

Pittsfield Town Board Meeting Minutes November 9th, 2021

Public hearing on 2022 budget

Called to order 6:45PM

Review of preliminary budget

Adjustment to be made to Highway health insurance line based on Union quote of \$568.84 per month/per employee = \$28,279 (preliminary budget was \$28,000)

Adjustment to be made to Retirement lines to reflect pay off of the deficiency. Will be a reduction of \$7000 a year due to the payoff 6 years early on 25-year installment plan.

General - \$8600 to \$9236 Highway \$20,000 to \$15,580

Ambulance line adjusted based on signed contract for \$25,500

Motion to 2022 Budgets (General Fund \$ 236,731, Highway Fund \$ \$ 754,853 and Transfer Station Fund \$ 40,383)

Motion: AJ Seconded: Jeff Carried: 4/0

Monthly meeting:

Call to order: 7:00 PM Pledge: Led by Shelby Wing

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing - Supervisor X Present Not Present

Kelly York - Councilman Present X Not Present

AJ Digsby - Councilman X Present Not Present

Jeff Galley - Councilman X Present Not Present

Liam Keyes - Councilman X Present Not Present

Others Present:

David Beisler, Jeff Nye, Doris Koop, Brynn Rifanburg, Rylee Chapin, Marissa Galley Michelle Farrell and Jim Austin

Assessor - Sheri Falcone

Is working with John Zukowski of Newton, Eminger and Pigeon to set up a meeting.

Planning Board - Jim Austin

Cooper Keys has resigned. With only 2 members there is not a quorum. Subdivisions will need to be handled by the board until we can get more members to the committee.

Current subdivision in limbo- community member to be present. Until there are enough members for a planning board all subdivisions will be reviewed by the Board. Planning board meeting will not be held again until there are enough members for a quorum.

Historical Society

Requested to put a display in town hall in August, no further discussion since, dedication of historical sign, county is willing to help and would like to see this put up. Contact info Otsego County Historical Society Secretary Harriet Gerwits 315-858-0022

County Rep: Michelle Farwell - November 17th was the kick of meeting and Wednesday December 15th, Quorum of Supervisors required to vote shared services plan / EMS.

Justice - Bill Curto - No Report

Animal Control - Liz Fish

Dog was found shot on Shacktown Mountain, ongoing investigation.
2 dogs were turned over to SPCA

Town Clerk - Terron Muller

Hunting and fishing license update – Is now able to issue hunting and fishing license
Prior clerk had removed DEC printer from the office, to be utilized in another township. It has been returned. Services offered to Town of New Berlin to issue licenses until they are back up and running.

The Notice of Appointment for Registrar of Vital Statistics has been submitted and is being processed for the new Town Clerk.

Minutes and Resolutions – The clerk is working on making sure all records are up to date and on file.

board Packets- was the one at today's meeting good?? – No comments were made either way on the contents of the board packets. Will continue with packets in the new format.

The new monthly packets consist of an Agenda for every member and one master copy of the following for the table. (Clerk report, planning board report, EMS budget, EMS call volume, Prior minutes, voucher abstracts, current budget vs actual, current bank account balance).

Transfer Station - Jeff Galley

Chris at the transfer station felt that the other proposed paid refuse days would have a good turnout, as he gets questioned a lot about disposals of many items. Consideration a schedule and plan for 2022?

Motion to put together a list of top 5 items for refuse day and schedule the days at the organization meeting.

Motion: AJ Seconded: Jeff Carried: 4/0

Jeff Galley spoke with Bert Adams regarding the 1yr contract or 2 year contract. Bert Adams will write up the contract at the current rate for 2 years covering 1/1/22 – 12/31/23 and sign and wave the increase until the 1st of the year in 2024.

Web Page - Liam - Minutes were posted, help wanted was posted, Election results can be posted, also notification of vacancy on planning board. AJ suggested posting road closures.

Comprehensive Plan – The board discussed the future of Pittsfield and the needs or desires of the community. Talk that a survey posted on the town web page would be helpful in determining that. Doris Koop had mentioned surveys had been done in the past so those results are available for review.

Highway - James Wing –

Camp/Ramey Road speeding concern – Papers have been filed with the County regarding applying for a set speed limit.

Beaver update – Progress is being made on the removal of beavers in problem areas. Issues remain on Pine Tree Road and Mooretown Road.

Vacant position update. – Still a need to fill the open position.

2021 CV 515 from Stadium International - up date

Motion to auction off Surplus Equipment

Motion: AJ Seconded: Shelby Carried: 4/0

Financials

As discussed last month- The Retirement bill has a payment of \$7075 per year for 25 years for a 2003 deficiency. The interest rate on this is 8%. Currently costing the town \$50 a week in interest

Typically, we pay the retirement bill in December to receive the prepay discount. Of around \$200.

In this month's vouchers is the payoff for the deficiency, the regular payment (which will now be \$7000 less) will be paid in January. We will be over the budgeted amount for the retirement bill this year on the general fund by \$6600.68, however the budget for next year can be reduced, and every year going forward. Paying the deficiency now will save the town \$7591 in interest.

Highway Budget-

Summer payroll line came in under budget by \$10,514.97

Resolution to reallocate unused funds from line DA5110.1? – Board has decided to leave funds where they are currently allocated for now and revisit reallocation near end of year.

Motion to Approve Supervisor to pay bills allocated to lines A1110.4 Justice Expense, A3510.4 Animal Control, A9010.8 Retirement Fund, J80160.14 Waste Removal despite being over budgeted amounts.

Motion: AJ Seconded: Jeff Carried: 4/0

Approval of Vouchers:

General Fund in the amount of: \$ 18,496.00

Highway department in the amount of: \$ 26,347.86

Transfer station in the amount of: \$ 231.59

Motion: AJ Seconded: Liam Carried: 4/0

Approval board meeting minutes from 9/12/2021:

Motion: Liam Seconded: Galley Carried: 4/0

Ambulance/fire department - Kelly York

Fire Department is not interested in purchasing an ambulance

County ambulances are going to be up and running 24/7 November 16th

Elections Day: Jeff, Jim and Shelby were all elected to remain in current positions. Write in positions for councilmen and clerk not yet official.

Board member concerns / statements

Public Comments: -

Doris Koop voiced concerns of the issues with the flooding on her property. She presented a previous Resolution stating that the town can not widen the road anymore. A resolution needs to be issued to correct the resolution.

Schedule next board meeting: December 14, 2021

Adjourn Meeting: 7:50 PM

Motion: Jeff Seconded: AJ Carried: 4/0

Minutes of November 9, 2021 meeting were taken and typed by Terron Muller, Town clerk