

# PITTSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2023

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Pledge: Led by Shelby Wing

Roll Call:

**Shelby Wing-Supervisor: Present** **Kelly York-Councilman: Present**

**AJ Digsby-Councilman: Present** **Jeff Galley-Councilman: Present**

**Liam Keyes-Councilman: Present**

Others Present: Terron Muller (Town Clerk), Sandy Clapperton (Deputy Town Clerk), James Wing (Highway Superintendent), Thaddeus Karaman, Charles Koop, Jerry Madsen, Justin Weidman, Kaylee Weidman.

There were no Community member concerns and/or statements.

**Guest** – Thaddeus Karaman introduced himself as the new NBT Branch Manager. Feel free to reach out to him if you have any questions or concerns.

**Assessor** – Sheri Falcone

A public meeting date is set regarding the revaluation for June 1, 2023. This will be held at the Pittsfield Fire House. There is also a meeting in Edmeston on May 31, 2023 at the school. All communities are invited to attend either meeting. This will be approximately a 2-hour presentation.

Grievance day is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Members are still needed for the board of assessment review. We currently have two (2) but there are three (3) open positions.

## **Ambulance**

The proposed contract was reviewed.

## **Fire Department – Chief, Tim Lidell**

Tim Lidell submitted a report.

## **Justice – Gary Carson**

Construction was completed on the Judge's Chamber through a grant from JCAP. Bill Curto's funds are still in the bank.

## **Grants – Liam Keyes**

The Comprehensive plan will be re-worked and possibly sending out e-mails to residents for interest.

## **Planning Board – Jim Austin**

There is a small subdivision on Crawford Lane. Same owners, just want two (2) parcels.

### **Transfer Station – Jeff Galley**

White goods day was a success. The cost to dispose of the garbage was less than \$100. Also, clean-up day went well. Thank you to AJ, Jeff and Jim for their work. Next white goods day is September 30, 2023.

### **County Rep – Jerry Madson**

Jerry was at a meeting in Cooperstown where he was told that OEConnect will provide another 100 miles this year of internet service. At this time, he is not sure about the areas that will be affected.

There is also a bed tax on rental property that should be enforced by the Town and the money will go to the county. The County Bed Tax is used as revenue for the county and is set as a law. Jerry is trying to have the towns police it to see who collects the tax. There is no benefit to the Town. We could have the assessor or tax collector keep track. The county has talked about funneling some of this tax money back to the towns if they know who is paying and who isn't.

### **Animal Control – Julie Polulech**

Julie is working with Judge Carson regarding the process of dog control.

### **Town Clerks/Tax Collector – Terron Muller, Sandra Clapperton, Trainee**

Training is going well. Sandy started on the hardest program which is the taxes. We have an appointment on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the County to deliver our taxes and turn everything over to them. Sandy has started DEC training and DOH is set up for her. Shelby questioned if the Deputy Town Clerk has to be a resident of the Town.

### **Building:**

We received a proposal from Spectrum regarding the 3 fax machines. It would be an increase of \$49.99 per month per machine. The board decided to remove 2 of the fax machines. Anymore, usually attachments are sent by e-mail.

### **Highway: James Wing**

All equipment has been taken care of, plows washed and put away, etc. Started work on Camp, Pecktown, and Dunham roads. Working on patching the potholes.

### **Financial:**

NYCLASS Account has been set up and transferred the funds on 4/25. Doing well. The interest rate is 4.8% right now. Hwy fund we brought in just under \$3,000.00 last year and now it's at \$12,000 for this year. For general funds we brought in just under \$300 and right now we are at about \$1,000 for the year. Shelby transferred half of what we had sitting in our money market account.

### **Other Business:**

The 2023 coronavirus State and Local fiscal Recovery Funds Project and Expenditure Report was filed on 4/27/23 which certifies that all projects and expenditures have been completed and money was spent appropriately.

**2023 elections:**

Open positions:

2 council positions

Highway superintendent

County Representative

Town Supervisor

Town Justice

**Notifications:** Received a letter from the IRS regarding our 2020 W-2 and W-3 forms. The IRS never received them, so Terron and Shelby are working on this. The deadline is June 14, 2023. It was during the transition period when Deb was taking over and Dianne was leaving.

**Approval of vouchers for May, 2023**

**General Fund in the amount of \$10,178.07**

**Highway department in the amount of \$43,583.43**

**Transfer station in the amount of \$2,335.66**

**Motion: AJ Digsby      Seconded: Liam Keyes      Carried 5/0/0**

**Approval of board meeting minutes of April, 2023**

**Motion: AJ Digsby      Seconded: Liam Keys      Carried 5/0/0**

**The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:30**

**Adjourn Meeting: 7:27 p.m.**

**Motion: Jeff Galley      Seconded: AJ Digsby      Carried 5/0/0**

**Minutes of May 9, 2023, Board Meeting were taken and typed by  
Sandra Clapperton, Deputy Town Clerk**