEMA projects will be renewed in the amount of \$1,236,272. This is the amount we are expecting back from FEMA for the 3 culvert projects. This will be made callable so that it can be paid back as soon as the funds are received.

Justice–Hon. Karen Liddle

The Court Clerk will be in the office on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays.

Court for Traffic tickets and 1st appearance is the 3rd Monday at 5:30. Criminal Court with attorneys and District Attorney is the 1st Monday ODD months at 5:30, EXCEPT September which it will be the 2nd Monday due to Labor Day.

Planning Board – Chairman, Paul Stein

There is an Alternate position open for a planning board member. There are a few members that do not want to get paid their stipend. This money will be reallocated to a different line and will discuss this at budget time. The next planning board meeting is August 6, 2024.

Comprehensive Plan – Liam Keyes/Paul Stein

The draft for the comprehensive plan is close to being finished. They will review it and then present it to the Town Board. When the board accepts it, there will be a public hearing so community members can voice their opinions.

Pro-Housing – New York State is pushing for communities to join the pro-housing. We've been given a model resolution that we will be on board to streamline permitting for multi-family housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, making low-income housing accessible. This has a lot to do with cities and larger towns that have zoning so that they can re-zone commercial buildings into housing communities. Their goal is that the townships have a 6% increase in housing. This wouldn't affect Pittsfield that much but this Pro-Housing is connected to other funding. This could affect other state fundings that we might need.

Transfer Station – Jeff Galley

White Goods Day is scheduled for September 28, 2024. The Town Board discussed switching to cards and eliminating the cling windshield stickers.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Sandra Clapperton

Starting August 1, 2024, the sporting licenses will be printed on plain white 8 ½ x 11 paper. NYS is not using colored valeron paper as in the past. This is due to supply chain issues.

Assessor – Sheri Falcone

Shelby received a call from the County (Real Property) and they said that there is a new person in Albany that will be seeing over the real property department. Shelby will get the contact information so that they can help us with the re-valuation. There have been concerns with Edmeston and Burlington revaluations.

Ambulance

The current contract with New Berlin expired on June 30, 2024. We have not received the new contract to review. New Berlin is still serving the Pittsfield area.

Approval of vouchers for June 9, 2024

General Fund \$9,411.25

Highway Fund \$91,500.04

Motion: Liam Keyes **Seconded:** Jeff Galley **Carried:** 4/0/1

Approval of board meeting minutes from June 9, 2024.

Motion: Liam Keyes **Seconded:** Carl Tice **Carried:** 3/1/1

Board member concerns/statements

Liam was concerned regarding an email we received from a firm wanting our zoning information because they want to find a spot for a solar farm.

Next meeting scheduled for August 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Motion: Jeff Galley **Seconded:** Liam Keyes **Carried:** 4/0/1

The July 9, 2024 meeting minutes were taken and typed by Sandra Clapperton, Town Clerk.