

Pittsfield Town Board

Meeting Minutes

March 15th 2023

Call to order: 6:30 PM Pledge: Led by Shelby Wing

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing- Supervisor Present Kelly York- Councilman Not Present

AJ Digsby- Councilman Not Present Jeff Galley - Councilman Present

Liam Keyes - Councilman Present

Others Present: Terron Muller (Town Clerk), Justin Weidman, Kaylee Weidman, Charles Koop

Assessor - Sheri Falcone

Re Evaluation with ENPM Inc. - Jim Emminger to be present- postponed until April Meeting

Grievance day this year will be May 30th 4-8pm

Board of assessment review- need members to review any Grievances, we have 2 currently, 3 open positions.

Ambulance Statistics, BLS/ALS, out of service - Year to date there have been 27 calls, New Berlin handled 19, Otsego County handled 9 and 1 by others. We will have to return new contract in June.

Fire department- Chief Tim Lidell

Open meetings for fire department are Second Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM

Justice - Hon. Gary Carson-

Prior Judge Bill Curto- Closing out bank account is pending Hon Donna Yerdon is assisting. \$1361.02 remains in Judge Curto's account,

Grants-Liam Keys

No word on J-Cap Grant

2023 community event grant? Possible to historical society?

Comprehensive Plan - Liam Keys – Spoke to a gentleman named Mr. Marcie Swann who deals with comprehensive plans, and he is willing to work with us. Liam will talk with him and when we are ready, he will arrange a meeting for persons interested in being involved. Paul Stein and Tom Golden expressed interest in being involved.

Historical Society-

Planning Board - Jim Austin – All members with the exception of Kaylee Weidman declined compensation for their membership in the planning board.

Paperwork for payroll provided, filled out and given to the clerk? First Quarterly payroll to take place in March.

Transfer Station - Jeff Galley

Annual report completed and sent to Supervisor Wing; clean-up day needs to be on a weekday.

Chris is going to be on vacation April 1st and April 8th. The Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent will open the transfer station in his absence 8:00 AM TO 2:00 pm.

Whites' Good day - April 15 and September 30 – they will use trucks for this.

Recyclables- additional dumpster provided.

County Rep: Jerry Madson

Animal Control - position is vacant- dog turned over to SPCA 3/2,

Ag and Market consulted- stated police could handle calls. Sheriff's office states they cannot assist in animal issues.

Julie Polulech - Covers Laurens and Oneonta showed interest. Julie has experience and currently is the DCO for other areas. She was offered \$ 275.00 per month from the Town of Pittsfield for the position to which she agreed.

Resolution #17 of 2023 Appointing Julie Polulech as the Pittsfield Dog Control Office.

Motion: Liam Seconded: Jeff Carried: 3/0/2

Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Terron Muller

Tax Collection update – payments are still coming in but have slowed down. The clerk continues to work on organizing files.

Building-

Spectrum update- Tech surveyed work to be done on 3/7

Highway - James Wing Superintendent

FEMA bids - after speaking to Town attorney and engineer we are required to take low bidder or re bid the project.

Resolution #18 of 2023 over riding Resolution 14 From the February meeting

Approving bid of \$365,025 from Stevens Excavating LLC for card road replacement.

Motion: Jeff Seconded: Liam Carried: 3/0/2

Bid opening for Mooretown Road postponed from 3/14 to 3/16 due to weather. Requested by bidding parties and Engineer.

Union negotiation continue- review proposal.

CDL employees must get CDL within 1 year from hire date, paid by the town if they work at least 2 years after obtaining a license or they must pay back. No pro-rating. CDL will be obtain by give time or employee will be terminated.

Resolution #19 of 2023 permitting town supervisor to sign union contract as presented.

Motion: Liam Seconded: Jeff Carried: 3/0/2

Financial-

2022 AUD was submitted to the comptroller's office 2/26/2023

Transfers

General checking to general money market \$60,000 (hold for later in year, double the interest)

Highway checking to highway money market \$300,000 (holding for second half of the year, double the interest)

Supervisor Wing is looking inter higher interest for Money Markets with other financial institutions.

Other Business

2023 elections- on the ballot for Pittsfield- 2 council positions, supervisor, superintendent, judge, county rep. Petitions for elections available at BOE signatures. We have heard of one councilman running at this time.

Communication with Community- no longer have Facebook page, web page is updated regularly, would a mass email list of mass text program be advised? There is a spot on the web page for residents to sign up for email list for notifications from the Town.

Fuel Bids- Current contract Ends May- Bid out this month and open in April or Bid in April and open in May. Clerk has been instructed to send out the same fuel bid request as last year and have a posting in The Daily Star. Bid opening to be scheduled to be done at the April Board Meeting

Approval of vouchers for March 2023

General Fund in the amount of \$ 14,670.16

Highway department in the amount of \$20,054.16

Transfer station in the amount of \$ 2,046.73

Motion: Jeff Seconded: Liam Carried: 3/0/2

Approval board meeting minutes from February 2022

Motion: Liam Seconded: Jeff Carried: 3/0/2

Community members concerns and statements.

Board member concerns/ statements

There is legislation on housing to override zoning for housing and taxing on large solar/large windmill . They want to take off the hometown rule so the State can collect the taxes on them and the taxes would not go to the Town.

The next Board meeting will be held on April 11th at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn Meeting: 7:14 PM Motion: Jeff Seconded: Liam Carried: 3/0/2

Minutes of March 15, 2023, Board Meeting were taken and typed by Terron Muller, Town Clerk