

PITTSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2024

Shelby Wing – Supervisor – Present

Jeff Galley - Absent

Liam Keyes – Deputy Supervisor – Present

Carl Tice - Present

Lisa Jackson – Councilman – Present

Others Present: Sandra Clapperton (Town Clerk), Cindy Taren, Jerry Madsen, Cory Felice, James Wing, Blair Mancuso

Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Pledge led by: Supervisor Shelby Wing

Community members concerns and statements -

Cory Felice –Cory was present at this meeting stating concerns regarding Schermerhorn Road. He presented the Board with a letter.

Blair Mancuso – Regarding the recreation part of the Comprehensive Plan, Blair is concerned about the hunting aspect of Pittsfield. He's noticed that the herds of deer have dissipated and is worried that people are poaching deer. He thought an impact study could be done. He was also questioning zoning with all the new lumber mills that are popping up. There is no zoning in Pittsfield.

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.

Comprehensive Plan – Liam Keyes/Paul Stein

The Board would like to form an official committee for the Comprehensive Plan. This can include the planning board and also any residents that would like to join.

Transfer Station – Jeff Galley

Next White Goods Day is scheduled for September 28, 2024.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Sandra Clapperton

The tax rolls were delivered to the County. \$202,179.81 was turned over to the County. The Town of Pittsfield received the penalty check for \$4039.64. There were 116 unpaid parcels that added up to \$178,859.22. I was told by the tax department that they may be starting property auctions this year. Mr. Madsen doesn't think that will happen for a while.

County Representative – Jerry Madsen

The property taxes for the County covers 11% of the budget, 41% sales tax covers 39%, fund

balance is 7%. If Pittsfield were to bring more businesses into our Town, that would help the County.

Assessor – Sheri Falcone

Mike Berthel was appointed during a special session for the Board of Assessment Review. Grievance day was held, and everything went well. Two community members came in to talk about their assessments. Otsego Electric came in to discuss the three assessments for their fiber lines.

Ambulance

The current contract with New Berlin is up in June. We have not received the new contract to review.

Highway – James Wing

Every 5 years the Town purchases a new plow truck. There is one that will be available in January. Jim would like to purchase that Allegiance International HV 513 for the approximate amount of \$292,011.00.

Resolution # 30 of 2024 – Approval to purchase a 2025 Allegiance International HV513 for the amount of \$292,011.00.

Motion: Lisa Jackson

Seconded: Liam Keyes

Carried: 4/0/1

Jim is working with Otsego County Soil and Water to write us a grant to build a structure that will hold 2500 yards of sand, etc. Otsego County Soil and Water is requesting a resolution to make sure the town understands that this structure is not 100% paid for and that the town would be responsible for a percentage of the cost.

Resolution # 31 of 2024 – James Wing will try to procure a grant for a structure and that the Town will be responsible for a percentage of cost.

Motion: Liam Keyes

Seconded: Lisa Jackson

Carried: 4/0/1

Bridge New York update – There will be a public meeting held at the Town Hall on June 27th at 6:00. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding this then please come. This project is 100% paid for by New York State.

FEMA reimbursement – Everything has been filed with FEMA and the State. It will be 4 or 5 months before we get the funds from the government. Our BAN is up to be paid in July so Shelby will meet with the lawyers to extend the BAN.

Financials

The Board of Assessment Review and the Planning Board are not considered employees so they will not be on the payroll. The planning board members will be issued a quarterly stipend check. The Board of Assessment Review members get one check every year.

The Town of Pittsfield Procurement Policy has been updated.

Resolution # 32 of 2024 – Accept the 2024 Town of Pittsfield Procurement Policy

Motion: Lisa Jackson

Seconded: Liam Keyes

Carried: 4/0/1

Approval of vouchers for May 14, 2024

General Fund \$ 11,276.10
Highway Fund \$44,340.74
Capital Project \$28,969.14

Motion: Liam Keyes **Seconded:** Lisa Jackson **Carried:** 4/0/1

Approval of board meeting minutes from May 14, 2024.

Motion: Lisa Jackson **Seconded:** Liam Keyes **Carried:** 4/0/1

Approval of Special board meeting minutes from May 23, 2024.

Motion: Lisa Jackson **Seconded:** Carl Tice **Carried:** 4/0/1

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 July 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Motion: Lisa Jackson **Seconded:** Carl Tice **Carried:** 4/0/1

The June 11, 2024 meeting minutes were taken and typed by Sandra Clapperton, Town Clerk.