

# Pittsfield Town Board Meeting Minutes

## October 12th 2021

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Shelby Wing

**Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was said

### Roll Call:

Shelby Wing- Supervisor     Present             Not Present

Kelly York- Councilman     Present             Not Present

AJ Digsby- Councilman     Present             Not Present

Jeff Galley - Councilman     Present             Not Present

Liam Keys - Councilman     Present             Not Present

Others Present: James Wing, Michelle Farwell, Terron Muller, Paul Stein

**OCCA (Otsego county conservation association) -** Executive Director, Amy Wyant

Discussed the town participating in the Butternut Creek Watershed Management Plan. Concerns were voiced by both James Wing and Jeff Galley as to the lack of help from the County with the flooding issues and the hesitation of local property owners to want to participate in retiring land to help the watershed. It was noted that property lines are being changed do to flooding and rerouting of the water. It was also brought up that most plans are just talk and never come to fruition.

**Assessor - Sheri Falcone** Not in attendance

**Planning Board - Jim Austin** Not in attendance

**Historical Society- No representative present** -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** - Discussed transfer station, floods and Agency help. She stated that Jordan with Otsego Soil and Water did get a state grant to purchase an excavator after concerns were voiced that they do not go forward with plans. Michelle also discussed possibly setting up a meeting for property owners to discuss what rights they have to clean up water on private property as they feel their hands are tied.

Provided current Casella price list for disposal at county facility. Notified of tipping fee increase of \$5 per ton.

**Justice - Bill Curto** - No Report

Court Clerk Janice Terwillinger attended Mandatory Training.

**Animal Control - Liz Fish** – No Report

**Town Clerk - Terron Muller**

New clerk is officially in place. New hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 4-8 and 1st Saturday of the month 10-2.

Hunting and fishing license update – The application to be a License Issuing Agent has been submitted to DEC and they will be in contact to set up training.

The Notice of Appointment for Registrar of Vital Statistics has been submitted and is being processed for the new Town Clerk. Follow ups are being made to expedite the process.

Board Packets- What does the board want included in their packets?

The new monthly packets made up for the board will 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** - The possibility of having a tire day, mattress day, electronics day and furniture day was brought up to be discussed at a later time. Possibly coordinating with the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month when the clerk is in to provide a system for payment for disposable of items that require payment to Casella. May be a possible revenue stream for transfer station while providing additional services to community members.

**Quotes for garbage hauling - Casella, Bert Adams** - A quote was obtained from both Casella and Bert Adams and were found to be close in price.

**A motion to negotiate with a contract with Bert Adams for a one-year contract as proposed for 2022 or a two year contracted at a reduced price for 2022-2023.**

**Motion:** Jeff

**Seconded:** AJ

**Carried:** all in favor 4/0

Fall whites good day, took place Oct 2nd, new cones are in place

**Web Page- Liam** - Still working on the webpage – they will try to set up a survey section to get feedback from the community with any thoughts or concerns.

**Comprehensive Plan** - No new news.

**Highway - James Wing** –

Camp/Ramey road speeding concerns, Sheriff Devlin was contacted and he stated he would notify patrollers. - Paperwork is being submitted to Otsego County to post a 40 MPH speed limit. It will then have to be reviewed at the county lever before being submitted to Albany. Albany will then have to do testing on the road as to the amount of traffic and speed.

**Resolution: #33 of 2021-\_\_ Reduce speed limit on Ramey Road to 40 MPH**

**Motion:** AJ                    **Seconded:** Liam   **Carried:** 3/1

**AJ-Aye Liam-Aye Shelby-Aye Jeff-Ney**

The Highway Department continues to work on roads damaged by flooding. There has become an issue with beavers building dams which cause concern for flooding on Ramey Road, Pine Tree Road and Miller Road. AJ can get contact information to have the beavers removed after permission is obtained by the property owner to remove them.

2021 CV 515 from Stadium International- up date – The new truck has been ordered and is expected in January 2022.

**Financials**

Retirement bill has a payment of \$7075 per year for 25 years for a 2003 deficiency. The interest rate on this is 8% with a current payoff amount of \$28,249.13. This high interest debt should be looked at to pay off instead of lower interest debt. - **The retirement bill is to be put on Decembers Agenda to discuss and early pay to eliminate a high interest debt and free up the money in future years. The early payment would need to be paid in December.**

Preliminary budget has been posted on web page

Public hearing to be held no later than the first Thursday following election day. Schedule public hearing for Tuesday November 9th? - Town Clerk – Terron Muller will have an ad posted in the paper notifying the public of the scheduled 2022 Budget Hearing.

**Motion to hold public hearing on November 9th at 5:45 pm**

**Motion:** AJ                    **Seconded:** Jeff                    **Carried:** all un favor 4/0

Budget must be adopted no later than November 20th

Judge expense line A1110.4 is over budget, due to payment from 2020 to comptroller office had to be paid in 2021 as it had not been paid, Court clerk had to attend required education, vouching in place this month.

Transfer station waste removal line J8160.41 will be over budget this month, transfer station as a whole remains with in allocated funding.

**Motion to Approve Supervisor to pay bills allocated to these lines despite being over budgeted amounts.**

**Motion:** AJ                    **Seconded:** Liam   **Carried:** all in favor 4/0

**Approval of vouchers**

**General Fund in the amount of \$2,320.27**

**Highway department in the amount of \$ 50,780.14**

**Transfer station in the amount of \$2,000.72**

**Motion:** AJ                    **Seconded:** Liam                    **Carried:** all in favor 4/0

**Approval board meeting minutes from 8/10/2021:**

**Motion: AJ                      Seconded: Liam                      Carried: all in favor 4/0**

**Approval board meeting minutes from 9/14/2021:**

**Motion: AJ                      Seconded: Liam                      Carried all in favor 4/0**

**Ambulance/fire department- Kelly York**

1st draft of ambulance contract for 2022 received, VNB EMS requesting \$37,500

Village of New Berlin to discuss at a meeting this evening an adjusted proposal as the Supervisor felt that this 50% increase was not justified. Mayor Peter Lennon called in, conference call with mayor and the Pittsfield board. – **New Berlin Mayor Mr. Lennon amended the new contract for the year to \$ 25,500.00 which reflects a 2% annual increase in lieu of a 50% increase.**

**Resolutions #34 of 2021**

**Approval for supervisor to sign ambulance contract for 2022 with the Village of New Berlin ambulance in the amount of   \$ 25,500.00**

**Roll Call Vote (aye or nay)**

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

County ambulances have been obtained, no word on if that will fill our CON

Elections Day Tuesday November 2nd- sample ballot is posted on board.

**Board member concerns/ statements**

**AJ- none                      Liam- none**

**Jeff-** Concern that everyone is not always available at current meeting time. Meeting day and time to be discussed at 2022 organizational meeting in January 2022, Possible that a later start time may be more convenient for board members.

**Public Comments:** Paul Stein had a lead on a used ambulance and questioned if the board would be interested in purchasing. He was directed to the fire department who is responsible for EMS services.

**Schedule next board meeting: November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**

**Adjourn Meeting: (time) 7:55 PM**

**Motion: Jeff                      Seconded: Liam                      Carried: All in favor 4/0**

**Minutes of October 12, 2021 meeting were taken and typed by Terron Muller, Town Clerk.**