

Pittsfield Town Board

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2022

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Pledge: Shelby

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing- Supervisor Present Kelly York- Councilman Present

AJ Digsby- Councilman Present Jeff Galley - Councilman Present

Liam Keys - Councilman Present

Others Present: Kayla Weidman, Justin Weidman, Mike Berthel, Mike O-Reilly, William Curto, Cooper Keyes, Liam Keyes, Dale Ives, Jerry Madson, Carol Turner, Sue Ackerman and James Wing Highway Superintendent.

Highway - James Wing Superintendent – Had a guy quit Friday for family reasons right before the snow storm. Jeff Galley helped out with plowing with the pickup truck

FEMA

Mike O'Reilly to speak with board regarding next steps for Large FEMA projects. The town started the process approximately 18 months ago to put in place a plan to repair bridge structures. The project would be funded by FEMA, CED and the Town with FEMA FUNDING 75%, DEC Homeland Security funding 12.5% and Pittsfield funding the remaining 12.5%. The would be a DEC and Army Corp design and would be considered a Public Works project paying prevailing wages. It would be broken up into 4 smaller project consisting of 4 different bridges. The work would need to be completed between June 2022 and September 2022 as the work time is limited by DEC. The roads containing bridges involved with the projects are Card Road, Cobb Road, Mooretown Road and Hawks Road. The projects would cost approximately \$ 188,000.00 and a \$ 2,200,000.00 bond would be required.

Resolution #15-2022 – Mooretown Road Bridge Structure Project Approval

Motion Jeff Second Liam

Roll Call Vote 5/0

Liam Aye Kelly Aye AJ Aye Jeff Aye Shelby Aye

Resolution # 16-2022 – Hawks Road Bridge Structure Project Approval

Motion Liam Second Kelly

Roll Call Vote 5/0

Liam Aye Kelly Aye AJ Aye Jeff Aye Shelby Aye

Resolution # 17-2022 – Cobb Road Bridge Structure Project Approval

Motion Liam Second AJ

Roll Call Vote 5/0

Liam Aye Kelly Aye AJ Aye Jeff Aye Shelby Aye

Resolution # 18-2022 – Card Road Bridge Structure Project Approval

Motion Kelly Second Liam

Roll Call Vote 5/0

Liam Aye Kelly Aye AJ Aye Jeff Aye Shelby Aye

Resolution # 19-2022 Bond Resolution for the amount of \$2,200,000 For FEMA funding

Motion Jeff **Second** AJ

Roll Call Vote 5/0

Liam Aye **Kelly** Aye **AJ** Aye **Jeff** Aye **Shelby** Aye

Equipment Update

Rebuilding the 2005 backhoe in house was brought up. No decision made at this time.

Highway Department has a need to rent an excavator for the month of June

Resolution # 20-2022 Approval of \$ 3700 to rent an excavator for the month of June 2022

Motion Jeff **Second** AJ

Roll Call Vote 5/0

Liam Aye **Kelly** Aye **AJ** Aye **Jeff** Aye **Shelby** Aye

Budget Adjusted with allocations to Small FEMA projects approved at last meeting

Dunham Rd \$89,159.33 Cobb Rd \$53,747.90 Parker Rd \$91,917.30

Union Negotiations-review of union counteroffer

Insurance review and suggestions? Councilman Galley suggested a buyout on the health insurance if new Employees should choose to opt out of the insurance. Supervisor Wing is working with Empire Center Which is a source that helps townships through the union process. Quotes were obtained from Gates Cole, Empire Center and Teamsters for alternate Insurance coverage but it was determined the current union policy has the best coverage and rates. Currently the Town pays \$ 568 per person for insurance to the union.

A motion was suggested for a \$ 300 a month insurance buyout in lieu of the coverage.

Resolution # 21-2022 Approval of \$300 per Insurance buyout

Motion AJ **Second** Jeff

Roll Call Vote 5/0

Liam Aye **Kelly** Aye **AJ** Aye **Jeff** Aye **Shelby** Aye

Employee handbook/benefits

Transfer Station - Jeff Galley

Annual report submitted,

Whites Good Day Schedule for April 19th. Tentative additional days August September and October for

Other household itgems.

Extension of cement platform for easier access? This will be discussed at next months board meeting.

Assessor - Sheri Falcone

Re-val meeting was held March 2nd, Quotes are in the works. Will be quoted for single town and joint shared service

Planning Board - Jim Austin

Update on search for more members – Mike Berthel would be willing to be on the board if needed to Come up with 5 people. It was also mentioned about having alternates so they would have a stand In if someone was unavailable. Mike Berthel was willing to that as well.

Cooper Keyes has expressed she would be willing to come back if a solid board was in place

Paul Stein said he would consider it. Megan Jennison said she might. Status of Larry Keenburg?

There is a request for a subdivision on Hawks Road

Historical Society - thank you letter was received,
Update on School house historical dedication?

They would like to the history of Pittsfield book on sale in the town hall for the clerk to sell. Board decided that
Would be fine and the clerk agreed to selling the books.

A desire for a display case or shadow box was shared by the society so they could display more historical
Items for the community to see.

County Rep: Jerry Madson – Department of Otsego County Soil and Water has obtained a 200K grant
to buy an excavator and other possible equipment to help towns

Justice - Bill Curto

Resolution from docket review was submitted

Animal Control - Liz Fish – 2 dogs were captured and taken to SPCA

Town Clerk - Terron Muller

Update on tax collections – We have collected 70% of the warrant. Collections have slowed down.

Ambulance/fire department- Kelly York

Shared service from 2019 not going through as Chenango County did not apply for funding. Possible
to put it on next year if both counties apply.

Shared services for Otsego County Eric Scrivner will no longer be in charge of Shared services,
Flag that was given to the town in 2013 by AOT was given to the fire department to put on the pole out front
The fire department has put the new truck in service they just have the lettering left to do. They have a
Member signed up for ALS certification. They have a truck for sale for 1K.

Comprehensive Plan - Councilman Keyes has been working on this and will be getting information
Together for a mail out.

Financials

New quick updated QuickBooks program has been instituted. Review the new budget format.

Budget was updated to reflect resolution from last meeting reducing line for town board to \$5,250

Bookkeeper- DG is no longer employed as the bookkeeper as of 2/28/2022, Budget reflects 2 months of
wages, remainder of Bookkeeping line will be utilized for payroll system and QuickBooks fees.
2020 AUD all set, 2021 AUD is in progress

Other Business

Request that board initial items in the board packet, so that we have proof the board was involved in
budget review, bank account review, clerks report etc.

County code enforcement to look at building March 22nd

Any board members willing to spearhead looking into possible grant funds for the town? Councilman Keyes
Will take a look at possible grant funds available.

Approval of vouchers

March 2022

General Fund in the amount of: \$ 23,377.06

Highway department in the amount of: \$ 10,064.01

Transfer station in the amount of: \$ 2,350.48

Approval of March Vouchers

Motion Kelly **Second** AJ **Carried:** All

Approval board meeting minutes from 2/14/2021

Motion Jeff **Second** Liam **Carried:** All

Board member concerns/ statements

Community member statements

Schedule next meeting: April 11th 6:30 PM

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: AJ **Seconded:** Kelly **Carried:** All

Minutes of March 14, 2022, Board Meeting were taken and typed by Town Clerk, Terron Muller