

Pittsfield Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2021

Call to order: 6:00pm

Pledge: Aj Digsby

Roll Call:

Shelby WIng- Supervisor ___ ___ Present ___X___ Not Present

Kelly York- Councilman ___X___ Present ___ ___ Not Present

AJ Digsby- Councilman ___X___ Present ___ ___ Not Present

Jeff Galley - Councilman ___X___ Present ___ ___ Not Present

Liam Keys - Councilman ___X___ Present ___ ___ Not Present

Others Present: Connie Chambers, Cooper Keyes

Fuel Bids-

Open sealed bids

Bids Received: Reese- Marshall and Mirabito

Resolution # 24 of 2021

Accepting the bid from Reese-Marshall for fuel, to be contracted until May 31st, 2022.

Motion: Jeff Galley Seconded: Kelly York Carried: 4-1

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

Planning Board- Jim Austin: Nothing to report

County Rep: Michelle Farwell: Hazardous waste plan the county passed the Town of Pittsfield will have to consider or adopt, at some point the town will have to have a public hearing on it.

Ambulance/fire department- Kelly York: Nothing to report.

Funding for shared services for 2020 still in the works. The county is working on this.

Fiscal year ended May; New Fiscal year started June 1st.

Morris remains the only municipality not to show any interested in contracting with New Berlin

Justice- Bill Curto: Nothing to report.

Assessor- Sheri Falcone:

Tax Grievance by OEC- Liam to provide details.

Sheri will be coming to a board meeting in July to answer questions regarding what a reval would entail, information on equalization rates and why they matter, and any questions regarding her job.

Equalization Rate received from NYS department of Taxation-(Board to review detailed hand out) Is currently 54, no change from last year. Out of 26 townships in Otsego County there are only 4 that are lower than ours. (100 is ideal)

Edmeston and Burlington are doing a reval next year they asked if we would be interested in doing one for Pittsfield. Board opinion?

Statement from Edmeston- (Shelby asked about the cost)

“The per parcel price will greatly depend on how many towns join in. We meet with one company as they are about the only ones who are connected to the county so it would make it easier. Edmeston is ready to move forward so we were waiting to hear from Pittsfield and will be setting up a meeting most likely in July to get things in motion as it needs to be all set so it would not actually take place until next year. Our equalization rate along with Edmeston’s are way to low causing get concern I believe we are 49% and we should be 100%. It is much cheaper if we all do it together. You can have your assessor or Yourself and reach out to our Assessor for more answers. “

Sheri’s statement

“A reval would be a big plus to the town. Burlington and Edmeston as doing together so to add another town would be beneficial on the cost of the reval as well as possible state money for shared services.”

Motion to investigate the possibility to Reval Town in 2022, (not sign any contract but to explore the options) The board decided to say no currently. They wanted to wait to see what COVID funding brings.

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

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

Animal Control- Liz Fish: No report

Town Clerk- Connie Lewis

Tax collection update: closing out tax season: taxes are done, and the supervisor has been paid in full.

Transfer Station- Jeff

Whites’ good day- was successful.

Shed- needs to be painted, we are under budget on wage line. Chis is willing to work extra hours to paint the building.

Transfer station attendant needs July 10th off. Volunteers for coverage?

- Aj, or Shelby and Jim will cover the transfer station on that day.

Web Page- Liam to report: Liam has taken the webpage over and its looking good.

How do we get the word out that it is now live? Can Kelly put a link on the Pittsfield keeping you informed Facebook page?

Clean Energy Community Grant- Resolution was passed last month, needs to be forwarded to the coordinator so that we can get started benchmarking. (Clerk to E mail to Supervisor)

Financials

- Covid Rescue Package-\$140,000 allocated to the town of Pittsfield- no word on when funding will be provided.

- County has received their covid rescue fund.

- Annual Report - Bookkeeper had not filed an annual report for the transfer station, it is overdue, she is working on getting this up to date.

- Board provided with bank account summary and current budget to review

- no lines are over budget

Highway- James Wing: attached.

James unable to attend, read written report.

Ferri Mower- Is on the tractor if anyone would like to look at it. Has been provided to the town for past 2 weeks to be tested out, is working well. Price: \$10,000. If board approved, \$4,000 is left in the capital expense line, \$6,000 would need to be reallocated from the general repair line to the capital expense line, to cover cost.

Resolutions # _of 2021

Purchase of Ferri Mower from Norwich Implement in the amount of \$10,000, allocating funding from the general repair line DA5110.4 to Capital Expense line DA5130.2, in the amount of \$6,000.

Motion:

Seconded:

Carried:

Roll Call: Kelly

AJ

Jeff

Liam

Shelby

The board decide not to approve the mower wanted to wait to see what the covid rescue fund can be used for.

Approval of vouchers

General Fund in the amount of \$1,563.02

Highway department in the amount of \$101,817.89

Transfer station in the amount of \$3,672.17

Motion: Kelly York Seconded: Liam Keyes Carried: 4-1

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

Approval board meeting minutes from 5/11/2021: Was taken to next month's meeting.

Motion: Seconded: Carried

Board member concerns/ statements

Kelly: No

AJ: Had a concern about the car that has been parked on the fir house lawn and who it belongs to.

Liam: Had a question on the mower and the newsletter part of the website, the board decide to remove it for now.

Jeff: Had a concern about the clerk, and how to get the website out to the public.

Public Comments: Connie Chambers had a complaint about the Hwy not dusting the road in front of her resident.

Schedule next board meeting: July 13, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Adjourn Meeting: (6:52pm)

Motion: Kelly York Seconded: Jeff Galley Carried:4-1

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

Minutes of June 8,2021 meeting were taken and typed by Connie Lewis, Town Clerk