

# Pittsfield Town Board

## Meeting Minutes

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Public Hearing called to order 6:00 regarding proposed local law 1 of 2022 changing assessment grievance day to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday, immediately following the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday in May.

Persons present at the public hearing of proposed Local Law 01-2022 were:

Shelby Wing - Town Supervisor, Liam Keyes - Town Councilman, Terron Muller – Town Clerk, Paul Stein and Tom Golden.

Public comments: None

Public hearing adjourned at 6:05PM.

### Regular Board Meeting

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

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing- Supervisor Present Kelly York- Councilman Not Present

AJ Digsby- Councilman Present Jeff Galley - Councilman Present

Liam Keys - Councilman Present

Others Present: Tom Golden, Paul Stein, Rosemary Shroeder, David Garlick, Terron Muller.

Union - Rep David Garlick present to answer questions regarding contract negotiations.

- What happens if the union pulls out due to disinterest? The common feeling was that it would hurt us as a town if the union pulled out due to disinterest. If the union chooses to pull out of the town due to disinterest insurance would end for any recipients on the last day of that month.
- What is the determining factor to claim “disinterest” – Mr. Garlick stated he would not pull out if Danny was still with the town. He did state that if there was lack of participation, he would leave because it wouldn't gain him anything to stay with the town and he would be losing money.
- Who can get health insurance through the teamster health fund? – Mr. Garlick stated that if one employee took the insurance then the town was obligated to pay for all highway employees regardless of whether they wanted the insurance or not. He believes it is all or none. The concern with the town is that we do not force employees to be in the union and there are circumstances where an employee would want to decline the insurance and the town feels it should not be obligated to have to pay for insurance on an employee who not only does not want to participate but does not need it. Mr. Garlick agreed to check to see if the town would have to pay for everyone regardless of participation and get back to us.

**Assessor - Sheri Falcone** - Sheri has given a list of dates and times that she will be available to speak to person regarding assessments prior to Assessment Review Day. The dates and times have been posted in the towns newspaper The Daily Star and is also available in the Town Hall and post.

**Review proposed local law 1 of 2022 changing grievance day from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday, immediately following the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday in May.**

**Resolution #23-2022 – Approval of Local Law 01-2022 Change the Assessment Day “Commonly Known as Grievance Day”**

**Motion made by:**AJ Digsby**Seconded by:**Liam Keyes **Carried:**4/0/1

**Wing:** Aye **York:**Absent **Keyes:** Aye **Galley:**Aye **Digsby:** Aye

**Resolution #24-2022 – Board of Assessment Review current members Paul Rowe and Liam Keyes to finish out their current 5-year terms (calendar year)**

**Motion made by:**Liam Keyes**Seconded by:**AJ Digsby **Carried:**4/0/1

**Wing:** Aye **York:**Absent **Keyes:** Aye **Galley:**Aye **Digsby:** Aye

**Resolution #26-2022 – Appointment of Terron Muller and Mike Berthel as Members of the Assessment Review Board for a term of 5-years (calendar year)**

**Motion made by:**Liam Keyes**Seconded by:**AJ Digsby **Carried:**4/0/1

**Wing:** Aye **York:**Absent **Keyes:** Aye **Galley:**Absent **Digsby:** Aye

**Update on re-eval- Proposed amount \$92.50 per parcel- 1106 parcels= \$102,305 Can be spread out over 3 budget years. Re requested a new quote on a later start date and also solo project vs joint with other towns**

**County Rep: Jerry Madson**–Thank you letter was read aloud by Mr. Madson which is included as an attachment to these minutes He is currently working on speeding up the permit process.

**Planning Board -Jim Austin**

Current Members- Jim, Kaylee, Paul,

Cooper Keys Verbally withdrew her oath of office 5/3/2022

Tom Golden would like to be appointed – Tom introduced himself to the Board and gave a little bit of his background. His family lived in New Berlin years ago and he is a permanent resident now. He wishes to participate in the town. He is a licensed clinical psychologist in New York and New Jersey. He is 83 years of age and he is looking forward to participating in the town.

**Resolution #27-2022 – Appointment of Tom Golden as Members of the Planning Board for a term of 4-years.**

**Motion made by:**Shelby Wing**Seconded by:**Jeff Galley **Carried:**4/0/1

**Wing:** Aye **York:**Absent **Keyes:** Aye **Galley:**Absent **Digsby:** Aye

**Resolution #28-2022 – Appointment of Mike Berthel as Members of the Planning Board for a term of 4-years.**

**Motion made by:**Jeff Galley**Seconded by:**AJ Digsby **Carried:**4/0/1

**Wing:** Aye **York:**Absent **Keyes:** Aye **Galley:**Absent **Digsby:** Aye

Have not heard from Larry Keanburg – His term expired this year.

Meeting to be held 3rd Tuesday of the month May 17th at 6pm

Hawks Rd subdivision remains pending

- Term limits for the chairman position–discussions of having the chairman serve for 1 year as chair and alternating amongst members to be discussed at their meeting.
- A vice-chairman position with term limits
- A public email address, ie: pittsfieldnyplanningboard@ for the public to contact the Planning Board. Private email correspondence is not a good idea.

### **Historical Society -**

Update on School house historical dedication/Summer event

### **Transfer Station - Jeff Galley**

Boy Scout Bin - BurtAdams over charge posted \$80 per ton they charged us \$100–it was decided that it was not worth the fight for \$ 20. Recyclables overflowing–the container is being delivered half full – Supervisor Wing will have Jerry Madson check into it.

Spring cleaning of the property - the attendant will be asked if he would like to pick up some extra hours for clean up. Jeff Galley and AJ Digsby discussed meeting there on the Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6L00 PM to work on cleanup.Schedule other recycling dayswill be discussed at another date. Extension of concrete slab

### **Justice - Bill Curto – no updates**

**Animal Control - Liz Fish - 2 dogs taken to the SPCA yesterday** – Rosemary Shroeder voiced concerns of the dog warden refusing to take a couple dogs to the SPCA, so she brought them over. It was discussed that we will look up what the dog wardens job description entails and discuss it after that has been determined.

**Town Clerk - Terron Muller** Update on tax collections – tax collection is complete, and an appointment has been made with the County on May 26<sup>th</sup> to reconcile and close out for the 2022 property tax collection. The clerk has been working on sending out notices for a large number of delinquent dog licenses and making efforts to get the records up to date.

Effective June 2022 the new clerk hours will be as follows: Tuesday and Thursday 4:00PM to 8:00PM. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. The new hours will be posted in the building bulletin board found on the exterior of the building next to the entrance as well as on the website.

**Ambulance/fire department-** Kelly York -Tim Liddell is the new Fire Chief.

**2023 ambulance contract with New Berlin/ Otsego County Ambulance Service** -There will be an ambulance meeting with New Berlin and the County. There have been concerns expressed about the County picking up more calls that would be covered through Oracle Funds for 2 years. Response times by the County have been discussed and staying in good standing with New Berlin as a neighboring Town.

**Other Business**

Opening of sealed Fuel Bids - two sealed bids received from Mirabito Energy Services and Reese Marshall were received. Suburban Propane declined to bid as they could not provide all of the products requested. The bid from Mirabito was for a fluctuating rate with no fixed rate provided. Reese Marshalls bid included both fluctuating and fixed rate pricing.

***Resolution #25-2022 – Acceptance of bid from Reese Marshall from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 for the following prices;***

Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel

Firm Price: Fixed price for the above time period is \$ 4.419 per gallon.

Winter Blend (60/40) after November 15, 2022, thru March 15, 2023 at \$ 5.576 per gallon.

#2 Heating Fuel Oil

Firm Price: Fixed price for above time period is \$ 3.169 per gallon.

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

**Wing:** Aye **York:**Absent **Keyes:** Aye **Galley:**Absent **Digsby:** Aye

**Comprehensive Plan**–There is a previous draft that is need of work

**Grants** - Liam Keyes looked into a few grants, there is one available for a comprehensive through MVEDD, you would have to have a plan to apply.

## **Highway - James Wing Superintendent –**

- FEMA project updates - estimated date of June for start. -Equipment Update– the backhoe is back. Volvo is still apart; the new truck is up and running after changing a sensor it seems to be fine.

-BAN update- interest rate current 2.65% - Supervisor Wing suggested holding off on loan until we are closer to start to avoid paying unnecessary interest. - snow storm recovery

- Re Visit over the rail mower- \$3000 to rent for 2 weeks, Norwich Tractor has agreed to lower price to \$7000 to purchase. Manpower to chain saw and chip vs mower?

Need clarification of insurance on fire truck purchased from the fire department.

## **Community member statements** - None

## **Approval board meeting minutes from 4/11/2021**

**Motion:** AJDigsby      **Seconded:** Liam Keyes      **Carried:**4/0/1

## **Financials**

Pre payment of Truck lease

In the 2022 budget \$40,000 was allocated to pay down the debt on the international plow truck. In speaking with Key Bank the original agreement does not allow for paying toward principle. We could pay 2023 bill, but the final bill would still be dated for 2024, there is a 3% fee for early pay off. There for there is no financial benefit to pay on the truck early. Board opinion on what to do with fund allocated for pre payment? Supervisor Opinion- put in 24 month CD keeping it as allocated for International. Would Mature when Last payment in 2024 comes due. – Table money until next month.

## **Current Bank Rates**

**Checking .02%    Money Market .05%    Savings .02%    COD rates Currently .15-.25%**

## **Budget lines that are currently over budget-**

**web page    Budget- \$100 actual \$565**

**Insurance    budget- \$20,000 actual- \$23,401.33**

**Filing for ARPA funds was filed on 4/27/2022 with CV as current project obligation of \$66,153.**

**\$66,154.29 left to allocate to another project (currently proposed to go toward digging equipment budgeted for 2023)**

**ARPA funds have been held is a seperate savings account, will be transferred to highway fund to pay for CV this month. In the amount of \$66,161.67**

**Approval of vouchers for May 2022**

**General Fund in the amount of: \$ 3,653.42**

**Highway department in the amount of: \$109,492.58**

**Transfer station in the amount of:\$ 250.41**

**Motion: Jeff Galley            Seconded: AJ Digsby    Carried: 4/0/1**

**Investment to maximize interest earnings**

**Community members concerns and statements - None**

**Board member concerns/ statements    None**

**Schedule next meeting: June 13, 2022 @ 6:30 PM**

**Adjourn Meeting: Motion: Jeff Galley    Seconded: AJ Digsby Carried: 4/0/1**

**Minutes of May 9, 2022, Board Meeting were taken and typed by Terron Muller, Town Clerk.**